

Course Outcome Summary

Required Program Core Course

CRJ 160 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice

Course Information

Division Humanities/Social Sciences

Course NumberCRJ 160Contact Hours45Total Credits3

Prerequisites

RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests.

Course Description

This course looks to develop the ethical decision-making skills that are essential in the field of criminal justice. The course uses current, real-world examples offering comprehensive coverage of ethics across all three arms of the criminal justice system: the police, the courts, and corrections. It combines coverage of the philosophical principles and theories that are the foundation of ethical decision-making with the latest challenges and issues that are unique in criminal justice.

This course is a required core course for students pursuing an AAS in Criminal Justice.

Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below:

- A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and processes of the Criminal Justice System.
- B. Using critical thinking skills, develop and use problem solving skills in a variety of situations
- C. Explain both substantive and procedural criminal law, criminological concepts and the study of crime and victimology.
- D. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
- E. Discuss Constitutional protections applied to the criminal justice system.
- F. Promote professionalism through the use of ethics and diversity in course offerings.

Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Identify the basic ethical principle and the overall systems they apply to.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F
- 2. Evaluate and apply the principles of morality, ethics, law, and religion and differentiate each as it applies to the criminal justice system.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F
- 3. Identify and analyze the different ethical themes, arguments, and challenges present in modern law enforcement, the courts, and all forms of corrections.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F



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- 4. Demonstrate the ability to use problem solving skills and ethics to solve a variety of dilemmas encountered in the field of criminal justice.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F
- 5. Describe how discretion is at the core of most ethical dilemmas in criminal justice.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F
- 6. Explain how corruption occurs at all levels of the criminal justice system.
 - -Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F

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