

CJ230: Unit 6 Assignment Checklist

Federal or State Crime?

Before completing this Assignment, review the reading on Sources of Criminal Law (pp. 5-9) in Chapter 1 of your textbook. You may also want to read the following resources.

Resources

[Comparing Federal & State Courts](#)

Discover the differences in structure, judicial selection, and cases heard in both systems.

[Rights, powers, dual sovereignty, and federalism](#)

The line between state and federal prosecution can seem blurred at times. Here is an explanation of the dual sovereignty doctrine and how it can be applied.

References

Comparing Federal & State Courts: United States Courts. Retrieved from <http://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/court-role-and-structure/comparing-federal-state-courts>

Institute. Retrieved at <http://www.cato.org/policy-report/septemberoctober-2011/rights-powers-dual-sovereignty-federalism>

Instructions:

For this Assignment, you will be exploring the differences between state and federal jurisdiction in criminal prosecutions with respect to crimes against persons. **The primary objective of this Assignment is to explain how the same conduct may be prosecuted either in state or federal court pursuant to applicable state and federal statutes. Be sure to select a crime against person, such as certain types of sexual assault or kidnapping.**

You are to identify ONE specific crime, a crime against a person, and describe the following:

1. Create the factual scenario giving rise to the criminal prosecution in either state or federal court.
2. Indicate the name of the specific crime which may be prosecuted in federal court based on the scenario and provide the definition of that crime, including a citation or reference to the applicable statute.
3. Similarly, indicate the name of the crime which may be prosecuted based upon the same conduct in a state court. Be sure to identify the state statute, and as you did in #2, define the crime and provide a citation to the authority.
4. Explain a cultural factor that may influence how the crime may be prosecuted. A cultural factor might include a person's socio-economic, ethnic or religious background; in your response, discuss how various cultures might interpret the wording of two statutes differently. Be sure to discuss how one culture might view a crime differently than another, based on the culture's particular viewpoints.

Your paper should be written in APA format with a length not to exceed 2 pages (excluding cover and reference pages).

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 material, and any other outside resources in supporting your task. It is recommended that you look to your state criminal codes for examples of crimes that may be prosecuted at the state level. Be sure to include a statutory citation.

Directions for Submitting Your Assignment

Write your paper 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 paper.

Submit your Assignment by selecting the *Unit 6: Assignment Dropbox by the end of Unit 6.*

<i>Criteria: Ask yourself the following questions.</i>	<i>Not Yet</i>	<i>Yes</i>
Purpose for Writing		
Did you identify more than two distinctions between state and federal jurisdictions in criminal prosecutions with respect to crimes against persons?		
Did you create a factual scenario of a crime which may be prosecuted between state and federal jurisdiction in criminal prosecutions with respect to crimes against persons?		
Did you determine how the crime may be prosecuted either in state or federal court pursuant to applicable state and federal statutes?		
Did you examine the overlapping dynamics of state and federal jurisdiction by addressing a scenario where both state and federal jurisdiction exist separately and concurrently?		
Did you examine a specific crime, which may be prosecuted in federal/state court based on the scenario?		
Did you define the crime and include a citation or reference to the applicable federal/state statute?		
Did you explain a cultural factor that may influence how the crime may be prosecuted?		
Did you discuss how one culture might view a crime differently than another, based on the culture’s particular viewpoints?		
Do you have a clear <i>Purpose</i> for your paper?		

Did you state the <i>Major Topics</i> clearly?		
Research		
Is your research <i>Current</i> ?		
Did you use two <i>Credible Sources</i> ?		
Did you answer all the questions in a <i>Substantive</i> manner?		
Content		
Is your content <i>Accurate</i> ?		
Is your content <i>Comprehensive</i> enough to address the topic?		
Format		
Did you prepare your paper in <i>Microsoft Word document</i> ?		
Did you <i>name your file</i> correctly?		
Did you use <i>APA</i> format to cite your sources?		
Did you check your document for <i>Spelling</i> errors?		
Did you check your paper for <i>Grammatical</i> errors?		
Is your paper the correct <i>Length</i> ?		