



Course Syllabus: **Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice**

Gunn College of Criminal Justice

CJUS 3713 Section X10

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Course Description

The seventh edition of this book continues to present ethics as an “umbrella of civility” under which criminal justice agents and the public look at the law and ethical issues in criminal justice. In this book, students and practitioners will be introduced to the fundamentals of ethical theory and will be asked to apply ethical theory to decision-making in criminal justice. (from the preface)

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Ethics in Criminal Justice: In Search of the Truth 7th Edition by Sam Souryall

<http://www.routledgetextbooks.com/textbooks/9780323280914/>

ISBN-13: 978-0323280914

ISBN-10: 0323280919

Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

Contact Professor Bragg by phone/text if you need assistance

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook-2020-21](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual’s to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Grading

Course Grade - List all graded assignments with their point value and or percentage of total grade. Letter Grade Scale indicate the overall points or % to letter grade scale for example 1270 to 1137 = A

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment – You can change table information but will need to use table Tool if you add more columns or rows. Do not leave any blanks in table. Follow instructions listed under Course Schedule.

| Assignments | Points |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Quizzes 50% | 500 |
| Discussions 30% | 300 |
| Ethics Paper 20% | 200 |
| Personal Bio up to 5 bonus points | 5 |
| Total Points Possible | 1005 |

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

| Grade | Points |
|-------|---------------|
| A | 900 |
| B | 800 to 899 |
| C | 700 to 799 |
| D | 600 to 699 |
| F | Less than 600 |

Quizzes/Discussions

There are ten quizzes, they are open from the beginning of the course.

Quizzes and Discussions correspond to the first ten chapters of the text, and you should complete them weekly before Sunday midnight as you progress through the course.

Your original discussions posts should be completed by Thursday midnight each week so your fellow students can reply to your work before Sunday midnight.

Extra Credit

There are no extra credit assignments except for the Personal Bio.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted contact the instructor in advance if possible. Phone or text.

Make Up Work/Tests

All work should be completed in a timely fashion. Contact the instructor by phone/text if your unable to meet the deadlines. Jack R. Bragg Jr. 214-226-2064

Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: **Change of Schedule and Late**

RegistrationAugust 28-31

Deadline to file for graduation: **Deadline for December graduates to file for graduation**.....October 2

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" Last Day for "W", 4:00 p.m. – Drops after this date will receive grades of "F."October 30

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

See Online Computer Requirements

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. **Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. **Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Instructor Class Policies

This is an on-line course, courtesy etiquette and politeness are the rules of the university. It is ok to disagree and support your points but do so academically and support your work with academic references.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Course Schedule:

Each week you have a quiz and a discussion that relates to the corresponding chapter in the text. Week one, quiz one, discussion one. There are ten quizzes. And fourteen chapters in the text.

Course Schedule

| Week or Module | Activities/Assignments/Exams | Due Date |
|----------------|--|---|
| Week 1 | Quiz 1 Discussion 1 | |
| Week 2 | Quiz Two Discussion 2 Personal Biography | |
| Week 3 | Quiz 3 Discussion 3 | |
| Week 4 | Quiz 4 Discussion 4 | |
| Week 5 | Personal Autobiography Quiz 5 Discussion 5 | |
| Week 6 | Quiz 6 Discussion 6 | |
| Week 7 | Quiz 7 Discussion 7 | |
| Week 8 | Quiz 8 Discussion 8 | |
| Week 9 | Ethics Paper Quiz 9 Discussion 9 | |
| Week 10 | Quiz 10 Discussion 10 | |
| Week 11 | Discussion 11 | |
| Week 12 | Discussion 12 | |
| Week 13 | Discussion 13 | |
| Week 14 | Discussion 14 | |
| Week 15 | Last day of class 12/8 | All assignments due before midnight 12/2 |