



## **CJ-500 Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice**

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### **Description:**

This course offers comprehensive coverage of ethics across the criminal justice system. CJ-500 presents the philosophical principles and theories that are the foundation of ethical decision making, as well as challenges and issues in criminal justice--the Black Lives Matter movement and the Ferguson Effect, the militarization of the police, mass imprisonment, wrongful convictions and the misuse of power, among others. The course includes digital learning solutions that power students' mastery of key concepts while engaging them with video cases, career scenarios, visual summaries, and more.

**Textbook:** *Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice* 10<sup>th</sup> Ed. – Pollock  
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### **Course objectives:**

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Explain why the study of ethics is important for criminal justice professionals.
- Define deontological and teleological ethical systems.
- Describe the three themes included in the definition of justice.
- Describe psychological theories that attempt to explain differences in behavior.
- Describe the justifications for law, including protections against harm to others, offensive conduct, harm to self, and harm to societal morals.
- Describe the history and source of legal ethics for attorneys and judges.
- Describe the ethical issues faced by prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges.

### **Contents:**

Ch 1: Morality, Ethics, and Human Behavior  
Ch 2: Determining Moral Behavior  
Ch 3: Justice and Law  
Ch 4: Becoming an Ethical Professional  
Ch 5: The Police Role in Society  
Ch 6: Police Discretion and Dilemmas  
Ch 7: Police Corruption and Responses

Ch 8: Law and Legal Professionals  
Ch 9: Dilemmas in the Legal Profession  
Ch 10: Ethical Misconduct in the Courts  
Ch 11: Ethics of Punishment and Correction  
Ch 12: Dilemmas in Corrections  
Ch 13: Misconduct in Corrections  
Ch 14: Making Ethical Choices

### **Grading Scale (70% required for passing)**

A = 90-100%  
B = 80-89.9%  
C = 70-79.9%  
F = Below 70%

### **Grade Weighting**

Chapter Quizzes..... 50%  
Activities ..... 20%  
**Final Exam** ..... **30%**  
**100%**