



## CJ 500 Milestone One Guidelines and Rubric

**Overview:** For this assignment, you will select a **contemporary issue** that is negatively impacting the delivery of criminal justice—one that will be the focus of your final case analysis and recommendation brief. **Although you may choose your own topic, you may not choose public policy.** In this draft, you will demonstrate your understanding of the issue and its history, evolution, and development. You will need to focus on past and future criminological theories and policies behind the issue. Given your analysis of the issue, discuss the impact on society and what problems need to be addressed to remedy the negative ramifications.

**Prompt:** Specifically, the following **critical elements** must be addressed:

### I. Introduction

- A. Describe the criminal justice **issue** you have selected. Specifically, how is this an issue in the field of criminal justice, what is the general impact of the issue on society, and why does the problem need to be addressed?
- B. Describe the **evolution of the** selected **issue** throughout history, providing specific examples. In other words, how did this become an issue? What factors have caused the issue to evolve? For example, a regulation may have been created in the past to address an issue, but the regulation is now irrelevant.
- C. Describe the **evolution of** the historical **perception** of this issue, identifying key events and factors that influenced public perception. For example, did the public always view the topic as an issue? How has technology impacted public perception?

**Guidelines for Submission:** Your submission should include reference to recent peer-reviewed articles, be 1 to 2 pages in length (in addition to title and reference pages) and should use double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins. Use [APA style](#) to cite your sources within the text of your paper and on the reference page.

Refer to the [Criminal Justice Library Tips](#) document for assistance in finding and citing outside sources.

Please note that the grading rubric for this milestone submission is not identical to that of the final project. The Final Project Rubric will include an additional “Exemplary” category that provides guidance as to how you can go above and beyond “Proficient” in your final submission.

**Rubric**

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (80%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Issue Introduction</b>	Describes the criminal justice issue, providing specifics around how it is an issue in the field, its general impact on society, and why the problem needs to be addressed	Describes the criminal justice issue, describing how it is an issue in the field, its general impact on society, and why the problem needs to be addressed, but with gaps in detail, specificity, or accuracy	Does not describe the criminal justice issue	30
<b>Evolution of the Issue</b>	Describes the evolution of the selected issue throughout history, providing specific examples	Describes the evolution of the selected issue throughout history, but with gaps in examples, detail, or accuracy	Does not describe the evolution of the selected issue throughout history	30
<b>Evolution of Perception</b>	Describes the evolution of historical perception of the issue, identifying key events and factors that influenced the public perception	Describes the evolution of historical perception of the issue, but with gaps in identification of key events and factors that influenced the public perception, detail, or accuracy	Does not describe the evolution of historical perception of the issue	30
<b>Articulation of Response</b>	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax that prevent understanding of ideas	10
<b>Total</b>				<b>100%</b>