

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY
External Degree Program
CJ 367-03 Ethics in Criminal Justice

Please read through this syllabus carefully before beginning this course and refer to it for guidance as you proceed through the course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an introduction to concepts of ethics and an examination of contemporary ethical issues in the field of criminal justice. Prerequisite: SOC 110.
Same as SOC 367. Three semester credits.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand the concept and morality of “victimless” crimes.
2. Identify and defend ethically and morally demanding issues in criminal justice.
3. Explain the moral and ethical issues facing the primary entities in the criminal justice system.
4. Understand the ethical challenges associated with technology.
5. Produce a scholarly argument either “for” or “against” an ethically challenging and controversial issue.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:

1. Syllabus for CJ 367-03.
2. Textbook: Paul Leighton and Jeffrey Reiman, *Criminal Justice Ethics*, (Upper Saddle River; NJ: Prentice Hall 2001.)

You may purchase your textbook through MBS Direct by calling their toll free number at:800-325-3252 or through the UIU homepage: www.uiu.edu. Click on the link called Resources for Center, External Degree and Online Program learners. Follow the link and select External Degree for your location.

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Students enrolled in Ethics in Criminal Justice will complete the following:

1. Read Sections I and II (Unit I of this course) in the textbook and answer the syllabus questions for these chapters.

2. Submit the answers for Unit I for grading (See section “Submitting your Work for Grading”). See specific UIU instructions for mailing or emailing assignments.
3. Read Sections III, IV, V (Unit II) in the textbook and answer the syllabus questions for those chapters.
4. Submit the answers for Unit II for grading (See section “Submitting your Work for Grading”). See specific UIU instructions for mailing or emailing assignments.
5. Request and take your proctored Mid Term Exam, covering Unit II (Sections III, IV, V).
6. Read Section VI (Unit III) in the textbook and answer the syllabus questions for those chapters.
7. Submit answers for Unit III for grading (See section “Submitting your Work for Grading”). See specific UIU instructions for mailing or emailing assignments.
8. Choose a topic from the approved topic list and prepare a written argument, no less than 5 pages and not more than 8 pages, supporting or opposing the topic.
9. Submit Unit VI - Research Paper for grading (See section “Submitting your Work for Grading”). See specific UIU instructions for mailing or emailing assignments.
10. Request and take proctored your Final Examination, covering Unit III (Section VI).

COURSE FORMAT:

Unit I

Section I – Moral Foundations of Criminal Guilt
Section II – What should be a crime?

Unit II

Section III – Moral Problems in Policing.
Section IV – Moral Issues in Judicial Processing and Jurisprudence
Section V – Penology

Midterm Examination

Unit III

Section VI – Emerging Issues

Unit VI

Research Paper

Final Examination

RESEARCH PAPER:

A five to eight page research paper is required for the successful completion of this course. A student who does not submit this paper will not pass this course. This paper is expected to be intelligently designed as an argument either in support of or in opposition to one of the following topics:

Death Penalty
Street Drug Legalization
Abortion

This paper shall be double spaced in size 12 fonts. Consistent use of the APA writing format must also be employed. This paper must reference two sources (one source may be the text) and properly cite those sources both in the body of the paper and on a separate “Works Cited” page. This paper is worth 100 points.

SYLLABUS QUESTIONS:

Due to the theoretical nature of this course, the syllabus questions will be in essay format. Each essay question will be worth 20 points. The completion of the essay questions will best prepare you for the examination, as the same essay format will be used. Although neatly handwritten work is acceptable, it is strongly recommended that a computer/word processor generated product, with spelling and grammar check, be submitted, as professional preparation of post-secondary level work is important.

EXAMINATIONS:

Each examination will consist of five (5) essay questions, covering specific Units. For example, the Midterm exam will cover only the information in Unit II; the Final exam will cover only the information in Unit III. **The student must pass, at a minimum and regardless of cumulative point total, either the Mid term exam or the Final exam to successfully complete this course.**

No Materials (syllabus, graded study unit answers, notes, etc.), with the exception of the textbook, may be used during the examinations.

A blue book will be provided for answering examination questions. Examination request forms are included in this syllabus. You will provided two hours to complete each examination.

