

## CJ230: Unit 2 Assignment Checklist

### Assignment: Civil versus Criminal Actions

Write a 2–3-page paper using APA format addressing the following:

1. Describe the differences between civil and criminal actions. This can also be explained as the distinction between crimes and torts. Specifically, address the goals and objectives of a civil case versus a criminal case, the differences in remedies and outcomes sought, how the commencement of each action differs, and how the players in each system differ. There are four distinct points to be addressed in this part of the paper.
2. Describe a scenario (fact or fiction) in which the same conduct can be prosecuted as a crime and also brought as a civil action. An example here may be the OJ Simpson scenario. In your description, be sure to research and address the following:
  - A. Explain the elements of the crime chosen, including the *mens rea* and *actus reus*. Be sure to provide a legal definition of the crime based on research. You can use your own state's criminal definition here or rely on the Model Penal Code. Be sure to provide proper in-text and reference page citation for your authority;
  - B. Indicate whether this crime is *mala in se* or *mala prohibita* and explain why;

**Note:** This Assignment requires outside research. Use at least two credible sources beyond the text material and discuss how you evaluated the credibility of the resources used. You may consult the Online Library, the Internet, the textbook, other course materials, and any other outside resources in supporting your task, using proper citations in APA style.

#### Directions for Submitting Your Assignment

Write your essay in a Microsoft® Word® document and save it in a location and with a name that you will remember. Be sure to include your name, class, and section number in your essay. Submit your Assignment by selecting the **Unit 2: Assignment in the Dropbox by the end of Unit 2.**

<i>Criteria: Ask yourself the following questions.</i>	<b>Not Yet</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Purpose for Writing</b>		
Did you identify four characteristics that distinguish criminal law from civil law?		
Did you describe the characteristics' differences and provide examples of each?		
Did you explain how the level of intent assigned to a crime contributes to its classification using two or more examples?		
Do you have a clear <b>Purpose</b> for your paper?		
Did you state the <b>Major Topics</b> clearly?		
<b>Research</b>		
Is your research <b>Current</b> ?		
Did you use two <b>Credible Sources</b> ?		
Did you answer all the questions in a <b>Substantive</b> manner?		
<b>Content</b>		
Is your content <b>Accurate</b> ?		
Is your content <b>Comprehensive</b> enough to address the topic?		
<b>Format</b>		
Did you prepare your paper in <b>Microsoft Word document</b> ?		
Did you <b>name your file</b> correctly?		
Did you use <b>APA</b> format to cite your sources?		
Did you check your document for <b>Spelling</b> errors?		
Did you check your paper for <b>Grammatical</b> errors?		
Is your paper the correct <b>Length</b> ?		