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SOC 3310 Assignment 1 Rubric

The bullet points are not necessarily exhaustive of each category. If an unlisted problem arises in the essay, it will be reflected in the mark for whichever category is most appropriate.

1. Thesis & Argumentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• thesis is appropriate to assignment/course & corresponds to topic guidelines for assignment• criminal justice issue (and its analysis) suits assignment guidelines & is supportive of thesis• thesis is incisive, coherent, actionable & grounded in data collected & academic lit. surveyed• thesis properly represents argumentation & evidence set out in the rest of the paper & vice versa; paper does not lose sight of main argument• arguments are clear, well-founded, and supportive of central thesis; thesis & arguments demonstrate proper understanding & deployment of Bourdieusian & Foucauldian theory	____ /8
2. Research & Data <ul style="list-style-type: none">• uses academic sources; respected media sources may be used for historical & news-related facts concerning criminal justice events/issues, but analysis & critique should be grounded primarily in academic literature• lectures & lecture PowerPoints should not be cited excessively (i.e. if original source of info is a scholarly publication, that should be cited properly rather than lecture or PPTX)• demonstrates thoughtful effort in gathering data/evidence to analyse; data/evidence collected is appropriate to objectives & arguments of paper• using academic sources beyond course readings not required, but doing so effectively can garner extra marks	____ /6
3. Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• thesis/main argument is clearly established/communicated in the introduction; introduction sets out key information for the paper• clear, logical development of arguments, effective transitions• offers effective conclusion: encapsulates central argument in final, most persuasive form without merely repeating past passages	____ /6
4. Format and Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none">• follows established style guide for title, body, and bibliography (APA, ASA, or Chicago); title page and references included (page limit does not include title & references)• neat, consistent, 12pt font, proper margins, proper length, proper spacing (no quadruple-spacing between paragraphs!)• external sources are referenced properly and included in bibliography	____ /5
5. Clarity of Written Expression <ul style="list-style-type: none">• grammar, punctuation, spelling, clarity, and coherence	____ /5
Notes:	Total: _____ /30