

**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY and CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE 4100/03 – ETHICS in CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
**CRN #10212**  
**SYLLABUS – SPRING 2016**

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Class times: Tuesday/Thursday  
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm  
Room 2025 Social Sciences  
Office hours T/Th 1:00-3:00 pm

**TEXT:**

Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, Pollock, Wadsworth Publishing, Belmont, California, 2017, 2014. Required.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Understand basic ethical principles as they apply to criminal justice.
2. Examine specific ethical concerns in each component of the criminal justice system.
3. Explore techniques for establishing and maintaining ethical values and conduct among criminal justice practitioners.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Attend class regularly.
2. Read assigned material and come to class prepared.
3. Participate in class discussions and activities.

**GRADED ASSIGNMENTS:**

Ethical dilemmas – Throughout the semester, students will be assigned to small work groups. Each group will be given an ethical dilemma to consider for discussion in class. Members of each work group are encouraged to collaborate on developing responses to their respective ethical issue, but each student is responsible for preparing his or her own written response.

A numeric grade will be assigned for each written assignment plus the student's participation in discussion of the assigned topic. **You must be present in class and prepared to participate in order to receive a grade for each assignment. Thus, papers may not be submitted electronically or delivered to the instructor outside of class, nor will late submissions be accepted. This means you must come to class ready to submit your written work AND ready to intelligently discuss the assignment. Failure to do either will result in a grade of 0 for that particular assignment.**

You will have 5 assignments over the course of the semester; the 4 highest grades will count toward your final grade for the course. If all 5 assignments are completed, your lowest grade will be dropped.

All assignments will be posted on D2L on the dates indicated in the Course Schedule below. Papers must be typed, using standard margins and fonts. Most written assignments will be 1-3 pages in length, but no specific length is required. **Note: no handwritten corrections or additions to the paper will be read or considered.**

Each assignment is worth 20% of the final grade.

Final exam – A comprehensive final exam will be given on the date and time listed in the Course Schedule. Please note that this is the **ONLY** time the final will be given; there is no opportunity to make up or reschedule this exam.

The final will consist of a mix of multiple choice and short-answer/essay questions. Students may refer to their notes during the exam. This is worth 20% of the grade for the course.

No “extra credit” work will be assigned. Don’t even ask.

**USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Students are not permitted to use laptop or tablet computers, cell phones, or other electronic devices during class, except in the case of a documented disability requiring the use of such device. Any student discovered using an electronic device during class will be directed to secure it and will be counted as absent for that day’s class.

**RECORDING:** Students may not record (audio, video, still photography) the lectures or class discussions without prior permission from the instructor. Students do not have my consent to use recording devices in the classroom or in my office.

**GRADING:** The final grade will be assigned as a letter grade, based on the following scale:

A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

D = 60 – 69

F = 59 and below

A grade of Incomplete will be given only in rare circumstances, for good cause shown, such as a serious illness that precludes completion of the course. An Incomplete will not be given solely for failure to complete assignments on time. The instructor and the department chair shall have sole discretion in granting an Incomplete grade.

Grades, announcements, and schedule changes will be posted on D2L. Students are urged to check their D2L site regularly. All electronic communications with the instructor regarding course-related matters must be submitted through the D2L mail feature, **NOT** the standard KSU email system.

**ATTENDANCE:** Regular class attendance is directly related to academic success. Therefore, attendance in class should be a priority, and a mandatory attendance policy will be enforced. Each student will be allowed a maximum of three absences during the semester. These are at the student's discretion – no doctor's notes or other documentation is required. However, upon the fourth and subsequent absence, for any reason other than the exceptions described below, five points will be deducted from the student's final grade for each class missed.

Roll will be called at the start of each class. Students who arrive late are solely responsible for checking in with the instructor **IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASS**. Two late arrivals and/or early departures are the equivalent of one absence.

The only exceptions to this policy are for documented mandatory military service or a court subpoena or summons.

Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section III of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious or intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which may include an informal resolution by a faculty member resulting in a grade adjustment or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject the student to the minimum one-semester suspension required by the Code of Conduct.

Cheating or plagiarism in any form will result in a grade of F for the course. In addition, a report will be filed with the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.

**DISABILITY SERVICES:** If you have a disability (e.g., visual impairment, hearing impairment, physical impairment, communication disorder, and/or specific learning disability) which may influence your performance in this course, you must meet with representative at Student Disability Services (SDS) to arrange for reasonable accommodations to ensure an equitable opportunity to meet all the requirements of this course. If you require accommodations due to disability, please visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/studev/dsss/welcome.html> for more information on how to register with Student Disability Services. You will be provided faculty letters indicating your accommodation needs for the semester. Please present this letter to me as soon as possible to ensure your accommodation needs are discussed, agreed upon, and provided.

COURSE SCHEDULE  
(Tentative – Subject to Change)

January 12	Introduction/ review syllabus
January 14-19	Chapter 1
January 21-26	Chapter 2
January 28	Ethics exercise
February 2	<b>FIRST ASSIGNMENT</b>
February 4-9	Chapter 3
February 11-16	Chapter 4
February 18	<b>SECOND ASSIGNMENT</b>
February 23-25	Chapter 5
March 1-3	Chapter 6
March 8-10	Chapter 7
March 15	<b>THIRD ASSIGNMENT</b>
March 17-22	Chapter 8
March 24-29	Chapter 9
March 31	Chapter 10
April 2-9	<b>SPRING BREAK – YOU GOT NO CLASS</b>
April 12	<b>FOURTH ASSIGNMENT</b>
April 14	Chapter 11
April 19	Chapter 12
April 21	Chapter 13
April 26	Chapter 14
April 28	<b>FIFTH ASSIGNMENT</b>
May 3	<b>FINAL EXAM 3:30-5:30 pm</b>