

University of Florida  
Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law  
**Crime and Justice Area Exam**  
**August 24-26, 2023**

**FORMAT OF YOUR ANSWERS:**

- Each answer must be no more than 12 double-spaced pages (not counting the required reference list)
- Answers need to be double-spaced and use 12-point font and one inch margins
- All answers should have page numbers.
- You must include a bibliography with references formatted using APA style

**QUESTIONS (PICK 2)**

1. In recent years, police across the US have come under scrutiny for killing unarmed African-Americans. Some communities believe and some outside investigations have documented that policing is biased or disproportionately applied to certain groups of people or certain neighborhoods. 1) Summarize and the discuss research on the role of race and ethnicity in police use of force and 2) make a literature-supported argument for how we could reform police to improve police-community relations in regard to use of force issues.
2. Identify and discuss the significance of three major works (classic or current) you consider to be pivotal to the development of corrections research. Describe the contribution of these three works and explain why you have chosen them.
3. Assume you have been asked to contribute an overview paper on juvenile justice or courts to a special journal issue or to an edited volume of chapters for a criminological audience that may include some readers who are not specialized in the topic you have chosen. The editor has asked you to contribute a state-of-the-field essay on that topic. In your essay be sure to include the basic concepts and overview needed to inform the reader of the general knowledge on that part of the justice system, the principal hypotheses used, prevalence data, and review the state of the major research. Be sure to indicate what further research is most needed to advance knowledge regarding the topic
4. Think about punitive versus rehabilitative or diversionary interventions. Choose an example of either a punitive approach or a rehabilitative/diversionary one and write an essay analyzing it. Be sure to cover its basic conceptual model, how those features are measured, and what we know about its success or failure overall or for different groups. It is an approach you would recommend to policy makers? Why or why not?