



HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Course Name: Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice

Course Number: CJS* E255

Credits: 3

Catalog description: *The course involves an identification and analysis of the diverse ethical issues and value conflicts encountered by law enforcement, court, and correctional personnel. Emphasis is placed on the function of personal and professional systems, the myriad factors that influence decision making by criminal justice professionals, and the societal, organizational, and legal consequences of unethical behavior.*

Work expectation:

3 hours of lecture or seminar each week

6 hours of student preparation time (e.g. studying, homework, etc.) each week

0 hours of laboratory work (supervised and/or independent) each week*

0 hours of supervised and/or independent practice (e.g. clinical rounds, visual or performing art studio, student teaching, field work, etc.) each week*

0 hours of independent study per week*

0 hours of internship or apprenticeship per week*

9 total number of hours/3 = 3 credit hours awarded

Explanation of any items above with asterisk (*):

Prerequisite: CJS* E101

Corequisite, or Parallel:

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):

None

Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:

None



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Embedded Competency(ies):

None

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):

None

Course objectives:

General Education Goals and Outcomes:

None

Course Specific Objectives:

1. *understand terms and concepts involved in professional ethics in the criminal justice field;*
2. *distinguish between unethical behavior and criminal conduct;*
3. *understand the methods used in criminal justice to teach and enforce ethical behavior among criminal justice professionals;*
4. *understand the issues of criminal system ethics in other major societies and cultures;*
5. *understand and develop critical thinking skills to assist them in the resolution of ethical criminal justice scenarios.*

Course Content:

- I. *Introduction/Utilitarian and Deontological approaches to Criminal Justice Ethics*
- II. *Ethical Issues in Policing*
- III. *Ethics and the Courts*
- IV. *Ethical Issues in Correction*
- V. *Ethics in Crime Control Policy and Research*
- VI. *Ethics and the Future Ramifications for Criminal Justice Professions*

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