Course Description

Examines ethical dilemmas pertaining to the criminal justice system, including those in policing, courts, and corrections. Focuses on some of the specific ethical choices that must be made by the criminal justice professional. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a better understanding of how moral and ethical decisions are a part of the everyday decision making of criminal justice professionals and how many of these perplexing decisions challenge one's personal integrity as well as organizational integrity.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- demonstrate a working knowledge of the nature of ethics
- state the ethical issues in criminal justice
- list proven approaches, methods and techniques for dealing with criminal justice ethical issues

Major Topics to be Included

- Introduction to ethics
- Nature of ethics
- Ethical issues in policing
- Learning policing ethics
- Ethics and the courts
- Ethical issues in sentencing
- Ethical issues in corrections
- Ethical issues in probation and parole
- Ethics and crime control policy
- Personal, interpersonal and organizational integrity
- Ethics and the future

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor.