

CJC11 Introduction to Criminal Justice

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites.

Corequisites: None

Course description: This course introduces the components and processes of the criminal justice system. This course will explore the criminal justice system's history, structure, functions, and philosophy and its relationship to life in our society.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to

1. Identify the three components of the American Criminal Justice System.
2. Discuss important historical developments related to the criminal justice system and its components.
3. Describe the often competing functions of the components of the American Criminal Justice system.
4. Discuss the ethnic, gender, and socioeconomic disparities in the American Criminal Justice system.
5. Identify the three primary theoretical frameworks guiding criminological thought.
6. Identify the political, legal, ethical, and socioeconomic environments criminal justice practices operate in.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. The Criminal Justice System
 - A. The components of the Criminal Justice System
 - i. Law Enforcement
 - ii. The Courts
 - iii. Corrections
 - B. American Criminal Justice System and Function
 - C. The Criminal Justice System Process
 - i. Due Process and Individual Rights
 - ii. The Role of the Courts
- II. Policing
 - A. Policing Purpose and Organization
 - i. Police Mission
 - ii. Enforcing the Law
 - iii. Arrests
 - iv. Crime Prevention
 - v. Providing Services
 - B. Policing Legal Aspects
 - i. Abuse of Power
 - ii. Individual Rights
 - iii. Due Process Requirements

