



Course Description

CCJ2053 | Criminal Justice Ethics and Professionalism | 3.00 Credits

This course will provide students with an overview of moral, ethical, and professional issues and dilemmas facing individuals and organizations within the criminal justice system. Students will learn to define and implement ethical and professional standards by examining what they will be confronted with and how to respond appropriately. Prerequisite: PHI2604.

Competency 1: The student will examine the ethical principles and values that guide decision-making in the criminal justice system by:

1. Examining ethical principles and values that guide decision-making in the criminal justice system by studying relevant case studies and real-world examples
2. Identifying and analyzing the historical evolution of ethical principles in the criminal justice system, tracing their impact on contemporary decision-making processes
3. Engaging in critical discussions and debates to evaluate the application of ethical principles in various criminal justice scenarios, fostering a deeper understanding of their significance
4. Conducting comparative analyses of ethical frameworks and decision-making models across different jurisdictions to gain a comprehensive perspective on guiding values in the criminal justice system

Competency 2: The student will analyze the impact of personal and professional ethics on the behavior of criminal justice professionals by:

1. Analyzing the impact of personal and professional ethics on the behavior of criminal justice professionals by conducting interviews with practitioners to understand their ethical decision-making processes
2. Examining case studies and scenarios to assess the influence of personal values and professional ethics on the conduct and decision-making of criminal justice professionals
3. Utilizing psychological and sociological theories to evaluate the interplay between personal ethical beliefs and professional conduct within the criminal justice context
4. Conducting surveys and research to gauge the perceptions of criminal justice professionals regarding the impact of ethics on their behavior and decision-making

Competency 3: The student will evaluate the role of discretion and accountability in maintaining professionalism within the criminal justice system by:

1. Evaluating the role of discretion and accountability in maintaining professionalism within the criminal justice system by analyzing disciplinary actions and accountability mechanisms in relevant professional codes of conduct
2. Engaging in role-playing exercises and simulations to assess the ethical implications of discretionary decisions made within the criminal justice system
3. Conducting comparative studies of accountability measures and professional standards across different branches of the criminal justice system to identify best practices
4. Participating in case analyses and discussions to critically evaluate real-world examples of discretion and accountability affecting professionalism in the criminal justice field

Competency 4: The student will explore the relationship between ethical dilemmas and the application of justice in diverse and complex societal contexts by:

1. Exploring the relationship between ethical dilemmas and the application of justice in diverse and complex societal contexts by examining historical and contemporary ethical challenges in the criminal justice system

2. Engaging in cross-cultural and cross-jurisdictional analyses to understand how ethical dilemmas manifest in different societal contexts and impact the application of justice
3. Conducting field research and interviews to gather firsthand accounts of ethical dilemmas and their implications for justice in diverse societal contexts
4. Collaborating with peers to analyze and present case studies illustrating the nuanced relationship between ethical dilemmas and the application of justice in complex societal contexts

Competency 5: The student will develop strategies for promoting ethical behavior and professional conduct within the criminal justice field by:

1. Developing strategies for promoting ethical behavior and professional conduct within the criminal justice field by conducting a comprehensive review of existing ethical guidelines and professional standards
2. Collaborating with industry professionals and experts to identify and assess current challenges in promoting ethical behavior and professional conduct within the criminal justice system
3. Designing and implementing training workshops and educational programs aimed at cultivating ethical decision-making and professional conduct among future criminal justice professionals
4. Formulating and presenting a comprehensive action plan for promoting ethical behavior and professional conduct within the criminal justice field, incorporating feedback from relevant stakeholders and experts

Learning Outcomes:

- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society