

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Criminal Justice 150 Professional Responsibility in Criminal Justice
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Banks, Cyndi. *Criminal Justice Ethics*. 5th ed. Sage Publications
- D. Prerequisites: None

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the major components involved in the study of ethics, particularly as it applies to the field of criminal justice. Focus is placed on the code of conduct and ethics of the criminal justice profession and the standards held to in their professional role. The aim of the course is to produce professionals who are not only critical thinkers, but who have the skills necessary to pursue sound ethics in their day-to-day decisions and activities.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- A. Apply criminal justice code of ethics
- B. Compare and contrast ethical theories
- C. Demonstrate the resolution of ethical dilemmas
- D. Apply ethical decision making process in practical situations
- E. Examine the effects of workplace subculture on ethical behavior
- F. Describe the process of ethical development
- G. Examine ethics and ethical concerns in criminal justice
- H. Explain the relationships between practitioner's behavior and their ethical knowledge and decision making
- I. Identify the basic functions of ethics and institutional policies
- J. Describe how ethics function with other serial control systems
- K. Summarize the risk of maintaining integrity within the institutional organization
- L. Examine the impact of personal behavior in the profession
- M. Describe the ethical decision making process as it relates to the use of discretion

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. Philosophical origins
- B. Ethics for criminal justice professionals
- C. Ethics and terrorism
- D. Emerging ethical issues

V. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Writing assignments
- C. Discussions
- D. Quizzes and exams

VI. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Attendance and participation
- B. Assignments
- C. Quizzes and exams