Research Project **–** Thesis Statement Instructions

You must select a criminal justice topic of your choosing about which you have not previously written or researched; this will serve as the topic for the Final Research Paper. You will then compose a thesis statement on this topic as you work toward your Final Research Paper.

The thesis statement must include the paper’s topic and an explanation of the position the paper will take in analyzing the subject. The thesis statement must clearly identify the major points of support for your position. The selected criminal justice topic must be sufficiently limited for the substantive content of a 4–6-page paper by presenting only 2–3 major points.

The thesis statement must be no more than 2 sentences long and must be a declarative statement rather than asking a question. The thesis statement must be simple and direct. The statement must take a position on a narrowly focused criminal justice topic.

The thesis statement must demonstrate proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation as well as be written in the third person using formal, academic language.

Before submitting your Thesis Statement, review the Research Project – Thesis Statement Grading Rubric to verify that all components of the assignment have been completed. Save your work as a Microsoft Word document and submit it to Blackboard.

Submit this assignment by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Monday of Module/Week 2.