

**CRIJ-4354-Professionalism and Ethics in Criminal Justice Agencies
Spring 2021: First 8-Week Online Version
COURSE OUTLINE**

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Office Hours: As this is an online course, please email me.

Course Description

ASU Graduate Catalog Description

The study of theories and practices in areas of legality, morality, values, and ethics as they pertain to criminal justice. Included will be such topics as police corruption, brutality, and methods of dealing with such practices, as well as the concept of profession and professional conduct. This course is for Border Security or Criminal Justice majors and minors only.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Discuss various ethical issues facing professionals in criminology and criminal justice, particularly issues evident in the domains of policing, courts, corrections, crime control policy and criminological research.

Required Text/Other Course Materials

Required Text: Pollock, J. M. (2017). *Ethical dilemmas and decisions in criminal justice* (10th ed.). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

Supplemental Readings: Depending on relevant current events, outside readings may be assigned.

Grading Policy

A student's final grade will be based upon the point breakdown below. You may approach me at any point during the semester, and I will provide you with feedback on your progress in the class. However, you will be given feedback with all assignments when they are graded and returned to you. Therefore, please "keep track" of your points throughout the semester.

<u>Grading Criteria</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>
Online Quizzes (6 Total; 30 points each; 5 Best Scores Count)	150
TOTAL	150

Grade Breakdown: The final grades for the course will be assigned using the standard scale. Your total number of points will be averaged and letter grades assigned as follows:

- A= 90% or Above
- B= 80 to 89%
- C= 70 to 79%
- D= 60 to 69%
- F= 59% or Below

Grade Tracking: All of your grades will be posted on the class Blackboard website. Please check the "grades" page often to keep track of your current class grade. If you think an error in your grade has been made, let me know ASAP. Errors need to be brought to my attention **within two weeks of submitting the assignment or receiving any other type of grade.**

- 1. Online Quizzes:** We will have 6 quizzes. However, I will drop your lowest quiz score (i.e., your top 5 scores will count). Each quiz will be worth 30 points for a total of 150 points. These quizzes will be taken on Blackboard. They will be available from Monday (9:00 am) to Sunday midnight (12:00 am) each week on Blackboard. Once the quiz is opened and started, students will have two (2) hours to complete the quiz. The quiz will be locked after submission and after the two (2) hour time allotment runs out. Quizzes will consist of 15 multiple choice items and True/False questions (2 points each). Each quiz will be based on the modules posted on Blackboard. Read carefully when you solve quizzes.
*****Please note that there will be no make-up quizzes after they close on the class Blackboard website.*****

Other Relevant Information

Due Dates

- Quizzes will not be reopened after they close on the class website.

Class Blackboard Website

We will be completing quizzes on the Blackboard website itself. Finally, you will be able to easily keep up-to-date with your grades throughout the semester. Therefore, you will need to become familiar with Blackboard and how it works. Please contact the eLearning Center (elarning@angelo.edu, 325-486-6263) if you have any problems with your Blackboard page.

Academic Dishonesty

As with any college course, cheating with other students will not be tolerated. If you are unsure about the definitions of plagiarism and cheating, you can consult with me privately and refer to Angelo State University's *Community Policies*. If a student is found to have cheated on a quiz, he/she will receive a grade of "0" for that grade and further disciplinary action may be taken through the university.

A Note for Students with Disabilities

Any student who has a disability should notify the instructor at the beginning of the semester (or as soon as possible). Also, it is recommended that you contact Angelo State University's Office of Student Affairs— Houston Harte University Center, Suite 112. Information regarding disability services at ASU can be found at <https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/apply-for-disability-accommodations.php>

Class E-mail

As an enrolled student, each of you was provided with a university e-mail. This e-mail will be the main form of communication for this course. Please check your e-mail frequently to receive important class information. Also, please use your university e-mail to contact me for anything that you may need. I will make every effort to return your e-mails promptly. NOTE: Please put your name, CRIJ-4354 in the subject line of any e-mail that you send.

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This syllabus presents a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.

See next page for a tentative class schedule

Tentative Class Schedule

Please refer to the following pages for the tentative schedule for the class. The dates and material are subject to change, depending on class progress.

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| Module One | Ch 4. Becoming an Ethical Professional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample Test, No points assigned & No due date |
| Module Two | Ch 5. The Police Role in Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 02/07/2021 |
| Module Three | Ch 6. Police Discretion and Dilemmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 02/14/2021 |
| Module Four | Ch 8. Law and Legal Professionals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 02/21/2021 |
| Module Five | Ch 10. Ethical Misconduct in the Courts and Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 02/28/2021 |
| Module Six | Ch 11. The Ethics of Punishment and Corrections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 03/07/2021 |
| Module Seven | Ch 12. Discretion and Dilemmas in Corrections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 03/14/2021 |
| Module Eight | Ch 13. Correctional Professionals: Misconduct and Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Week (But we have no quiz or exam this week) |

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