

Course Objectives	Competencies
<p>The objectives of this course are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the student's ability to recognize ethical decisions and analyze ethical dilemmas. • Provide students with a basic understanding of the three major ethical schools of thought — virtue ethics, deontological ethics, and consequentialist ethics. • Discuss the strengths and limitations of each of the major ethical schools of thought and their application of everyday life. • Explore the fundamental relationship between ethics and the three component criminal justice system. • Examine the nature of discretionary decision making, and its connection to ethics. • Cultivate the student's understanding of the development of law in an ethical society. • Explore the various relationships between ethics and the practical knowledge and application of the law in each of the three components to the criminal justice system. <p>The teaching methodology is lecture, with application of relevant issues to current events and student participation via discussion and/or demonstration.</p>	<p>At the completion of this course students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize ethical decisions, and have a framework for analyzing ethical dilemmas • Have an understanding of the three major ethical schools of thought. • Apply the three major ethical schools of thought, with an understanding of the strengths and limitations of each. • Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental connection between ethics and each of the three components of the criminal justice system — police, courts, and corrections. • Understand the nature of discretionary decision making, its role in each component of the criminal justice system, and its connection to ethics. • Articulate the connection between ethics and the law. • Justify the need for strong ethical decision making abilities; as it relates to knowledge and application of the law at each level of the criminal justice system. <p>Students will demonstrate these competencies through class discussion, writing assignments, demonstrations and testing.</p>