

Criminal Justice (3023) Course Overview Curriculum Document

Course Description

In this course, students will distinguish the roles of courts and law enforcement agencies; identify the purpose of law enforcement in American society; describe how professionalism and ethics relate to law enforcement; understand crime in America; explain basic aspects of criminal law; gain an understanding sentencing of offenders as it relates to prison and jails; compare adult and juvenile justice.

Credits

.5

Prerequisites

None

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Required Assessments

District-wide, standards referenced common assessments

Textbooks/Resources

Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction by Frank Schmalleger
2018 - 12th edition - Pearson
ISBN: 0-13-455975-4

Course Essential Understandings

- As a result of successfully completing this course, students will:
- understand and compare past and present crime in America.
 - understand the different areas of criminal law.
 - be able to identify the purpose and organization of policing.
 - be able to analyze the legal aspects along with issues and challenges of policing.
 - be able to explain the history and functions of the court system.
 - be able to explain and understand the juvenile justice system.
 - be able to summarize the different goals and methods of sentencing.
 - be able to analyze probation conditions.

Course Essential Questions

How does the criminal justice system function?

Unit Overviews

Unit Name	Unit Description	Unit Essential Question	Instructional & Assessed Standards
Unit 1 - Intro to Criminal Justice and Law	In this unit students will understand crime in America and the processes of criminal justice. Students will also investigate different areas of criminal law.	How do laws contribute to the functions of the criminal justice system?	(CJ.1) Understand and compare past and present crime in America. (CJ.2) Understand the different areas of criminal law.
Unit 2 - Policing	In this unit students will identify the purpose and organization of policing. Then they will engage in an exploration of the legal aspects along with issues and challenges of policing.	What is the role of policing in the criminal justice system?	(CJ. 3) Identify the purpose and organization of policing. (CJ. 4) Analyze the legal aspects along with issues and challenges of policing.
Unit 3 - Courts	In this unit students will examine the different types of courts and their processes.	What is the role of policing in the criminal justice system?	(CJ. 5) Explain the history and functions of the court system. (CJ. 6) Explain and understand the juvenile justice system.
Unit 4 - Corrections	In this unit we will investigate the goals and methods of the corrections system.	Is the American corrections system effective in decreasing crime?	(CJ. 7) Summarize the different goals and methods of sentencing. (CJ. 8) Investigate probation conditions.