

CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Signature Assignment

Overview

The following assignment is utilized to meet the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) of CRIJ 1301-Introduction to Criminal Justice as well as the Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLO) of the Associate of Arts-Criminal Justice program of study:

Learning Outcomes for CRIJ 1301

- Describe the history and philosophy of the American criminal justice system.
- Explain the nature and extent of crime in America.
- Analyze the impact and consequences of crime.
- Evaluate the development, concepts, and functions of law in the criminal justice system.
- Describe the structure of contemporary federal, state, and local justice agencies and processes.

Program Student Learning Outcomes for AA in Criminal Justice

1. Discuss constitutional freedoms and rights of citizens and explain how an ethical criminal justice system and participatory citizenship protects those freedoms and rights.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the three major areas of America's criminal justice system (Police, Courts, and Corrections).
3. Analyze a criminal case and understand its relevance to protected freedoms and rights
4. Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental elements of criminal law.

Assignment

In this assignment, students will complete a 5-page research paper regarding ethics in the Criminal Justice System. The focus of your research paper will be on the effects of corruption within America's law enforcement agencies, the courts, and corrections. While corruption comes in all forms, your paper should identify its affects upon individuals entering the system as well as society that depends upon the criminal justice system to be fair and arbitrary.

Content

A successful paper will include the following criteria as it relates to the topic:

- The paper should possess a clear introduction to the topic as well as a strong thesis statement. **Example: The lack of ethics leads to corruption in the criminal justice system; thereby undermining the goal of achieving justice, the rule of law, and credibility of the system in the eyes of society.**
- The paper should define ethics in law enforcement and how the principle has been applied in the historical development of criminal justice in the United States. It should demonstrate how ethics is beneficial in the mission of the criminal justice system, particularly in the protection of the rights of American citizens.
- The paper should identify the ethical issues existing in law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. Effective research will show how corruption and a lack of ethics can affect the mission (functions, philosophy, values) of all three major areas.

- The paper should identify the negative effects of corruption upon criminal activity as well as the impact upon the mission to deter crime and garner public trust.
- The paper should describe the movement of corruption on local, state, and federal levels and its impact on the system.
- The paper should conclude with solutions to addressing corruption in the criminal justice system, the overall result if the issue of corruption is not addressed, and the social costs if the problem is ignored.

Research and Information

In completing your research paper, be mindful of the sources you obtain. Your information should come from peer reviewed articles, journals, or books. Sources should not be based upon opinion but instead from analysis and verified data. News and magazine articles, whether in print or digital format, may contain information that is not verified, opinion, or outright falsehoods. The library is an excellent source to find credible information from journals and books. Information collected by Google Scholar is also acceptable as the information is guaranteed from a peer reviewed source. You may use statistical data, charts, and spreadsheets to support your arguments throughout your paper. Your instructor will assist you in completing identifying credible sources of information.

Formatting

Please use the template to complete this assignment. You must use APA standards in formatting and citing your paper. Attached is the APA reference guide that will assist you in formatting your paper, creation of proper citations, and the creation of a proper reference page.

Grading Rubric

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Criteria	Ratings					Pts
Introduction The paper should possess a clear introduction to the topic as well as a strong thesis statement.	10.0 pts Exemplary	8.0 pts Proficient	6.0 pts Developing	4.0 pts Beginning	0.0 pts No Marks	10.0 pts
Historical Perspective The essay provides a historical perspective of the ethics in American Law Enforcement.	20.0 pts Exemplary	18.0 pts Proficient	16.0 pts Developing	14.0 pts Beginning	0.0 pts No Marks	20.0 pts

The Effects of Corruption The essay demonstrates the effects of corruption on the criminal justice system and the community.	<table><tr><td>20.0 pts</td><td>18.0 pts</td><td>16.0 pts</td><td>14.0 pts</td><td>0.0 pts</td></tr><tr><td>Exemplary</td><td>Proficient</td><td>Developing</td><td>Beginning</td><td>No Marks</td></tr></table>	20.0 pts	18.0 pts	16.0 pts	14.0 pts	0.0 pts	Exemplary	Proficient	Developing	Beginning	No Marks	20.0 pts
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Conclusion The essay concludes with how those solutions will address corruption and the consequence of ignoring the problem in light of social issues and the political climate.	<table><tr><td>20.0 pts</td><td>18.0 pts</td><td>16.0 pts</td><td>14.0 pts</td><td>0.0 pts</td></tr><tr><td>Exemplary</td><td>Proficient</td><td>Developing</td><td>Beginning</td><td>No Marks</td></tr></table>	20.0 pts	18.0 pts	16.0 pts	14.0 pts	0.0 pts	Exemplary	Proficient	Developing	Beginning	No Marks	20.0 pts
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