

CJC –232 Civil Liability

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites.

Corequisites: None

Course description. This course covers liability issues for the criminal justice professional. Topics include civil rights violations, tort liability, employment issues, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to explain civil trial procedures and discuss contemporary liability issues.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

1. Identify and explain civil trial procedures.
2. Analyze and discuss situations that may create potential liability for criminal justice employees and their agencies or organization.
3. Examine the consequences the federal government could impose on state agencies failing to comply with constitutional and civil rights.
4. Evaluate ethical situations and trends in risk management.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Civil Liability
 - A. An Overview of Civil Liability
 - B. Foundation for Liability
- II. Liability for Failure to Train
- III. Personnel Issues and Liability
- IV. Use of Force in Law Enforcement
- V. Operating Criminal Justice Agencies Under Consent Decree
- VI. Civil Liability State and Federal
 - A. Civil Liability Under State and Federal Tort Law
 - B. Civil Liability and Federal Law: Section 1983 Litigation
- VII. Defenses to Civil Litigation and Risk Management
- VIII. Administrative and Supervisory Liability

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:

The instructor will determine the textbook and other instructional material.