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Professionalism and Ethics in Criminal Justice
CJ 465
Spring 2008
(Monday 6-9pm)

This course involves the study of theories and practices in areas of legality, morality, values and ethics as they pertain to criminal justice.

Objectives:

1. Acquaint the student with the basic principles of ethical theories and codes of ethics;
2. Examine the major issues of ethical conduct in the current criminal justice system;
3. Examine cultural barriers to ethical decision-making and the importance of ethical leadership;
4. Understand the significance of discretion in the criminal justice system and how ethics and morals assist in the use of discretion.

Textbook: *Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice* (Pollock 2007)

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Outline of Topics:

Week 1:	January 28, 2008	Introduction / Semester Overview
Week 2:	February 4, 2008	Moral and Ethical Theories Chapters 1 & 2
Week 3:	February 11, 2008	The Ethical Decision Process Chapter 3
Week 4:	February 18, 2008	What is Justice? The Application of Law Chapters 4 & 5

Week 5:	February 25, 2008	EXAM ONE Class Group Presentation Discussion
Week 6:	March 3, 2008	Law Enforcement Ethics Chapters 6 & 7
Week 7:	March 10, 2008	SPRING BREAK
Week 8:	March 17, 2008	Ethics in the Real World of Law Enforcement Chapters 8 & 9
Week 9:	March 24, 2008	Prosecutors, Defense Lawyers, & Judges, OH MY! Chapters 10 & 11
Week 10:	March 31, 2008	Ethics in the Courtroom Chapters 11 & 12
Week 11:	April 7, 2008	Institutional Ethics Chapter 13
Week 12:	April 14, 2008	EXAM TWO
Week 13:	April 21, 2008	Class Group Presentations
Week 14:	April 28, 2008	Class Group Presentations
Week 15:	May 5, 2008	Final Analysis – Changing the World Comprehensive Review

FINAL EXAM: May 12, 2008

- **Weekly Class Assignment** –
You will be responsible for reading the sections of the text book listed for each class session above.
- **Grading Policy** –
20% - Exam One
20% - Exam Two
25% - Group Class Presentation
25% - Final Exam.
10% - Class attendance and Participation.

- **Make-up Exams –**
Make-up exams will be scheduled by appointment. Make-up exams will only be given for students who notify me in advance of anticipated absence on exam day or for students who provide documentation detailing the reason for absence by the beginning of the next class session.

- **Academic Honesty –**
This course will be conducted pursuant to the University rules regarding academic honesty which can be read at the following web address:
<http://www.shsu.edu/administrative/faculty/sectionb.html#dishonesty>

- **Disabled Student Policy –**
Students with a disability which affects their academic performance are expected to arrange for a conference with the instructor in order that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. Please refer to the following website for additional information:
<http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html>

- **Services for Disabled Students -** <http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html>

- **Attendance Policy –**
Attendance will be recorded pursuant to University policy. More than two absences will result in failure of the course. This rule applies to all absences, excused and unexcused. It is the responsibility of the student to sign the roll sheet. Failure to sign the roll sheet will be considered as an absence. Falsely signing the roll sheet will in automatic failure of the course.

- **Religious Holiday Policy -** see the following website:
<http://www.shsu.edu/catalog/scholasticrequirements.html#holyday>