

SYLLABUS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 248/PHILOSOPHY 248

“APPLIED ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE”

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Criminal Justice/Philosophy 248 for this quarter will be primarily concerned with the search for an ethical foundation upon which the American system of Criminal Justice operates. During the course of this inquiry we will examine numerous societal issues which directly concern the criminal justice practitioner and the application of discretionary powers.

This course will also expose you to several analytic frameworks from which the American system of justice and the art of policing in particular, may be studied. Some of these views may not fit your current understanding of the way the system functions. However, it is critical that you at least understand and become familiar with conflicting and/or divergent perspectives regarding this subtlety...

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this course is to conduct an analysis of the criminal justice system and to stimulate your critical thinking concerning the hidden and visible dilemmas facing the police practitioner's occupational culture. Consideration of the moral quality of justice administration alters our perspective of that system which so heavily influences the overall health and well being of its practitioners and their clientele. Key points which will be addressed in this class are as follows:

1. Criminal Justice Ethics: A Survey of Philosophical Theories.
2. Individual Rights v. Social Utility: The Search for the Golden Zigzag between Conflicting Fundamental Values.
3. Ethical Issues in Policing: Deception by Police, Ethical Dilemmas, Learning Police Ethics.
4. The Paradox of Policing: The Moral Foundation of Policing, The Enforcement v. The Enforcement of Morality.

5. Crime Control v. Due Process: The Primary Stressors of the Policing Function.

6. The Development of a Personal "Bottom Line": Is Policing for You, Suggestions to Preserve Your Personal Value System.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

"Police Ethics": The Corruption of Noble Cause. Michael Caldero and John Crank, 3rd Edition, Lexis Nexus Publishing.

RECOMMENDED READING SCHEDULE:

The text contains many of the ethical issues, theories, and perspectives that will be discussed in class. I highly recommend you pay considerable attention to the contents of this work. Specifically, read the recommended text in its entirety by the third week of class. Out of class reading assignments will be assigned as the class progresses.

GRADES: Your final grade for this course will be developed in the following manner. Two "in class" examinations and one "take home exam" will be given in this class, each of which will account for a total of 100 points. The average of those exams will determine a total "exam score". In addition, a project paper (called "**MY Ethical Bottom Line**") will be required which will be scored differently (**see below**). The format and content of this paper will be discussed in great detail in the classroom and online, as class progresses.

EXAM SCHEDULE **SPECIAL NOTE****

The first exam for this class will take place on **Thursday, May 6th**, the second exam will take place **Thursday, June 3rd**. These exams are short answer, you will NOT need a blue book nor a scantron form. The third exam will be a **take home final**, additional and very detailed instructions will be given in class and posted on the vista/blackboard bulletin board for this exam. The take home final will be turned in, (hard copy form) during classtime on **Tuesday, June 15th**

ADDITIONAL NOTES

* It is very important that you carefully note the instructions given during the first introductory hours of this class. If, for some reason you have missed that particular period contact a member of the class for a copy of the notes or see me in my office. (D-100-C)

* DO NOT miss the first few days of class, they set the perspective and procedures for the rest of the class and are essential for the development of your paper. (SEE SPECIAL COMMENT)

Do Not leave the room during the first week of class with questions concerning how this class will be conducted on your mind, "know what you are getting into".

SPECIAL COMMENT

At the beginning of this class an undercover police scenario is conducted. During this presentation language is used which may be considered obscene or otherwise offensive to some. If you believe the use of such language will be personally offensive you may NOT wish to be present. PARTICIPATION IN THIS EXERCISE IS NOT MANDATORY, however, it is an important part of the overall classroom presentation. SEE ME PRIOR TO THE SECOND DAY OF CLASS IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS OR APPREHENSIONS CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS. IF YOUR PHONE RINGS OR IF IT IS ON YOUR DESK AT ANY TIME YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE ROOM FOR THAT PERIOD. COMPUTERS OF ANY TYPE ARE "ONLY" ALLOWED IF YOU ARE SITTING IN THE LAST ROW.

GRADING DETAILS

The “**Bottom Line**” paper will be in **hard copy** form it will be graded on its content, attention to grammar, spelling, and its structure. In addition, it will be typed, at least five (5) pages in length, and double spaced. It will also be stapled together **without** a cover. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BOTTOM LINE PAPER WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLASS WEBSITE. PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THEM AS THE FORMAT MUST BE FOLLOW PRECISELY.**

Your “Bottom Line” paper generates a score which can either take your cumulative test average up five (5) points or down fifteen (15) points. That's right, if you fail to do the paper, or, if you do an unsatisfactory job, as much as fifteen (15) points will be deducted from your cumulative score after all three exams are added up and the total divided by three. On the other hand, if you do a good job as much as five points could be **added to** your cumulative score. The details of how this paper is to be constructed and the subject matter will be posted on the class website and discussed extensively in class, please pay careful attention to these instructions. The due date for the BOTTOM LINE paper will be **TUESDAY, JUNE 1st**, and it **must be turned in (hard copy) during class time on that date.**

EXTRA CREDIT OPTIONS:

; this means that after your exams are averaged these points are added to your score. You can readily see how valuable these points can be to your final grade.

