

Research/Position Paper

Each student is required to submit a research/position paper on a criminal justice topic. The paper must include background, development of rationale and justifications, the student's position on the topic, and incorporation of the Saint Leo Core Value of Integrity. The paper must be prepared in a manner acceptable for university-level work (i.e. neatly typed, 12-point font, and double-spaced). All sources utilized to support the topic must be properly cited. The paper should be between 2100-3000 words (excluding endnotes and cover page) and adhere to APA format.

Rating:

Exceptional corresponds to an A- to A (90-100). Performance is outstanding; significantly above the usual expectations.

Proficient corresponds to a grade of B- to B+ (80-89%). Skills and standards are at the level of expectation.

Basic corresponds to a C to C+ (70-79%). Skills and standards are acceptable but improvements are needed to meet expectations well.

Novice corresponds to a D to C- (50-69%). Performance is weak; the skills or standards are not sufficiently demonstrated at this time.

0 This criterion is missing or not in evidence.

Criteria	Ratings				
	0	Novice	Basic	Proficient	Exceptional
The paper presents both sides of the selected topic	0-9	10-13	14-15	16-17	18-20
Clearly identifies focus and logically analyzes one position in depth	0-9	10-13	14-15	16-17	18-20
The paper makes a connection between the selected position and the core value of respect, with appropriate analysis	0-9	10-13	14-15	16-17	18-20
Grammar, spelling, and syntax are appropriate to the college level	0-9	10-13	14-15	16-17	18-20
Typed in a double-spaced APA format with citations and references	0-9	10-13	14-15	16-17	18-20

Score: _____ of 100

Comments: