

**Western Dakota Technical Institute
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Master Syllabus

Course Number: CJUS 240
Course Name: Court Systems and Practices
Credits: 3
Contact Hours: 3 Lecture

Course Description: The focus of this course is the judicial system which makes up one third of the entire criminal justice system. Court Systems and Practices is an overview of the American judicial system. The course identifies the roles of judicial officers and other professionals responsible for judicial operations.

Prerequisites: None

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

Materials: None

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Review the historical, social, and legal development of the American judicial system.
- Compare and contrast the leading arguments attendant with the most significant public policy issues facing the judicial system.
- Assess the interplay of the Constitution, codified and case law on judicial branch behavior.
- Evaluate leading American court system literature and case law.
- Compare and contrast the leading descriptions of the American court system.

Assessment: Through the student learning outcomes, the following core abilities will be addressed in the course – analytical skills, communication skills, employability, and social values.

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