

**CJSA 1348**  
**Ethics in Criminal Justice**

**Western Texas College**

I. Basic Course Information

A. Course Description: Ethical philosophies and issues pertaining to the various professions in the criminal justice system. Includes ethical issues emanating from constitutional conflict with public protection and individual rights, civil liberties, and correctional policies.

B. Prerequisites: None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Explain the foundation of ethics

B. Compare and contrast theories of ethics with personal and professional practices

C. Interpret and apply ethical considerations in policing, the courts, and corrections

III. Online Testing Requirements

A. Course exams must be proctored by an approved testing organization. (Ask your instructor for more details.)

B. Students are not allowed to use their book or notes of any kind while taking their proctored tests and exams.

IV. Major Course Requirements: The grade for this course will be determined as follows:

A. Exams: 30%

B. Quizzes: 30%

C. Essay: 20%

D. Discussions: 20%

E. Grading scale:

A= (90-100%)

B= (80-89%)

C= (70-79%)

D= (60-69%)

V. Information on Books and Other Course Materials

A. Title: Ethics, Crime, and Criminal Justice

B. Author: Christopher R. Williams; Bruce A. Arrigo Ph.D.

C. Edition: 2nd

D. Publisher: Pearson

E. ISBN-13: 9780132886390

VI. Other Policies, Procedures and important dates: Please refer to the WTC Course Catalog for the following:

- A. Campus Calendar
- B. Final exam schedule
- C. How to drop a class
- D. Withdrawal information
- E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
- F. Class Attendance
- G. Students with disabilities

VII. Course Sequence & Content

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Week 1	<b>Course Overview</b>
Week 2	Chapter 1 – An Invitation to Ethics  <b>Quiz 1: Syllabus Quiz</b>
Week 3	Chapter 2 – Choices, Values and Ethics  <b>Quiz 2</b>
Week 4	Chapter 3 – Free Will and Moral Responsibility  <b>Discussion 1</b>
Week 5	Chapter 4 – Is Morality Relative? The Variability of Norms and Values  <b>Quiz 3</b>
Week 6	<b>EXAM I</b>
Week 7	Chapter 5 – Why Should We Be Good?  <b>Discussion 2</b>
Week 8	Chapter 6 – Morality, Human Nature and Social Cooperation  <b>Quiz 4</b>  <b>Essay Topic due</b>
Week 9	Chapter 7 – Becoming Ethical: The Development of Morality  <b>Discussion 3</b>
Week 10	Chapter 8 – Means and Ends: The Importance of Consequences  <b>Quiz 5</b>

Week 11	<b>Exam II</b>
Week 12	Chapter 9 – Respecting Persons, Respecting Rights: The Ethics of Duty <b>Discussion 5</b>
Week 13	Chapter 10 – The Virtuous and the Vicious: Considering Character <b>Quiz 6</b>
Week 14	Chapter 11 – The Examined Life: A Guide to Critical Ethical Thinking <b>Discussion 6</b>
Week 15	Chapter 12 – Applying Ethics: Utilizing Normative Frameworks for Decision making  Course Review <b>Essay due</b>
Week 16	<b>Final Exam</b>

Disclaimer: Sequence & Content is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.