

Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

CJ 4365-02 Ethics and Professionalism

Fall 2017

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Class Hours: Thursday - 6:00 p.m.- 8:50 p.m.

CJC – Room C110

Course Text:

Sam S. Souryal “Ethics in Criminal Justice” 6th Edition Anderson Publishing

Course Description:

This course is designed to help you get an understanding of theories and principles relative to professional ethics in Criminal Justice. Students will acquire a conceptual understanding of what ethics and morality mean, and how these concepts are extremely relative in the field.

Course Goals and Objectives:

The student will learn about a variety of terms and the complexity of ethical dilemmas associated with these Criminal Justice. Students will become better informed as practitioners when dealing with the vast array of unique circumstances encountered within their field. Some of the objectives for this course include the following:

1. Understand fundamental theories of Ethics relative to the field of criminal justice.
2. Understand various types of ethical dilemmas and their characteristics;
3. Learn response strategies associated with value conflicts;
4. Analyze and critique decisions when faced with a dilemma in the field;
5. Understand administrative issues and considerations for members of the supervisory component in Criminal Justice.

Attendance Policy:

Class attendance requirements will be followed in accordance with Academic Policy Statement 800401.

It is expected that students attend class and be prepared to discuss the scheduled topics. In accordance with University guidelines, attendance will be taken at every class session. Absences will be excused at discretion of the instructor.

Grading Policy and Course Requirements:

Your final grade will be based on a point system. Letter grade will be assigned to the appropriate percentage:

Exam 1 30%

Mid-term 30% A = 90-100 D = 60-69

Final 30% B = 80-89 F = < 60

C = 70-79

Attendance / Class participation – 10%

Test may consist of multiple choice, true/false and essay questions. The test will cover information covered in class as well as material for the assigned readings in the textbook.

Make-up Exams:

Make-up exams will be administered only for students who experience circumstances that reasonably prevent them from attending class to take regularly scheduled examinations. Students should notify the professor of absence in advance when possible.

Class Participation:

Class participation is essential to the learning process and facilitates class discussions.

Although attendance in class is important, it is also necessary to be an active participant in learning. The instructor may place students into groups and facilitate discussions on a variety of topic areas that relate to subject being reviewed. Students are expected to contribute. It is expected that students conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful and civil towards others without exception.

Visitors in the Classroom:

Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class.

Cellular Phones and Pagers:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-curriculum.html>

Both cellular phones and pagers must be turned OFF during class. If your job requires you to be on-call during class time, please see instructor for approval. Engaging in voice communication using a cell phone or similar communication device during class is prohibited. Leaving the classroom to receive phone call is prohibited, except with prior approval and for urgent communications. Device sound alerts should be turned off during class. Engaging in text communication during class is discouraged, although non-disruptive occasional mute is permitted. Persistent or extended texting is prohibited. Per University policy, communication using any electronic device during and in-class examination is prohibited.

Academic Honesty:**Disability Student Policy:****Services for Disabled Students:****STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAY POLICY:**

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

Schedule

August 24 - Intro to the course / Review syllabus

August 31 - Chapter 1 - Definitions

September 7 – Chapter 2 – Sources / Theories

September 14 – Chapter 3 - Themes and Concepts

September²¹ – Chapter 4 – Meeting the Masters / Review for Exam 1

September 28 – Exam 1

October⁵ - Chapter 6 – Lying and Deception

October¹² – Chapter 7 – Racism

October¹⁹ – Chapter 12 – Ethics and Corrections

October 26 – Chapter 8 - Egoism / Midterm exam

November 2 - Chapter 9 – Loyalty and Institutional Culture.

November 9 – Chapter 10 - Ethics and the Police

November 16 – Chapter 11 – Ethics and Community Supervision

November 23 – Holiday

November 30 - Summary of course / Review for final / Chapters 14 – 15 Civility and the Future.

December 7 – Final Exam 830 - 1030pm