

Careers in Criminal Justice: Course Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The criminal justice system offers a wide range of career opportunities. In this course, students will explore different areas of the criminal justice system, including the trial process, the juvenile justice system, and the correctional system.

Unit 1: Overview of Criminal Justice

Learning Objectives:

- * Identify the history and goals of the criminal justice system.
- * Discuss how political, moral, and economic concerns lead to the development of laws.
- * Describe the history of corrections.
- * Describe the parts and functions of the criminal justice system.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Overview of Criminal Justice: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Overview of Criminal Justice: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Quiz – Overview of Criminal Justice	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 2: US Laws: Freedom versus Responsibility

Learning Objectives:

- * Identify constitutional law as it applies to the criminal justice system.**
- * Distinguish between state and federal laws.**
- * Differentiate between, and identify elements of, civil and criminal law.**
- * Discuss the impact of local ordinances.**
- * Describe criminal law procedures in Florida.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

US Laws: Freedom versus Responsibility: Unit Text Questions	Homework	10 points
US Laws: Freedom versus Responsibility: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 2 Quiz – US Laws: Freedom versus Responsibility	Quiz	15 points

Unit 3: Inside a Criminal Trial

Learning Objectives:

- * Describe the federal court system as it applies to the criminal justice system.**
- * Describe the Florida court system as it applies to the criminal justice system.**
- * Describe the pretrial, trial, and post-trial processes.**
- * Describe the roles and responsibilities of the people involved in the trial processes.**
- * Demonstrate courtroom demeanor and participate in a mock trial.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Inside a Criminal Trial: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Inside a Criminal Trial: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 3 Quiz – Inside a Criminal Trial	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 4: The Juvenile Justice System

Learning Objectives:

- * **Identify the programs and agencies within the juvenile justice system and describe their roles and responsibilities.**
- * **Identify law enforcement procedures related to juvenile delinquency.**
- * **Discuss Florida's juvenile court system, including procedures and alternative programs.**
- * **Discuss the juvenile corrections system, including alternative programs.**
- * **Analyze current trends in juvenile justice.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Juvenile Justice System: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
The Juvenile Justice System: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Quiz – The Juvenile Justice System	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 5: Jails, Prisons, and Community Corrections

Learning Objectives:

- * Differentiate between local, state, and federal correctional systems.
- * Compare and contrast different types of prison and community-based programs.
- * Identify major correctional operations procedures and programs.
- * Debate legal issues concerning the rights of inmates and the duties and responsibilities of correctional officers.
- * Analyze current trends in correctional reform.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Jails, Prisons, and Community Corrections: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Jails, Prisons, and Community Corrections: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Quiz – Jails, Prisons, and Community Corrections	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Careers in Criminal Justice Midterm Exam

Learning Objectives:

- * Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.**
- * Take a course exam based on material from the first five units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)**

ASSIGNMENT:

Careers in Criminal Justice Midterm Exam	Exam	50 points
Midterm Discussion Assignment	Discussion	5 points

Unit 6: Careers in Criminal Justice

Learning Objectives:

- * Identify and describe career opportunities in the criminal justice system.**
- * Identify the prerequisites for job entry into the criminal justice system.**
- * Identify the leadership opportunities, benefits, and awards available through participation in public service associations.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Careers in Criminal Justice: Unit Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Careers in Criminal Justice: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 6 Quiz – Careers in Criminal Justice	Quiz	15 points

Unit 7: Evaluating Justice Ethics

Learning Objectives:

- * Define ethics.**
- * Discuss ethics as it relates to the criminal justice system.**
- * Evaluate ethical issues in the criminal justice system.**
- * Apply standards of professionalism in the criminal justice system.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Evaluating Justice Ethics: Unit Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Evaluating Justice Ethics: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Quiz – Evaluating Justice Ethics	Quiz	15 points

Unit 8: People Skills in Criminal Justice

Learning Objectives:

- * Identify and apply strategies for working well with others.**
- * Identify personal stressors and evaluate methods for resolution.**
- * Identify and plan solutions for situations that require crisis management and conflict resolution.**
- * Identify the interpersonal skills, work habits, and ethics necessary for ongoing employment in an environment of human diversity.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

People Skills in Criminal Justice: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
People Skills in Criminal Justice: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Quiz – People Skills in Criminal Justice	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 9: People Skills in Criminal Justice

Learning Objectives:

- * Explain the purpose and demonstrate the use of communication codes and the phonetic alphabet.
- * Cultivate and document confidential informants.
- * Identify interviewing techniques used with witnesses and victims.
- * Identify the unique interpersonal skills required in communicating with inmates.

ASSIGNMENTS:

People Skills in Criminal Justice: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
People Skills in Criminal Justice: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 9 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 9 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 9 Quiz – People Skills in Criminal Justice	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points
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Unit 10: Finding Employment in Criminal Justice

Learning Objectives:

- * Identify sources of information for employment opportunities in the field of criminal justice.
- * Identify advanced career options and training opportunities in the criminal justice profession.
- * Conduct a job search and identify the training, experience, and other qualifications required for different positions.
- * Secure information about a particular job.
- * Complete a job resume.
- * Complete a job application.
- * Apply effective job interview techniques.
- * Describe how to make job changes appropriately.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Finding Employment in Criminal Justice: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Finding Employment in Criminal Justice: Online Criminal Justice Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 10 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 10 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 10 Quiz – Finding Employment in Criminal Justice	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Careers in Criminal Justice Final Exam

Learning Objectives:

- * Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.**
- * Take a course exam based on material from units six to ten in this course – the last five units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)**

ASSIGNMENT:

Careers in Criminal Justice Final Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
Class Reflection Discussion Assignment	<i>Discussion</i>	10 points