

RELIGION 332: ETHICS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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SOURCES:

The course will draw on many sources including: selected articles, essays, and videos on topics of moral concern in the criminal justice system. The canons of ethics of police, attorneys, the judiciary, and corrections will be studied. The course will be approached from the perspective of Christian moral theology and social justice.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

To examine critically certain moral problems in selected areas of the Criminal Justice System.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Ethics and Criminal Justice is an upper level course in Religious Studies. The purpose of this course is to equip each student to think morally and critically by the study and application of Christian theological principles.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will be expected:

1. To attend class and participate in class discussions and interaction.
2. To read reflectively the materials on each topic.
3. To provide the instructor with a written summary of each article as indicated. The summary should include ideas which were of particular interest to the student.
4. To make a short verbal presentation to the class on an area of criminal justice which is of particular interest to the student. The topic will be approached from the ethical/moral/theological perspective.
5. To complete a term paper on an issue of Ethics and Criminal Justice which is of particular interest to the student. It will be due on the last class.

Ethics and Criminal Justice

- A. Foundations
 - 1. The Criminal Justice System
 - 2. The Bill of Rights
 - 3. Codes of Ethics
 - 4. Liberal and Conservative Perspectives
- B. Understanding Humanity, Moral Development, and Moral Responsibility and Accountability
- C. The Police and Ethics
- D. Attorneys and Ethics
- E. The Judiciary and Ethics
- F. Prisons
 - 1. Corrections and Ethics
 - 2. Parole
 - 3. Foreign Prisons
- G. Youth and Crime
- H. Women and Crime
- I. The Issue of Capital Punishment
- J. Press

September	1	Introduction to the course
	3	Foundations in Criminal Justice
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	15	" " " "
	17	Article - Why Has American Society Become So violent?
	22	Examination - Foundations
	24	Video - To Defend A Killer
	29	Canon of Police Ethics; Case - Bill Brave
October	1	Video - Behind The Badge
	6	Articles - Sentencing, Race, and The Poor, Defending The Poor
	8	Video - Police Under Fire
	13	Article - Drug Treatment and The Poor; Case - The Illegals
	15	Video - The Media
	20	Articles - Sick Behind Bars Prisons As Nursing Homes
	22	Video - Crime In The Suites
	27	Judiciary Canons; Case - Witness For The Defense
	29	Video - Bad Judgments
November	3	Case - Judge Righteous; Case - The Jury
	5	Video - Lost Behind Bars
	10	Case - Prosecuting Attorney; Corrections Officer
	12	Video - Hard Times
	17	Articles - Punishing The Young; Juvenile Justice Case - Jason Jumble
	19	Video - Young Predators
	24	Video - Parole,
December	1	Article - Women and Criminal Justice; Case - Maggie Mullarkey
	3	Video - Hate Crimes
	8	Video - Domestic Violence
	10	Video - Capital Punishment