CRIJ4312 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS (ONLINE)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
CRIJ4312 (WI). This course presents an analysis of contemporary ethical issues in crime and justice. Classical and contemporary ethical theories will be applied to the discussion of such issues as discretion, corruption, use of force, racism, deception, professionalism, and the nature and meaning of justice.

*This is a writing instructive class, which means 60% or more of your grade is based on written assignments.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
The goal of the course is to help students become familiar with some fundamental philosophies of morality and apply them to justice related issues. By the end of this course students should be able to demonstrate they understand ethics and can critically examine ethical issues in criminal justice. The objectives of the course are to,
1. Demonstrate writing skills appropriate to the discipline of criminal justice.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in use of technology appropriate to the discipline of criminal justice.
3. Demonstrate understanding and value of criminal justice ethics.
4. Demonstrate understanding of the nature of justice.
5. Demonstrate understanding of basic ethical theories and their application to criminal justice practice.
6. Identify ethical issues commonly occurring during criminal justice operations.
7. Demonstrate ability to apply knowledge and reasoning to resolving common ethical dilemmas encountered in criminal justice practice.
8. Demonstrate multicultural awareness and respect for cultural diversity.
9. Demonstrate understanding of key concepts of criminal justice.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS
This course is 100% online. Students must be familiar with Canvas in order to navigate the course materials, assignments, and assessments. You can learn to use Canvas by reviewing the student study guide at https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701. A student’s final grade in this course is based on how well they perform on chapter quizzes, written assignments, and exams.

MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS & EXAMINATIONS
Chapter Quizzes (30%). The purpose of chapter review quizzes is to ensure reading and understanding of the material. Students receive limited feedback with their score, for more detailed feedback students must contact the instructor.

Application Exercises (50%). Application exercises help tie ethics to real world issues and asks students to work through dilemmas by applying various moral philosophies. Each exercise has different requirements, but all help you complete final service paper.

Service Paper (20%). This course has a service project component. Students are required to complete 15 hours of volunteer service and reflect on the experience. The service paper requirements are listed in the Service Paper assignment link. Application exercises are also related to the service paper.

LECTURE TOPICS

Fundamentals of Ethics: Part One, The Good Life
Chapter 1 Hedonism: Its Powerful Appeal
Chapter 2 Is Happiness All that Matters?
Chapter 3 Getting What You Want
Chapter 4 Problems for the Desire Theory

Fundamentals of Ethics: Part Two, Normative Ethics: Doing the Right Thing
Chapter 5 Morality and Religion
Chapter 6 Natural Law
Chapter 7 Psychological Egoism
Chapter 8 Ethical Egoism
Chapter 9 Consequentialism: Its Nature and Attractions
Chapter 10 Consequentialism: Its Difficulties
Chapter 11 The Kantian Perspective: Fairness and Justice
Chapter 12 The Kantian Perspective: Autonomy and Respect
Chapter 13 The Social Contract Tradition: The Theory and Its Attractions
Chapter 14 The Social Contract Tradition: Problems and Prospects
Chapter 15 Ethical Pluralism and Absolute Moral Rules
Chapter 16 Ethical Pluralism: Prima Facie Duties and Ethical Particularism
Chapter 17 Virtue Ethics
Chapter 18 Feminist Ethics

Fundamentals of Ethics: Part Three, Metaethics: The Status of Morality
Chapter 19 Ethical Relativism
Chapter 20 Moral Nihilism
Chapter 21 Eleven Arguments Against Moral Objectivity