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**Course Description:**
An examination of the moral issues and dilemmas facing criminal justice practitioners. An understanding and appreciation of the principles of justice will serve as a foundation for considering case studies involving ethical decision-making in various criminal justice agencies. Issues considered are discretionary decision-making, corruption, use of force, race and gender discrimination and capital punishment.

**Prerequisites (If any):** None

**Goals and Objectives:**
The objective of the course is to introduce the student to ethical decision making in the criminal justice system with a balanced coverage of all three segments - police, courts, and corrections. The focus will be on policy issues and a clear discussion of key topics in professional ethics. In this course the student will begin to think about the impact and the importance of ethical decision making on the criminal justice system and the public that is served.

**Course Topics:**
In this course we will examine the major ethical systems and the arguments leveled against each, Kohlberg’s theory of moral development, utilitarianism, Platos’ Apology, origins of justice, paradigms of law, the role of law enforcement in a democracy, noble-cause corruption, perceptions of judicial processing, the role that discretion and authority play in the criminal justice system, community corrections, and the human rights model of policing.

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