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**RE 332 Ethics and Criminal Justice
The Rev. Dr. Vincent O'Neill**

Chaminade University Mission Statement

Chaminade University offers its students an education in a collaborative learning environment that prepares them for life, work and service. Guided by its Catholic, Marianist and liberal arts educational traditions, Chaminade encourages the development of moral character and personal competencies, and the commitment to work toward a just and peaceful society. The University offers the civic and church communities of the Pacific region its academic and intellectual resources in the pursuit of common aims.

This course confronts the many ethical issues in the criminal justice system by the incorporation of the following disciplines:

- 1. Law – Justice, injustice, the legal system**
- 2. Philosophy – Moral philosophy, critical thinking**
- 3. Psychology – Moral development, abnormal psychology, group psychology, mental health**
- 4. Theology – Moral theology, understanding human nature**
- 5. Education – Moral education**
- 6. Sociology – Demographics, cultures, sub-cultures**
- 7. Economics – Crime and economic status**
- 8. Criminology – Theories of crime**

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Ethics and Criminal Justice is a writing intensive course. As each student will be required to respond to:

- 1. Ten articles as noted in the syllabus.**
- 2. Prepare eight case studies for group participation.**
- 3. Review and summarize the ethical issues in twelve selected videos.**

Each student will make two copies of the thirty noted responses. The ten articles and eight case studies are due on the day of class; the twelve video responses are due one week after the video is presented. All responses are to focus primarily on the ethical issues in the article, case, or video.

Term Paper

Each student will be required to research and complete a term paper on an ethical issue in the criminal justice system, which is of interest to the student and with the instructor's approval. The term paper is due on the last day of class.

RE 332 Grading System

The grading system is as follows:

- 1. Term Paper - 40%**
- 2. Attendance – 10%**
- 3. Article Responses – 10%**
- 4. Case Study Responses – 10%**
- 5. Video Responses – 10%**
- 6. Two Take-Home Exams – 20%**

Please note: If written responses are not received when due, the instructor reserves the right not to credit the paper. All responses papers are to focus primarily on the ethical issues or dilemmas in the articles, case studies, and videos. Proper grammar and syntax are expected in all written work.

Office Hours

**Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.
At other times by appointment**

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- Aug. 28 Introduction to the course
 Syllabus and course outline
 Definition of Ethics In the Criminal Justice System
 Grading system
 Instructor's expectations; students expectations
- Aug. 30 Open Forum
 Terminology in the Criminal Justice System
- Sept. 4 Open Forum
 Bill of Rights
 Miranda Warnings; adult and juvenile
 Criminal Justice Canons
 Society and Moral Values
 Liberal and Conservative Perspectives
- Sept. 6 Open Forum
 Understanding Human Nature - Genesis 1-11
 Human Moral Development
- Sept. 11 Exam #1 - Foundation Material
- Sept. 13 Open Forum
 Police Canons
 Video - "Police Under Fire"
- Sept. 18 Open Forum
 Ethical Issues in Policing
 Case - "Bill Brave"
- Sept. 20 Open Forum
 Video - "Behind The Badge"
- Sept. 25 Open Forum
 Article - "Defending The Poor"
 Attorney's Canons
 Case - "Witness For The Defense"
- Sept. 27 Open Forum
 Video - "I Confess"

- Oct. 2 Open Forum
Article - "Sentencing, Race, And The Poor"
Case - "The Jury"
- Oct. 4 Open Forum
Video - "Media And The Criminal Justice System"
- Oct. 9 Open Forum
Article - "Criminalizing The Mentally Ill"
Case - "Prosecuting Attorney"
- Oct. 11 Open Forum
Judiciary Canons
Video - "Bad Judgments"
- Oct. 16 Open Forum
Federal Drug Trafficking Penalties
Article - "Drug Treatment And The Poor"
Video - "Crime In The Suites"
- Oct. 18 Open Forum
Video - "Lost Behind Bars"
- Oct. 23 Articles - "Sick Behind Bars"
 "Prisons As Nursing Homes"
Case - "Parole Officer"
- Oct. 25 Open Forum
Corrections Canons
Video - "Hard Times"
- Oct. 30 Open Forum
Article - "Women and Criminal Justice"
Case - "Maggie Mullarkey"
Term paper topic due
- Nov. 1 Open Forum
Video - "The Criminally Insane"
Exam #2
- Nov. 6 Open Forum
Article - "Punishing The Young"
Case - "Jason Jumble"

- Nov. 8 Open Forum
Video - "Young Predators"
- Nov. 13 Open Forum
Article - "Juvenile Justice And The Double Standard"
Case - "Corrections Officer"
- Nov. 15 Open Forum
Video - "Women in Prison"
- Nov. 20 Open Forum
Articles - "Workplace Violence"
 "Domestic Violence"
Video - "Restoring Justice"
- Nov. 27 Open Forum
Multiples articles on the death penalty
Video - "To Defend A Killer"
- Nov. 29 Open Forum
Video - "DNA - A Case Of Innocence - Part 1 "
- Dec. 4 Open Forum
Video - "DNA - A Case Of Innocence - Part 2"
- Dec. 6 Open Forum
Video - "Louisiana: A Real Dead Man Walking"
Term paper due