ASSIGNMENTS: *VERY IMPORTANT*****

There will be three (3) assignments in this class, all three of which **MUST BE COMPLETED**. Each assignment will consist of a five page paper, typed, double spaced. These assignments must be completed in a timely manner, **see the icon for "assignments" for exact posting times**. You will NOT be graded for these assignments, however, **IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE (this means submitted on the proper site in Vista/Blackboard on or before the due date) ALL THREE OF THEM FIFTEEN (15) POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR CUMULATIVE GRADE SCORE**. These assignments are not difficult but require you to pay careful attention to small details, please do not take them lightly. The topic of these assignments, their due dates, and other specific information, is posted on the class website. **THESE ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED UNDER THE PROPER ICON IN CLASS WEBSITE AND ON OR BEFORE THE INDICATED TIMELINES, LATE PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**. Please note that if you submit a paper that is not acceptable it will be returned to you for re-submittal. You have one week to do the re-write and submit it (in hard copy form) to your instructor.

If you want more information regarding any aspect of this class please **LET ME KNOW DURING CLASS OR** see me after class.

SPECIAL NOTE: REMEMBER, THERE ARE EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THIS CLASS WHICH ARE ONLY DISCUSSED OR ASSIGNED IN CLASS OR ON WEBSITE BULLETIN BOARD, CHECK THE WEBSITE REGULARLY AND DON'T MISS A CLASS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS GRADING PROCEDURE PLEASE CONTACT ME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

Critical Thinking:

The ability to think and write critically are essential skills in many walks of life. Critical thinking skills are developed and refined through practice, self-reflection, and the critique and support of peers and instructors. Throughout this course you will have many opportunities to exercise your analytical thinking, synthesize information, and apply knowledge to real-life situations.

Communicating - It is your responsibility to communicate to me any emergency and/or other situations in a timely manner prohibiting you from completing a task) exam or term paper (there are no excuses for the class projects). Communicating to me your emergency is important for you to receive any extension on any exam or the term paper.

Groupwork: It is highly recommended that you study in groups on all exercises, assignments, and exams. This course is specifically designed for peer collaboration and you will find that cooperative learning groups are essential to a successful learning experience not only for this course but in all your college and professional learning endeavors.

PLAGERISM:

The BC Student Code is also very clear about the seriousness of cheating and the actions that faculty members are required to take in cases of plagiarizing: The BC Student Code prohibits cheating, stealing, plagiarizing, knowingly furnishing false information to the college, or submitting to a faculty member any work product that the student fraudulently represents as his or her own work for the purpose of fulfilling or partially fulfilling any assignment or task required as part of a program of instruction. All forms of cheating, stealing, and plagiarizing will be reported to the Dean of Instruction.

Guide to Documentation, APA Style

Bellevue College writing lab website address: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/writinglab/APA.html>

The Academic Tutoring Center offers one-on-one and group tutoring sessions for college credit courses.

Location: D204

Phone: (425) 564-2468

Students and community members can find career planning and job search assistance in the Career Center. The Center provides one-on-one career advising, classes and workshops, work-study and internship opportunities, and many computerized resources.

Location: B231

Phone: (425) 564-2018

Academic, career, and personal counseling services and credit classes are available to all enrolled BCC students.

Location: B234

Phone: (425) 564-2212

DRC provides advocacy and classroom accommodations, including specialized materials, technology and equipment for eligible students with disabilities.

Location: B132

Phone: (425) 564-2498 or 564-4110 (TTY line)

Learning & Computer Labs

Library Media Center

In addition to traditional library resources, the LMC provides access to electronic periodicals, research assistance, books and publications, computers with Internet connections, material reservation, media lab, study rooms and other helpful resources.

Location: D124

Phone: (425) 564-225

Multi-Cultural Student Services (B233)

MCS provides culturally-sensitive academic and support services to BCC students. MCS services include outreach, advising, counseling, cultural events planning, and curriculum and policy development.

Location: B233

Phone: (425) 564-2208

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION

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Cheating, Stealing and Plagiarizing*

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of “HW” (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with Disability Resource Centre, and review those needs with the instructor as well.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

*If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (D110), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.