

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Ethics in Criminal Justice

Course Abbreviation and Number: CRI 2550

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: Students will explore many of the ethical problems confronting legal system personnel, including police, lawyers, judges, and corrections personnel. Course materials will focus on ethical systems, the concepts of law and justice, and various real life ethical dilemmas.

Prerequisite: ENG 1510, CRI 1510.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Identify key terminology associated with ethics in criminal justice,
 2. Examine the major issues of ethical conduct facing the criminal justice system today and its affects on the public;
 3. Identify professional codes of ethics within police departments, courts, corrections and probation departments.
 4. Recognize the importance of ethical behavior in fostering a community of mutual respect and dignity.
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Topics Covered:

- Morality, Ethics and Human Behavior
 - Justice and the Law
 - Becoming a Ethical Professional
 - The Role of Police in Society
 - Police Discretion and Dilemmas
 - Law and Legal Professionals
 - Discretion and Dilemmas in the Legal Profession
 - Ethical Misconduct in the Courts and Responses
 - Discretion and Dilemmas in Corrections
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Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - Civility Statement (<http://www.sunyjjc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
 - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjjc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)
 - Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjjc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity>)
- Disability/Special Services
 - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
- Emergency Closing Procedures (<http://www.sunyjjc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert>)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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Effective Date: Fall 2025