

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. Differentiate between ethical theories and codes of ethics;
 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:

- Ethics, Crime and Justice
 - Utilitarian and Deontological Approaches to Criminal Justice Ethics
 - Peacemaking, Justice and Ethics
 - Learning Police Ethics and Case Study
 - Do Cops Really Need a Code of Ethics?
 - Police Lies and Perjury: A Motivation Based Taxonomy
 - The Ethics of Deceptive Interrogation
 - Ethical Decisions in Police Work
 - Ethics and the Courts
 - Pure Legal Advocates and Moral Agents
 - Why Prosecutors Misbehave
 - The Lawyer as a Liar
 - Criminal Sentencing: Honesty, Prediction, Discrimination and Ethics – Case Study
 - Child Abuse
 - Myth That Punishment Can Fit the Crime
 - A Life for a Life? Opinion and Debate – A Life for a Life Reply
 - Ethical Issues in Corrections
 - Keeping an Eye on the Keeper
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Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - Civility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
 - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)
 - Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjcc.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.sunyjcc.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: Spring 2020