



Writing Summary

With this application, I am requesting writing intensive/Type I approval for myself. The attached summary chart, syllabi, and writing activity examples are proposed for Criminology 403 Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice. This is a required course for criminology majors and minors. This is a senior level class that is seminar based thus the class is limited in size to around 30 students.

The types of writing occurring in this proposed class follow:

1. Writing for Evaluation

There are two examinations a midterm and a final. The exams are essay format with five questions. The students will answer one required question and then choose one of the other four questions to answer. The essay questions focus on analyzing an ethical dilemma by applying an appropriate ethical theory. The students will be provided with a handout consisting of possible essay questions to help facilitate review for the exam. Students will have an hour to answer both questions. The answers will be evaluated according to organization, content, and clarity. Writing for evaluation consists of 40 percent of the student's final grade.

2. Writing that Incorporates Critical Thinking

The students are asked to find current events that focus on an ethical dilemma in the criminal justice field. These assignments require that the students read through the current event and apply ethical theoretical frameworks to ethical dilemmas present in the

Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice

CRIM 403

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IUP Catalog Description: Overview of prominent ethical issues facing our field in

criminology and criminal justice, with an emphasis on encouraging individual students to explore their own ethical and moral systems and how they make ethical/moral decisions.

Trebach and Inciardi (2001) "Legalize it? Debating American Drug Policy" in
Criminal Justice Ethics

Writing Assignments

Current Events (50pts): You are to find 2 current event articles that relate to class discussion. You will type a 1 page analysis of the article which should include a brief

summary of the article, how the article relates to class, a brief summary of the article, and a brief

I have had an opportunity to read your draft. This will allow us time to discuss your paper and any problems or difficulties you experience while writing. The second rough draft will be due the eleventh week of the semester. If you would like, we can schedule another appointment to discuss the draft. After the final paper is turned in, you will no longer have an opportunity to revise your paper.

Exams (200pts): There will be a midterm and final exam. The exams will consist of 65

essay questions. Everyone will answer the first question and you will be allowed to choose 1 of the 4 remaining questions to answer. **Make-up Policy for Exams:** Make-ups will only be given if there are extenuating circumstances (examples: severe illness a

death in the family, etc.) and only if you notify me in advance of the exam (in person, by phone, or by e-mail). The make-up exam must be completed within one week of your return. The paper will have the same requirements.

Evaluation:

Current Events	50
Attendance/Participation	100
Midterm/Final	200
Annotated Bib./	
Rough Drafts/Paper	<u>350</u>
	700

Grading:

Grade	Points
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Week 4

Ethics of Law and Law Making Policies Procedures

Reading: to be assigned

Week 5

Ethics and Law Enforcement

Reading: Chapter 5, Chapter 6

First Rough Draft Due

Week 6

Ethics and Law Enforcement

Reading: Chapter 7

Midterm

Week 7

Ethics and Court Personnel

Reading: Chapter 8, Chapter 9

Week 8

Plea Bargaining, Jury Nullification

Reading: Kipnis, Weinstein

Week 9

Ethics and Criminal Sentencing

Reading: Chapter 10

Week 10

Ethics and Criminal Sentencing

Death Penalty

Reading: Chapter 12

Second Rough Draft Due

Week 12

Death Penalty

Week 15
Final Exam
Final Paper Due

Bibliography

Book C (2004) C. H. L. I. E. F. M. J. D. C. G. S. W. I.

CRIM 403 Detailed Exploration of an Ethical Dilemma in Criminal Justice

The purpose of this paper is to explore an ethical dilemma that...

concerns the... of... in...

Paper Rubric

	A	B	C	D
Organization 20 points	Clear introduction, with a purpose or	Similar to A however could be	Introduction, purpose or thesis	Introduction, purpose or thesis

CRIM 403 Current Event Presentations

You are to find two newspaper/magazine articles that relate to class discussion. These articles must not be older than two years. The purpose of the current events is to

synthesize and apply class material to an ethical dilemma. This will also allow you an opportunity to evaluate your own ethical and moral beliefs and apply these beliefs along with ethical theories to an actual dilemma experienced in the criminal justice workforce.

Content:

brief summary of article

- description of ethical dilemma
- stance on issue
- ethical theory that supports and one that refutes your stance (be sure to explain theory and what it supports/refutes)

- is there a solution or course of action
- two discussion questions
- 20 points per current event