CJC 212
ETHICS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090 or DRE 098; or satisfactory score on placement test
Corequisites: None

This course covers ethical considerations and accepted standards applicable to criminal justice organizations and professionals. Topics include ethical systems; social change, values, and norms; cultural diversity; citizen involvement in criminal justice issues; and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to apply ethical considerations to the decision making process in identifiable criminal justice situations. Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

a. Discuss the relationship between law and morality.
b. Demonstrate the ability to compare and contrast different ethical systems.
c. Discuss the requirements of normal moral development.
d. Apply philosophical principles of justice.
e. Identify forms of ethical and unethical behavior in a law enforcement setting.
f. Identify standards of professional ethics.
g. Discuss the use of force and identify the ethical, legal and professional implications.
h. Discuss the ABA Standards for the Defense Function and the Prosecution Function.
i. Identify ethical dilemmas in judicial processing.
j. Discuss the ethics of punishment and corrections.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

I. Morality, ethics, and human behavior
   A. Defining moral behavior
   B. Morals and moral behavior

II. Developing moral behavior
   A. Ethical systems
   B. Psychological theories of moral development
   C. Teaching ethics
III. The principles of justice
   A. Components of justice
   B. Distributive justice
   C. Retributive justice

IV. Ethics and the law
   A. Formal ethics
   B. Graft and gratuities
   C. Duty
   D. Investigation and interrogation
   E. Training and police ethics

V. Ethics and the courts
   A. Perceptions of judicial processing
   B. Professional ethics
   C. Defense attorneys
   D. Prosecutors
   E. Judges

VI. The ethics of punishment and correction
   A. Rationales
   B. Ethical frameworks
   C. Punishments
   D. Correctional professionals

VII. Criminal justice ethics and the community
   A. Ethical obligations to the community
   B. Positive and negative relations with the community.
   C. Developing a positive relationship with the community.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:

To be announced by instructor.