Syllabus

Business/Philosophy/Administration of Justice 186: Business and Professional Ethics

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Spring, 2001 Hours: M 4:15-5:30; W 4:15-6:30

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Required Texts

Joel Henderson & David R. Simon, Crimes of the Criminal Justice System (Anderson, 1994), hereafter CCJS

Michael Brasswell et al (Eds.) Crime, Justice, & Ethics 3rd Ed (Anderson, 1999), hereafter CJE

David R. Simon & Frank Hagan, White-Collar Deviance (Allyn & Bacon, 1999), hereafter WCD


Description & Objectives

This course provides insights into both the causes of unethical behavior in business and the professions and into decision-making processes that are a vital part of professional life. Students will learn:

* Current philosophical conceptions and definitions of ethics
* A sociological paradigm for the analysis of unethical behavior
* The nature and scope of unethical behavior in business, political life, and in the criminal justice system
* Apply the concepts learned in business and professional contexts
* Appreciate the cultural diversity in global business, government, and criminal justice
* To critically examine their own ethical and ideological systems of thought.
Prerequisites

This is a general education course openly only to upper-division students. Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST) and completion of the Core GE courses are also required.

Suggested Readings
John Richardson, Ed, Annual Editions Business Ethics
David R. Simon, Elite Deviance 6th Ed (Allyn & Bacon, 1999)

Grading Criteria:
Research Project 33%
    Students will complete a research project in ideological content analysis related to course areas. Directions are attached.

Midterm & Final Examinations 33% each
    These will be based on textual readings and class meetings. Tests will be short answer and essay in nature.

Written Ethics Exercises --Extra Credit
    These are a series of four written homework assignments designed to examine and resolve ethical problems in specific situations.

Grading Scale

The grading scale for exams and papers is as follows:

96-100: A+
93-95: A
90-92: A-
86-89: B+
83-85: B
80-82: B-
75-79: C+
65-74: C
60-65: C-
56-59: D+
53-55: D
50-52: D-
Below 50: F

Tentative Course Outline

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Week 8 Modern Scandal
CJE, Ch. 7; SPSI, Ch. 4

Week 9 Police Deviance
CJE, Chs. 4 & 6

Week 10 Ethics & The Courts
CJE, Chs. 9 & 12

Week 11 Ethical Issues in Corrections
CJE, Chs. 14 & 15;
CCJS, Ch. 3

Week 12 Ethical Issues in Policy
CJE, CJE, Ch. 19 & 21; SPSI, CH. 6

Week 13 Ethical Issues In Research
SPSI, Ch. 5; CJE, Chs. 17 & 18

Week 14 Dealing With Ethical Crises
CJE, Ch. 21; SPSI, Ch. 6; WCD,
Chs. 7

Week 15 Ethics in the 21st Century
CJE, Ch. 22; WCD, Ch. 8; CCJS,
Ch. 7

Week 16 Final Examination