

**CATALOG YEAR 2012-2013**COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: COASCourse: Add: X Delete:    (check all that apply) Change: Number     Title     SCH     Description     Prerequisite    **Response Required:** New course will be part of major     minor     as a required     or elective X course**Response Required:** New course will introduce    , reinforce X, or apply     concepts

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, **Measurable** Student Learning Outcomes, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

**CRIJ 4337 Ethics in Criminal Justice**  
**Three semester hours**

**Course Description:**

This course explores the fundamental concept of fairness throughout the criminal justice system. It examines situations, dilemmas, and problems encountered by persons in all criminal justice agencies/organizations. More specifically, it examines ethical issues in policing, the courts, and in correctional settings. Case scenarios are used to explain and analyze ethical dilemmas. Finally, the course looks at several ethical situations in criminal justice more in-depth, such as interrogation tactics, prosecutorial misconduct, and the death penalty.

**Justification:** Currently, courses in our program provide a cursory examination of ethics in criminal justice. This course will provide a broader view of ethical issues. It will allow students to examine various philosophical/theoretical perspectives of ethical decision-making. Also, it will allow students to examine the influence of ethics and/or morality in shaping the U.S. Constitution, legal decisions, and the actions of police, court personnel, and correctional officers. Further, it will allow students to explore the issue of discretion by justice personnel and how discretion can be used to make ethical decisions. Finally, it will allow students to contemplate the need for ethical decision making in the criminal justice system.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain, verbally and in a written exam, various ethical theories.
2. Describe, verbally and in a written exam, ethical issues in policing, such as deceptive interrogation tactics.
3. Describe, verbally and in a written exam, ethical issues in the courts, including situations of prosecutorial misconduct.
4. Examine, verbally and in a written exam, ethical issues in corrections and sentencing, such as solitary confinement and the death penalty.

5. Analyze ethical issues in crime control policies and research.

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