

# CJC-111 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 socio-economic 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 practitioners 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

- iv. Search and Seizure
- C. Policing Challenges
  - i. Police Culture
  - ii. Dangers of the Profession
  - iii. Corruption and Integrity
  - iv. Multiculturalism and Diversity

### III. The Courts

- A. History and Structure of the Court
  - a. State Court
  - b. Federal Court
    - i. U.S. District Courts
    - ii. U.S. Courts of Appeal
    - iii. The U.S Supreme Court
- B. Court Personnel
- C. The Criminal Trial

### IV. Corrections

- A. Probation
- B. Parole
- C. Reentry
- D. Prison
- E. Jail

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:**

The instructor will determine the textbook and other instructional material.