JEFFERSON COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

CRJ110

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

3 Credit Hours

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CRJ110 Introduction to Criminal Justice

I. CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION

A. Prerequisite: reading proficiency

B. 3 semester hours credit

C. Introduction to Criminal Justice is the basic course that explores the historical development, present structure, function, and philosophy of criminal justice. This study includes ethical considerations, crime definitions by nature, and impact, as well as an overview of criminal justice as a system. The system components are the court system, prosecution and defense, trial process, and corrections. (F, S, Su)

II. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES/CORRESPONDING ASSESSMENT MEASURES

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<td>Explain the goals of the criminal justice system in preventing and controlling crime</td>
<td>Class assignments, Discussion, Online quizzes, Individual project</td>
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<td>Identify the necessary requirements for positions in the criminal justice profession, including: the structure, recruitment, and training of an organization</td>
<td>Online quizzes, Classroom discussions, Individual project</td>
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<td>Identify and explain the current process and trends in criminal justice in the 21st century, post-9/11</td>
<td>Online quizzes, Class assignments, Group projects (Round table exercises)</td>
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III. OUTLINE OF TOPICS

A. Nature of crime, law, and criminal justice
   1. Crime and criminal justice
   2. Nature of crime and victimization
   3. Criminal law and its substance and procedure
   4. Identify criminal justice in the new millennium; including terrorism, homeland security, and cyber-crime

B. Police and law enforcement
   1. History of police organizations in society
   2. Police role and function
   3. Recruitment and training
   4. Issues in policing; including professional, social, ethical, and legal issues
C. Courts and adjudication
   1. Courts, prosecution, and defense
   2. Pretrial procedures
   3. Criminal trial
   5. Punishment and sentencing phase of adjudication

D. Corrections and alternative sanctions
   1. Community sentences, probation, intermediate sanctions, and restorative justice
   2. Corrections, including its history, institutions, and populations
   3. Prison life

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

A. Lecture

B. Class discussion

C. Round table exercises

D. Guest speakers

V. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK


VI. REQUIRED MATERIALS

None

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES

None

VIII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

A. Class attendance/participation/round table exercises 10%

B. Individual project 20%

C. Chapter test 40%

D. Final 30%
IX.  ADA AA STATEMENT

Any student requiring special accommodations should inform the instructor and the Coordinator of Disability Support Services (Library; phone 636-481-3169).

X.  ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

All students are responsible for complying with campus policies as stated in the Student Handbook (see College website, http://www.jeffco.edu).

XI.  ATTENDANCE STATEMENT

Students earn their financial aid by regularly attending and actively participating in their coursework. If a student does not actively participate, he/she may have to return financial aid funds. Consult the College Catalog or a Student Financial Services representative for more details.