

## Research Design in Criminal Justice: Research Proposal

### **Final Assignment: Comprehending Criminal Justice Research – Putting it altogether**

**Due Date: To the Dropbox, Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm CT**

**Point Value: 50 points**

**Directions:** Pretend you are a policy maker. You have been tasked with designing a study to evaluate the effectiveness of any criminal justice program/area of interest. Assume you have unlimited funds and assistance. Choose a criminal justice area of interest then design a study answering the following questions:

1. What is the purpose of your research? What is/are your hypothesis(es)?
2. What is/are your independent variable(s)? How is/are it/they operationalized?
3. What is/are your dependent variable(s)? How is/are it/they operationalized?
4. How will you ensure your study is being conducted ethically? Are there any specific ethical considerations you need to address?
5. What type of research design are you using? Describe. It may be helpful to draw (type) your design.
6. Are there any threats to internal/external validity that could influence your study? If so, identify them, if not, why not?
7. What is your sample? In other words, who will be in your study? Describe.
8. What sampling method will you use? Describe.
9. Explain the type(s) of data gathering instrument(s) you will use in this research? How will you carry it out?
10. How will you establish validity in your study? How will you establish reliability?

### **Additional Formatting Information and Directions:**

#### **In order to receive all possible points for this assignment you must:**

- Include your name on paper
- Fully address all questions
- Use complete sentences
- Type your paper – 12 point font – Times New Roman – Double-spaced
- Submit Assignment to the drobox by the due date – email submissions to the Professor will not be accepted.

**NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**