



Course Name: Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice

Course Number: CJS* E294

Credits: 3

Catalog description:

A series of seminars covering topics of current interest in the criminal justice field. The criminal justice field changes very rapidly and this course will focus on areas of change such as ethics, use of force, Supreme court decisions which effect criminal justice, prison issues, the drug problem and other issues which impact on the criminal justice System.

Prerequisite: CJS*E101 – Introduction to Criminal Justice, or permission of the Instructor.

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

Embedded Competency(ies):

None

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):

None

Course objectives:

General Education Goals and Outcomes:

None



Course Specific Objectives:

1. Develop knowledge of law enforcement, courts and correctional components of the criminal justice system, including knowledge of how these components interact.
2. Develop knowledge of specific career area.
3. Develop knowledge of law as it impacts on the criminal justice system.
4. Develop knowledge of psychological/sociological impacts on the criminal justice system
5. Develop knowledge of the historical/political impacts on the criminal justice system.
6. Develop knowledge of special ethical issues in the criminal justice professions.

Course Content:

Because this is a contemporary issues course, the information covered may vary slightly semester to semester. The following is a list of possible topics for discussion:

- Ethics
- Use of Force
- Supreme Court Decisions
- Current Cases of Interest
- Victims
- Domestic Violence
- Prison Overcrowding
- Alternative Incarceration Programs
- Terrorism
- Technological Crime
- Death Penalty
- Serial Killers
- Drugs
- Juvenile Violence
- Gangs

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