

**Western Dakota Technical Institute  
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**Master Syllabus**

**Course Number:** CJUS 215  
**Course Name:** Ethics in Criminal Justice  
**Credits:** 3  
**Contact Hours:** 3 Lecture

**Course Description:** The focus of this course is on the ethical decisions made in the criminal justice system and ethical predicaments placed on criminal justice professionals. Ethical theory from ancient Greece to contemporary western culture will be explored and applied in confronting ethical issues. Critical analysis regarding justice, duty, freedom, punishment, happiness, and other topics will give students and understanding of ethical issues, considerations and approaches in the field.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Textbooks:** <http://bookstore.wdt.edu/>

**Materials:** None

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Recognize the importance of ethics in Criminal Justice
- Examine ethical information and translate it into a criminal justice context
- Analyze criminal justice constructs from ethical points-of-view
- Apply ethical theories to the criminal justice system
- Demonstrate the ethical decision-making process in Criminal Justice and the individual, organizational, and societal implications of these decisions

**Assessment:** The core abilities of Analytical Skills, Social Values, and Employability will be assessed throughout this course.

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