

## **PAPER REQUIREMENTS**

**FIRST PAPER DUE DATE:** Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:10 p.m.

**SECOND PAPER DUE DATE:** Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:10 p.m.

[Note: Papers will not be accepted after 5:10 p.m. on the due date. **No Exceptions!!!**]

### ***FORMAT***

- Font: 12 point Times New Roman
- Margins: One-inch margins left, right, top and bottom
- Cover Page (See Example)  
Centered in the Middle of the Page
  - 1) Title of the paper
  - 2) Your name
  - 3) The University of Southern Mississippi
- Length: No Less than 2500 (Approximately 8 pages for each paper) . If you provide less than 2500 words (The title page does not count), your grade for the paper will be a “0” or “F.”

### ***CONTENT***

- You should divide the paper in three parts:
  - 1) Summary:
    - a. Write a short summary about the book and its characters.
    - b. Less than 700 words
    - c. In this part, you should prove to me that you read the book thoroughly.
  - 2) Analysis:
    - a. At least 1300 words
    - b. In your own words, explain what criminological theories are linked to the book.
    - c. You have to write about at least three(3) criminological theories.
    - d. Do no copy from the book, internet or other sources. Show me that you understand the theories.
  - 3) Conclusion/Personal Opinion:
    - a. Tell me your opinion of the book.
    - b. Less than 500 words
    - c. Why do you like the book and why not. All opinions are valid as long as you argument them properly.
- The content of the paper is very important. If I feel that you do not have a clear understanding of the book and how to link it with the theories we have studied, you are going to have bad grades on both papers. Think before you write. I am always available to help you during my office hours. Come and see me if you have any questions.
- Grammar and Punctuation are crucial for your academic success. For each five (5) grammatical or punctuation errors, I will take 10 points from the final score. Once again, come and see me or use the writing center. Granted, my job is not to proof your papers.

But, I will try to help you as much as possible. Dr. Goodlin has put together a very helpful guide on writing papers. It will be posted on my web page for you to use.

### ***PAPER SUBMISSIONS***

- You need to submit one hard copy of your paper and one electronic copy of the paper by the due date. Failure to do so will result on a “0” in the assignment. Remember it is due at 5:10 p.m. No exceptions
- The electronic copy of your paper should be submitted before the class starts on the due date. Once again, **No exceptions**
- For your safety, you should send the paper to my university address, [marcos.misis@eagles.usm.edu](mailto:marcos.misis@eagles.usm.edu) and to my personal address [marcos.misis@gmail.com](mailto:marcos.misis@gmail.com)
- Do not come to class late and tell me stories about the printer or that you were printing the paper. Act and think like an adult: you have almost 7 weeks to write the paper.

### ***CITATIONS***

- If you want to refer to the author of the book while you are writing: According to Shaw (1939), the jack-roller....
- If you want to put a quote from the book: (Shaw, 1939, p.213) at the end of the quote
- Do not use more than two direct quotes from the book in the paper
- You do not need to cite outside sources for the papers. Use your own words

### ***PLAGIARISM***

- I use turnitin.com to check for plagiarism
- If I found that you have plagiarize in any shape or form parts or the entire paper, you will get an “F.” in the class and the School of Criminal Justice will take disciplinary against you.

**I AM AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU. COME AND SEE ME DURING MY OFFICE HOURS OR SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME.**