

CJ 500 Milestone Three Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: For this assignment, you will submit a *draft* of your preliminary **recommendations** to the mayor based on your criminal justice issue selection and analysis. These recommendations will inform the mayor and other senior leadership about a course of action to solve the issue you selected. Based entirely on your research and the analysis you provided in Milestone Two, propose a strategy to implement a solution to the issue. Think about any feedback you received in Milestone Two and incorporate that into Milestone Three as needed. Assess the strategy’s potential for success, but also identify possible hurdles and obstacles to the implementation of the recommendations you have proposed. Instructor feedback to all milestones—as well as the peer feedback you will receive on this draft in Module Eight—should be applied to your final project, due in Module Nine.

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

III. Recommendations

- A. Propose a **solution** to address the issue in criminal justice, justifying your proposal with your previous research. In your justification, you may consider the complexity of the solution, the possible adverse effects, and the feasibility of the solution in terms of time and resources.
- B. Apply criminological **theory** to justify how your proposed solution will address the underlying causes of the issue.
- C. Outline the **immediate actions** that will need to be taken to implement the solution, justifying the necessity and feasibility of these actions with evidence. Consider how you will create buy-in among invested parties.
- D. Outline the **long-term actions** that will need to be taken to implement the solution, justifying the necessity and feasibility of these actions with evidence. Consider how you will create buy-in among invested parties.
- E. Determine the types of **data** necessary **to assess** whether your **solution** is successful in addressing the issue, justifying your determinations. How will you measure the success of your solution?

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. The [Problem-Solving Strategies and](#) Sample document demonstrates how a problem-solving strategy can be applied to help find a solution to a problem.

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 (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Solution	Proposes a solution to address the issue in criminal justice, justifying proposal with previous research	Proposes a solution to address the issue in criminal justice, but with gaps in justification, logic, or detail	Does not propose a solution to address the issue in criminal justice	18
Theory	Applies criminological theory to justify how the proposed solution will address the underlying causes of the issue	Applies criminological theory to justify how the proposed solution will address the underlying causes of the issue, but with gaps in appropriate application, detail, or logic	Does not apply criminological theory to justify how the proposed solution will address the underlying causes of the issue	18
Immediate Actions	Outlines immediate actions that will need to be taken to implement the solution, justifying necessity and feasibility of actions with evidence	Outlines immediate actions that will need to be taken to implement the solution, but with gaps in justification, detail, or accuracy	Does not outline immediate actions that will need to be taken to implement the solution	18
Long-Term Actions	Outlines the long-term actions that will need to be taken to implement the solution, justifying the necessity and feasibility of the actions with evidence	Outlines the long-term actions that will need to be taken to implement the solution, but with gaps in justification, detail, or accuracy of outlined actions	Does not outline the long-term actions that will need to be taken to implement the solution	18
Data to Assess Solution	Determines the types of data necessary to assess success of solution in addressing the issue, justifying determinations	Determines the types of data necessary to assess success of solution in addressing the issue, but with gaps in justification, logic, or accuracy	Does not determine the types of data necessary to assess success of solution is successful in addressing the issue	18
Articulation of Response	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
Total				100%