

CJ 332: Ethics in Criminal Justice

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COURSE PREREQUISITES: CJ 291 – Juvenile Justice Systems.

COURSE/CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Examines legal and religious perspectives on ethical issues within the context of an ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue in the field of criminal justice, with particular attention paid to contemporary Catholic ethicists. The goals are to assist students in their study and understanding of the personal and social dimensions of these ethical perspectives within a diverse, multicultural society, and learn effective methods for dealing with relevant ethical issues in the field of criminology and criminal justice.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will have a demonstrable understanding of:

1. The meaning of morality and ethics and how they impact legal issues, criminology, and criminal justice.
2. The foundations of applied ethics in criminal justice and develop and apply a model for moral decision-making and judgment.
3. The moral issues surrounding policing, with specific interest in accountability and ethical codes, deception, seduction, and entrapment to catch criminals.
4. The moral issues surrounding penology, its historical and civilizational foundations, the impact of racism and fairness in punishment, and the death penalty.
5. Emerging ethical and criminology issues arising from changes in technology, media, communications, and virtual realities.

MARIANIST EDUCATIONAL VALUES

The five characteristics of a Marianist Education are:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith

Catholic Universities affirm an intricate relationship between reason and faith. As important as discursive and logical formulations and critical thinking are, they are not able to capture all that can be and ought to be learned. Intellectual rigor coupled with respectful humility provide a more profound preparation for both career and life. Intellectual rigor characterizes the pursuit of all that can be learned. Respectful humility reminds people of faith that they need to learn from those who are of other faiths and cultures, as well as from those who may have no religious faith at all.

2. Provide an Excellent Education

In the Marianist approach to education, "excellence" includes the whole person, not just the technician or rhetorician. Marianist universities educate whole persons, developing their physical, psychological, intellectual, moral, spiritual and social qualities. Faculty and students attend to fundamental moral attitudes, develop their personal talents and acquire skills that will help them learn all their lives. The Marianist approach to education links theory and practice, liberal and professional education. Our age has been deeply shaped by science and technology. Most recently, information and educational technologies have changed the way faculty and students research and teach. At Marianist Universities, two goals are pursued simultaneously: an appropriate use of information technology for learning, and the enhancement of interaction between students and teachers. As Catholic, Marianist Universities seek to embrace diverse peoples and understand diverse cultures, convinced that ultimately, when such people come together, one of the highest purposes of education is realized: a human community that respects every individual within it.

3. Educate in Family Spirit

Known for their strong sense of community, Marianists have traditionally spoken of this sense as “family spirit.” Marianist educational experience fosters the development of a community characterized by a sense of family spirit that accepts each person with loving respect, and draws everyone in the university into the challenge of community building. Family spirit also enables Marianist universities to challenge their students, faculty and staff to excellence and maturity, because the acceptance and love of a community gives its members the courage to risk failure and the joy of sharing success.

4. Educate for Service, Justice, and Peace

The Marianist approach to higher education is deeply committed to the common good. The intellectual life itself is undertaken as a form of service in the interest of justice and peace, and the university curriculum is designed to connect the classroom with the wider world. In addition, Marianist universities extend a special concern for the poor and marginalized and promote the dignity, rights and responsibilities of all people.

5. Educate for Adaptation to Change

In the midst of rapid social and technological change, Marianist universities readily adapt and change their methods and structures so that the wisdom of their educational philosophy and spirituality may be transmitted even more fully. “New times call for new methods,” Father Chaminade often repeated. The Marianist university faces the future confidently, on the one hand knowing that it draws on a rich educational philosophy, and on the other fully aware for that philosophy to remain vibrant in changing times, adaptations need to be made.

Selected from *Characteristics of Marianist Universities: A Resource Paper*, Published in 1999 by Chaminade University of Honolulu, St. Mary’s University and University of Dayton

Each of these characteristics is integrated, to varying degrees, in this course.

READING MATERIALS:

Joycelyn Pollock. Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice. 2007.

Additional required reading material will be assigned throughout the term.

COURSE APPROACH:

This course will be presented using a variety of methods, primarily through lecture, group discussions and exercises, and group/individual presentations. The course will employ instructional aids like PowerPoint and other audio/visual material.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will choose one of three tracks for this course: (1) Service Learning, (2) Service Learning & Program Development/Evaluation, or (3) Paper. The requirements of each track along with point distributions follows. Students can opt for the second track only if they have already participated in service learning at Waimanalo for CJ/RE 332.

TERMS OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. *Late assignments/projects will be discounted 10% per day after the due date. All late assignments must be turned in within 1 week, otherwise loss of **all** credit will occur.*
2. *Unless otherwise specified, assignments are due at the beginning of class.*
3. *Exams are to be taken on the days that they are administered. Exceptions are to be granted only in extenuating circumstance, otherwise loss of all credit will occur. If you are given the opportunity to take an exam after given in class, you will be given a different exam which may be more comprehensive than the initial one given.*
4. *Regular attendance is a must given the amount of material covered in the course. Four absences or more, not including medical emergencies, etc., will incur overall point deductions (the more absences up and beyond four, will affect your grade increasingly). If you know you will be missing*

a class in the future due to legitimate reasons, be sure to tell me in advance and provide any necessary paperwork; this will allow me to keep you up-to-date on material you will be missing.

