

# CMRJ308

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## Course Summary

**Course :** CMRJ308 **Title :** Ethics in Criminal Justice

**Length of Course :** 8

**Prerequisites :** N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

## Description

**Course Description:** This course concentrates on the major functions, structures and processes that underline ethical issues within the American Criminal Justice System. This course will explore the structure and nature of the various types of ethical debates within the American judicial system. There will be an assessment of the ethics in criminal justice, as it explores the issues of morality, virtue, honesty, and making ethical decisions in the United States criminal justice system. Assessments of various issues will be examined as they relate to decision making and ethics.

### Course Scope:

This course will examine ethical issues that challenge the American criminal justice system. The class will explore and debate ethical scenarios with police agencies, the courts, and correctional practices. Persons working within the criminal justice field must be able to articulate and justify their actions in writing. This essential skill can only be mastered with practice and positive, constructive feedback. The course assignments are designed to help you with your writing skills as we examine the ethical issues associated with the American criminal justice system. With practice, you will be able to paint a picture with words.

## Objectives

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to

CO1: Describe ethics in the criminal justice system.

CO2: Explain the important role of accountability, supervision, and organizational culture in reducing unethical behavior.

CO3: Distinguish between ethical and unethical conduct.

CO4: Analyze the ethical challenges facing today's modern criminal justice system.

CO5: Compare and contrast the concepts of ethical decision making within the leadership and management structure of the criminal justice system.

CO6: Explain ethical decision-making process in the criminal justice system.

CO7: Outline strategies employed by leaders in criminal justice organizations to effectively prevent ethics violations.

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## Outline

### **Week 1: Defining Criminal Justice Ethics**

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#### Learning Objectives

Weekly content will address specific learning objectives for each course. Learning objectives covered each week are specified in the course site.

#### Readings

Weekly lesson and assigned readings are available in the course site.

### **Week 2: Ethical Leadership**

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### **Week 3: Understand the difference between Ethical Behavior and Unethical Behavior**

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### **Week 4: Professional Policing**

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#### Learning Objectives

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#### Readings

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### **Week 5: Ethical Decisionmaking and Problem Solving**

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## Readings

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## **Week 6: Leadership and Accountability**

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### Learning Objectives

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### Readings

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## **Week 7: Preventing Misconduct**

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### Learning Objectives

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### Readings

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## **Week 8: Prevention and Ethics Reform in Criminal Justice**

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### Readings

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## **Evaluation**

### Forums

Instructions and grading expectations for all forums will appear in the Forums section of the course site.

### Assignment(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all assignments will appear in the Assignments section of the course site.

### Exam(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all exams will appear in the Tests & Quizzes section of the course site.

## Grading:

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## Materials

**Book Title:** Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom in the Lessons section.

**Author:**

**Publication Info:**

**ISBN:** N/A

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## Course Guidelines

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