

Virginia Western Community College

ADJ 133

Ethics and the Criminal Justice Professional

Prerequisites

None

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.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Canvas

Textbook:

Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice, 10th edition, Cengage, 2018. Authors: Joycelyn Pollock. ISBN: 978-133-755-8495.

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

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

- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the nature of ethics.
- Describe and provide an in-depth analysis of ethical issues within the criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate the ability to use ethical systems to deal with ethical and moral dilemmas within the criminal justice system.

Topical Description

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| 1 | Morality, Ethics, and Human Behavior |
| 2 | Determining Moral Behavior |
| 3 | Justice and Law |
| 4 | Becoming an Ethical Professional |
| 5 | Police Discretion and Dilemmas |
| 6 | Police Corruption and Responses |
| 7 | Discretion and Dilemmas in the Legal Profession |
| 8 | Ethical Misconduct in the Courts and Responses |
| 9 | Misconduct in Courts and Responses |
| 10 | Ethics of Punishment and Corrections |
| 11 | Correctional Professionals: Misconduct and Responses |

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