

Program-Level

The data indicate we need to continue to improve the ability of our students to applying CCJ theories to address problems in broader context. It bears noting two of the three students assessed as being below expectations on this dimension were first year MA students, so it is possible their abilities were still being developed and that they might score higher on this dimension prior to graduation. The students were assessed to be performing quite well in their written/oral communication, as well as their ab

Final Paper Assignment in Issues in Jurisprudence:

Students will write a publishable quality article that you will submit to the ~~peer~~ reviewed journal of your choice. Your topic must relate to your area of concentration (Administration of Justice, Treatment and Rehab or Emergency Management). The topic you choose will determine the appropriate journal to submit to and various journals have differing requirements in terms of citation style, format requirements and the like so you will need to check what the requirements are for the journal you want to try to publish in and then follow those directions ~~submitting~~ your article.

However, at a minimum, your article must contain

At least 20 pages of text (excluding graphs, charts, references etc.) (be alert to page maximums, for most journals in CCJ its 30 pages including graphs, charts, references etc. but check the journal you are interested in)

Reference at least 20 sources

15 of these must be scholarly which means they are articles in ~~peer~~ reviewed journals, law review articles or books from academic presses

Scholarly sources should be preceded by an * in the reference list e.g.,
*Smith & Jones (2004) . . . on the version you submit to me (use the citation system required by your journal, do not include the * in the version you submit to journal).

Up to 5 sources may be government documents (e.g. ~~Cases~~ Statutes,

Topically Appropriate and Sophisticated Understanding (25%) . Student must select a topic that relates to their area of concentration (must indicate on the title page what your area of concentration is). Paper must demonstrate a sophisticated knowledge of your area of concentration appropriate to the Master's level. For example, does suggested policy make sense in the context of the CJ system? Does the issue you selected reflect a sophisticated understanding of the field?

Theory (25%). Paper must demonstrate appropriate understanding of criminological theory. You may not do an atheoretical project so be sure you consider theory in making a topic selection. If you can't find an applicable theory, you need a new project.

Research Literacy (25%).

Issues in jurisprudence Rubric

Technically Sufficient.

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You must turn in a paper copy of the author guidelines for your journal or send me a link where I can access it electronically.

You must turn in evidence of submission to a peer reviewed journal.

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Research Literacy. Paper must demonstrate an appropriate understanding and use of relevant literature as well as methodological literacy appropriate to a practitioner. You need to identify