5. *Students will be expected to have read materials prior to each class session and completed appropriate assignments.* It is especially important that students read and do work outside of the classroom due to the breadth of materials covered in such a relatively short period of time. *In-class quizzes may be administered periodically in order to assess progress and attention given to weekly readings/exercises.*
6. *I have an open-door approach when it comes to helping students understand the material and do well in the course. If you would like to meet with me, visit me during my office hours or call/e-mail me to set up an appointment for an alternative time if those hours don't work for you. DON'T HESITATE to talk to, call, or e-mail me!*
7. Any instances of academic dishonesty will result in an "FD" (failure for dishonesty) grade for the course and will be subject to the policies and procedures for the college. If you are at all unclear about what constitutes academic dishonesty, refer to catalogued materials.
8. *As a policy, opportunities for extra credit WILL NOT be available. All students begin the course with perfect scores, and will have every opportunity to maintain this score.*
9. Chaminade will provide assistance for any student with documented disabilities. Any student who believes he/she may need accommodations in this class must contact **Dr. Don Kopf, 735-4845** or **Dr. June Yasuhara, 739-4603**, at the Counseling Center (office next to Security) in order to determine if the student meets the requirements for documented disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is important to contact them as soon as possible so that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.
10. The instructor reserves the right to change the schedule of the syllabus when deemed necessary.

GRADING SYSTEM:

The class will be graded on a curve, based on the highest score received on each exam, paper, presentation, participation, and attendance. For this curve, a standardized grading system will be used:

A = 93-100% (of highest pt. ttl. received)
B = 84-92%
C = 75-83%
D = 66-74%
F = <65%

The distribution of scores will be dependent on the track that individual students select. The curve will be derived based on each track's performances.

As a policy, the curve for this class will not exceed a straight 90-80-70-60 curve. For example, if a student scores 100% on an exam, the curve will revert downward to a standard 90-80 . . . etc. curve. It will not be 93%/84%, etc. Based on overall class performance, the instructor will adjust the curve accordingly if anomalies occur.

| Week | General Topic | Read for Week |
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| 1 8/21-25 | Introduction to Course | Chap. 1 |
| 2 8/28-9/1 | Morality & The Determination of Morality | Chap. 2 |
| 3 9/4-8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Morality & Ethics | Chap. 3 |
| 4 9/11-15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice & the Law | Chap. 4 |
| 5 9/18-22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Paper #1 Due, Tuesday (9/19) • Retribution & Punishment | Chap. 5 |
| 6 9/25-29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics of Social Control | Chap. 6 |
| 7 10/2-6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corruption • Short Paper #2 Due, Thursday (10/5) | Chap. 7 |
| 8 10/9-13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midterm Exam, Thursday (10/12) • Law Enforcement & Ethics | Chap. 8 |
| 9 10/16-20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal System: Juvenile Court • Track 1: Journals Due (part one) • Ethics & Legal Professionals | Chap. 9 |
| 10 10/23-27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges, Prosecution | Chap. 10 |
| 11 10/30-11/3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punishment, Corrections | Chap. 11 |
| 12 11/6-10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctional Professionals • <i>No Class on Friday (11/10) – Veterans' Day</i> | Chap. 12 |
| 13 11/13-17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Corrections | Chap. 13 |
| 14 11/20-24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track 1: Journals Due (part two) • TBA | Chap. 14 |
| 15 11/27-12/1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA | Chap. 15 |
| <p align="center">FINAL EXAMINATION: Tuesday, December 5th, 12:45-2:45p</p> <p align="center">Track 1: Final Journal Paper Due by Monday, December 11th Noon</p> <p align="center">Track 2: Final Papers Due by Monday, December 11th Noon</p> | | |

Pre-Class Knowledge Assessment

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DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS PAPER

This is a questionnaire about how much knowledge or understanding of this subject that you think you have before taking this class. Please take the time to really consider each question and what it is asking.

You are not being graded on these questions and your responses are anonymous!!!! So, please answer the questions as truthfully as possible. You are not expected to have a lot of knowledge in this area at this point, so lack of knowledge is not a bad thing and will not count against you. Your responses will assist us in assessing the instructional outcomes for this course. We will revisit these questions at the end of the semester and you will be asked to reconsider these items then.

Please circle the number that best reflects how you feel about the following items.

| Please circle the number that best reflects what level of understanding you feel you have in the following: | | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| 1. | The meaning of morality and ethics and how they impact legal issues, criminology, and criminal justice. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. | The foundations of applied ethics in criminal justice and develop and apply a model for moral decision-making and judgment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. | The moral issues surrounding policing, with specific interest in accountability and ethical codes, deception, seduction, and entrapment to catch criminals. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. | The moral issues surrounding penology, its historical and civilizational foundations, the impact of racism and fairness in punishment, and the death penalty. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. | Emerging ethical and criminology issues arising from changes in technology, media, communications, and virtual realities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |