Syllabus

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

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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
Grading Criteria:

Research Project 25%  
Students will complete a research project in ideological content analysis related to course areas. Directions are attached.

Midterm & Final Examinations 25% each  
These will be based on textual readings and class meetings. Tests will be short answer and essay in nature.

Written Ethics Exercises 25%  
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-
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  :  Thurs., 23 May, 12:15-2:30 p.m.