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1. **Course Number:** CRJ210
Course Name: Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
2. **Description:** This course examines ethical principles as they apply to the many practical problems which confront criminal justice professionals in the performance of their duties and responsibilities. Wherever possible, concrete case studies are used to illustrate ethical reasoning.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes** (instructional objectives: intellectual skills):
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - Engage in critical thinking regarding their personal ethical and social beliefs
 - Develop communication skills by organizing and presenting ideas in a logical and rational order
 - Identify conflicting ethical values, and apply a process of ethical reasoning to the analysis of criminal justice practices
 - Analyze the ethical issues surrounding the issues of diversity in contemporary criminal justice
 - Understand selected ethical principles and their relationship to criminal justice situations.
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite:** All level one Criminal Justice courses
7. **Semester Offered:** Fall
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** The student's final grade is based on written assignments and exams that demonstrate the ability to apply logic, reasoning and critical thinking skills. Part of the final evaluation is based on meaningful class participation in discussions wherein the student must demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively, as well as examine their own values.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
Morality and Human Behavior
Determining Moral Behavior
Justice and the Law and its Relationship to Ethics
The Ethics of Social Control
Ethics and Policing
Ethics and Legal Professionals
Ethics and the Courts
The Ethics of Prosecutors and Judges
The Ethics of Punishment
The Ethics of Corrections
The Ethics of Probation and Parole
Racial Discrimination as an Ethical Issue