COMPOSITION OF GRADE:

Essay Questions are worth twenty (20) points each.

Unit I syllabus questions	80 points
Unit II syllabus questions	120 points
Mid term examination	100 points
Unit III syllabus questions	80 points
Unit VI Research Paper	100 points
<u>Final examination</u>	<u>100 points</u>
Total	580 points

Your grade will be determined as follows:

A	580 – 522
B	521 – 464
C	463 – 406
D	405 – 348
F	347 - 0

GRADING SYSTEM:

Upper Iowa University uses a standard grading system:

- A All work is excellent, shows exceptional understanding of materials; logical, clear, and insightful written and oral work; incorporates knowledge from other sources and moves easily to the next level of understanding; works well beyond minimum requirements. **Excellent.**
- B Understanding of material is good to very good, demonstrates good grasp of material, good oral and written skills, produces more than the minimum requirements, quality of all work is high. **Superior.**
- C Satisfactory understanding of the material, submits only the minimum requirements, communicates adequately in oral and written formats, displays and adequate understanding of all basic concepts. **Average.**
- D Quality and quantity of written and oral work is below average and barely acceptable. **Passing.**
- F Quality and quantity of written and oral work is unacceptable. **Failure.**

SUBMITTING YOUR WORK FOR GRADING:

Method 1:

Mailing your work (be sure to include an assignment cover sheet provided in this syllabus).

Address:

Timothy M. Becker

11204 42nd Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Method 2:

Emailing your work (please refer to UIU instructions on email lesson submission contained in this syllabus).

Address:

tbecker12@wi.rr.com

I will send a receipt confirmation when I receive your assignments and I will email the material later after it has been graded.

****Please be sure to send assignments in “Units” not in single chapters!****

CHEATING, ACADEMIC DISHONESTY, AND PLAGIARISM:

Because cheating, academic dishonesty, and plagiarism are affronts to the University community as a whole and a denial of the offender’s own integrity, they will not be tolerated. Cheating includes but is not limited to:

- The use of unauthorized books, notes, or other sources in the giving or securing of help in an examination or other course assignments.
- The copying of other students’ work or allowing others to copy your work.
- The submission of work that is not your own or allowing others to submit your work as theirs.
- The submission of the same work for two or more classes without the approval of any instructors involved.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- Sharing academic materials knowing they will be used inappropriately.
- Having access to another person’s work without permission.
- Providing false or incomplete information on an academic document.
- Changing student records without approval.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- The presentation of another’s published or unpublished work as one’s own.
- Taking words or ideas of another and either copying them or paraphrasing them without proper citation of the source.
- Using charts, graphs, statistics, or tables without proper citation.

Detected cheating, academic dishonesty, or plagiarism will result in consequences that may, at the instructor’s discretion, include course failure. In addition, an offender may be reported to the

Senior Vice President for the Extended University, the Dean of the Extended University, or designee for possible disciplinary action, which may include suspension or dismissal from the University. Upper Iowa University may make use of various plagiarism detection devices. Individuals, by enrolling in courses offered by the University, consent to submission by the University of course-related assignments to such services and the retention of a copy of such assignments by the service. Upper Iowa Extended University 2004/05 catalog, page 85.

ATTENDANCE:

Even though a student does not attend a regular classroom in the traditional sense and keep up with a set schedule of assignments, it should be pointed out how important it is to keep yourself on a regular timely schedule if possible to complete and send in units. It is too easy to set work aside and decide to do it later. Suddenly, the need to complete assignments and get them in by deadlines can become stressful and, at times, impossible. The key would be to set time aside on a regular basis and submit work in a timely manner.

LIBRARY RESOURCES:

As a student of Upper Iowa University, you have access to the resources of the Henderson-Wilder Library on the Fayette campus. If travel to the campus is not feasible, you can access the library through the University's website. For InfoTrac access information, please contact the library at library@uiu.edu.

WITHDRAWAL:

If you wish to withdraw prior to the last day of the enrollment period you must contact the External Degree Office by phone or in writing. After your original six-month enrollment period you no longer have the option to withdraw from the course. You must finish the course or have a final grade assigned based on the coursework submitted.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

If you require accommodation for special needs, please provide documentation to: Director of External Degree.

This syllabus is tentative and subject to change.