

JUS 331 Juvenile vs. Adult Court Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric

A key step to understanding the role of juvenile justice is to see how it differs from the systems used for adults. The juvenile and adult justice systems can vary between states. Having insight into your state’s protections will provide you with a strong foundation for the rest of the course material.

In your short paper, specifically address the following critical elements:

- Identify and explain the **juvenile protections** offered in your state: What juvenile protections are in place for your state? Summarize and describe the main details of your state’s juvenile protections.
- Identify and explain the **adult protections** offered in your state: What adult protections are in place for your state? Summarize and describe the main details of your state’s adult protections.
- **Compare and contrast** the protections offered for juveniles and adults in your state: How are juvenile protections different from adult protections in your state? What similarities do your state’s juvenile and adult protections share?

Guidelines for Submission: Your paper must be submitted as a 1–2 page Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and at least three sources cited in APA format.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Juvenile Protections	Meets “Proficient” criteria and supports response with real-world examples	Explains state-level juvenile protections using specific details	Explains state-level juvenile protections but lacks details	Does not explain state-level juvenile protections	30
Adult Protections	Meets “Proficient” criteria and supports response with real-world examples	Explains state-level adult protections using specific details	Explains state-level adult protections but lacks details	Does not explain state-level adult protections	30
Compare and Contrast	Meets “Proficient” criteria and supports response with real-world examples	Clearly outlines and explains the similarities and differences between juvenile and adult protections using specific details	Outlines and explains the similarities and differences between juvenile and adult protections, but lacks clarity and/or details	Does not outline and explain the similarities and differences between juvenile and adult protections	30
Articulation of Response	Submission is free of errors related to citation, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	Submission has no major errors related to citation, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citation, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citation, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10
Earned Total					100%