

Syllabus

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

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Description & Objectives

This course provides insights in to 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
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- Week 11 Ethical Issues in Corrections CJE, Chs. 14 & 15;
CCJS, Ch. 3
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- Week 12 Ethical Issues in Policy CJE, CJE, Ch. 19 & 21; SPSI, CH. 6
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- Week 13 Ethical Issues In Research SPSI, Ch. 5; CJE, Chs. 17 & 18
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- Week 14 Dealing With Ethical Crises CJE, Ch. 21; SPSI, Ch. 6; WCD, Chs. 7
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- Week 15 Ethics in the 21st Century CJE, Ch. 22; WCD, Ch. 8; CCJS, Ch. 7
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- Week 16 Final Examination : Thurs., 23 May, 12:15-2:30PM.