

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Assessment 1 Instructions

Self-reflection essay:

This reflective document encourages you to think about your career direction and the sorts of professional development activities that will help you to get there. The best essays will consult the academic literature around the requirements and desirable characteristics of particular roles, types of roles, or professions.

Craft an essay of about 1500 words (excluding references) that encompasses the following components:

1. A description of the career or careers you are considering, and how studying CRJU101 Introduction to Criminal Justice will enhance your preparation for those career paths.
 - a. OR, if you already are in your ideal role, an explanation of how studying CRJU101 Introduction to Criminal Justice will help you to perform better in that role.
 - b. OR, if you are studying CRJU101 as an elective, explain how studying it will benefit you in the future career you are studying towards.
2. A comprehensive discussion of the importance of understanding criminal justice, its implications for society, and how that knowledge will contribute to your personal growth and development.
3. Identify and describe three sorts of professional development, supported by specific examples for each category, that will help you to achieve your career goals. You might want to consider:
 - a. **Alignment with career goals:** Evaluate how closely a particular development opportunity aligns with your long-term career goals. Will it provide you with skills, knowledge, or experiences that are directly applicable to your desired career path?

- b. **Relevance to criminal justice trends:** Research the current trends and advancements within criminal justice. Seek out development activities that align with these trends, as they will likely enhance your marketability and employability.
 - c. **Networking opportunities:** Consider the networking potential of a given development opportunity. Attending conferences, workshops, or seminars can provide valuable connections and insights that contribute to your professional growth.
 - d. **Skill enhancement:** Assess whether the opportunity allows you to develop or enhance essential skills, whether they are technical skills, soft skills, or leadership skills.
 - e. **Impact on CV:** Consider how the development activity will look on your CV. Will it stand out to potential employers? Will it demonstrate your commitment to growth and learning?
4. Add a list of references at the end of your assignment. Use [APA style \(7th edition\)](#) to format your reference list.

Generative AI Tools Are Permitted for Certain Parts of This Assessment

In this assessment, you are permitted to use generative artificial intelligence (AI) solely for the purpose of brainstorming, checking grammar, and checking the formatting of referencing. No other use of generative AI is permitted. To assist with maintaining academic integrity, you must appropriately acknowledge any use of generative AI in your work. Please include a statement of acknowledgement with your work, clearly indicating which AI tools were used and how they contributed to your assessment.

By adhering to these components, your essay will present a well-rounded perspective on the significance of criminal justice education, its practical applications in your chosen career, and the requisite skills and knowledge needed for professional success.