

Ethics in Criminal Justice
Spring Semester 2014
CRJU 4100/01
CRN#10175
Monday/Wednesday 8:00-9:15 a.m.
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Course Description:

Ethics involves the study of many different themes and issues, including concepts such as good, right, duty obligation, virtue, freedom, rationality, and choice, as well as the ways in which each of these notions informs the dilemmas we face, the choices we make and the actions we undertake. The themes that ethics explores underlie many circumstances we routinely confront as individuals, groups, organizations, communities, and cultures. The immediate aim of ethics is simply to encourage critical reflection on these concepts and concerns, recognizing their significance to and contemplating their value for people in various social contexts. Ultimately, if this aim is realized, ethics enables all citizens to adopt more informed beliefs, to make better decisions, to undertake healthier actions, to be better people and consequently, to live more rewarding and fulfilling lives.

Throughout the semester you will learn:

- a comprehensive overview of ethical concepts, principles, and theories and their relevance to crime, law and criminal justice
- an emphasis on reasoning and critical thinking skills
- an examination of practical issues and/or controversies relevant to careers in criminal justice, the “helping” professions, and justice studies

Required Text: Ethics, Crime and Criminal Justice, Second Edition.

Author: Christopher Williams and Bruce Arrigo

ISBN: 978-0-13-507154-0

Course Requirements:

It is in your best interest to attend class regularly and be ON TIME! If there is an emergency and you must miss class, you should make every effort to contact me in advance to make arrangements for missed material; late assignments will NOT be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made.

During the semester we will have a field trip, a quiz, mid-term, movie assignment and a final exam, all of which I will go over in more detail prior to their due dates.

Field Trip Assignment	10 points	Midterm	50 points	Movie Assignment	10 points
Quiz	30 points	Final Exam	100 points		

Course grades will be assigned according to the scale below:

90-100% = A 70-79% = C 59% or below = F
 80-89% = B 60-69% = D

Below is an outline of the semester, this is subject to be changed to better fit the objectives of this course or the needs of the students.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Topics Covered</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
Monday 1/13	1 st Day/Introductions	
Wednesday 1/15	Chapter 1	
Monday 1/20	NO CLASS! MLK Holiday	
Wednesday 1/22	Chapter 1 continued	
Monday 1/27	Chapter 2	
Wednesday 1/29	Chapter 2	
Monday 2/3	Chapter 3	
Wednesday 2/5	Chapter 3	
Monday 2/10	Chapter 4	
Wednesday 2/12	Chapter 4	Midterm Assigned
Monday 2/17	Work on Midterm	
Wednesday 2/19	Work on Midterm	
Monday 2/24	Chapter 5	Quiz Review
Wednesday 2/26	Quiz (Chapters 1-5)	
Monday 3/3	Chapter 6	
Wednesday 3/5	MT Presentations	Midterms Due
Monday 3/10	Field Trip (9:00 a.m.)	
Wednesday 3/12	MT Presentations (if needed)	
Monday 3/17	Chapter 7	Field Trip Assignment Due
Wednesday 3/19	Chapter 8	
Monday 3/24	Chapter 9	
Wednesday 3/26	Chapter 9	
Monday 3/31	NO CLASS! Spring Break!	
Wednesday 4/2	NO CLASS! Spring Break!	
Monday 4/7	Chapter 10 & Start Movie	Movie Assignment Given
Wednesday 4/9	Finish Movie	
Monday 4/14	Chapter 11	Movie Assignment Due
Wednesday 4/16	Chapter 11	
Monday 4/21	Chapter 12	
Wednesday 4/23	Chapter 12	
Monday 4/28	Review for Final	*All Extra Credit Due*
Wednesday 4/30	Review for Final	
Monday 5/5	Final Exam!	

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty, cheating, and plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated and will be dealt with severely. All students are expected to know what acts constitute academic misconduct and to adhere to KSU's Student Code of Conduct which can be found at:

http://www.kennesaw.edu/scai/code_of_conduct.shtml#ii

Disability Services:

If you have a disability which may influence your performance in this course, you must meet with representatives at disabled Student Support Services (Student Development Center) to arrange for reasonable accommodations to ensure equitable opportunity to meet all the requirements of this course. If you require accommodations please visit: www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss/dss.html for more information on how to register. You will be provided letters for faculty indicating your needs for the semester.

Policies:

Students should check their KSU email regularly, you are responsible for information that I send via email throughout the semester.

If class is canceled unexpectedly, notification will be on the classroom door.

You are responsible for familiarizing your self with the University's academic calendar. This calendar includes important dates for students regarding registering, dropping of classes and holiday breaks.

Cell phones must be silent during class and there is no text messaging permitted. If there is an emergency and you need to take a call, please quietly excuse yourself from class.

If you need to contact me, know that I will respond to all emails within 24 hours, with the exception of weekends and holidays. If you do not receive a response from me then I have not received your message. Please do not assume that just because you sent an email that I have received it and have granted any requests that may be included in said email.