

Research Paper Rubric (100 Points Possible):

Students will complete this assignment with attention to the criteria in the table below.

Exceptional corresponds to an A (95-100%): Performance is outstanding; significantly above the usual expectations.

Proficient corresponds to a grade of B to A- (83-94%): Skills and standards are at the level of expectation.

Basic corresponds to a C to B- (75-82%): Skills and standards are acceptable, but improvements are needed to meet expectations well.

Novice corresponds to a D to C- (60%-74%): Performance is weak; the skills or standards are not sufficiently demonstrated at this time.

Missing/NA corresponds to an F (0-59%): This criterion is missing or is not in evidence.

The instructor will compute an analytic score by assigning points for each criterion, following the percentages indicated above.

| Criteria | Ratings (Levels) | | | | |
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| | Exceptional | Proficient | Basic | Novice | Missing/NA |
| Overview 20 points possible | The paper provides an exceptional foundational overview of the topic as it relates to criminal justice. (19-20 points) | The paper provides a foundational overview of the topic as it relates to criminal justice. (17-18 points) | The paper provides a foundational overview of the topic as it relates to criminal justice, but some improvements are needed. (15-16 points) | The paper provides a weak foundational overview of the topic as it relates to criminal justice; significant improvements are needed. (12-14 points) | The paper provides little to no evidence of a foundational overview of the topic as it relates to criminal justice. (0-11 points) |
| SLU Core Value Connection 20 points possible | The paper makes a strong connection between the selected topic and the core value of responsible stewardship, with outstanding analysis. (19-20 points) | The paper makes a connection between the selected topic and the core value of responsible stewardship, with appropriate analysis. (17-18 points) | The paper makes a connection between the selected topic and the core value of responsible stewardship, but the analysis needs some improvement. (15-16 points) | The paper makes a weak connection between the selected topic and the core value of responsible stewardship, and the analysis needs significant improvement. (12-14 points) | The paper makes little to no connection between the selected topic and the core value of responsible stewardship, and little to no analysis is evident. (0-11 points) |

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| Content 20 points possible | The paper clearly identifies focus and masterfully analyzes and discusses the topic. (19-20 points) | The paper clearly identifies focus and logically analyzes and discusses the topic. (17-18 points) | The paper identifies focus and analyzes and discusses the topic, but some improvements are needed. (15-16 points) | The paper weakly identifies focus and analyzes and discusses the topic; significant improvements are needed. (12-14 points) | The paper shows little to no identification of focus and discussion of topic. (0-11 points) |
| Writing, Grammar, and Syntax 15 points possible | Writing, grammar, and syntax are significantly above expectations. (15 points) | Writing, grammar, and syntax are of an appropriate college level. (13-14 points) | Writing, grammar, and syntax are adequate, but some improvement is needed. (12 points) | Writing, grammar, and syntax are weak; significant improvement is needed. (9-11 points) | There is little to no evidence of college-level writing, grammar, and syntax. (0-8 points) |
| Format 15 points possible | Resources are complete and appropriately cited, and references use APA style with no errors. (24-25 points) | Resources are complete and appropriately cited, and references use APA style, but 1 or 2 minor errors are noted. (21-23 points) | Citations and references are acceptable, but some APA-format improvement is needed. (19-20 points) | Citations and references are weak; significant APA-format improvement is needed. (15-18 points) | There is little to no evidence of cited resources in APA format. (0-14 points) |
| Resources 10 points possible | The paper uses more than five acceptable sources, and sources were of optimal variety. (10 points) | The paper uses a minimum of five acceptable sources. (9 points) | The paper uses a minimum of five sources, but one source may be questionable. (8 points) | The paper uses three or four sources, and one or two sources may be questionable. (6-7 points) | The paper uses less than three sources, and one or all sources may be questionable. (0-5 points) |