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General Syllabus

CRJU 48373 Administrative Concepts in Law Enforcement

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: ENGL 10203 Composition II or ENGL 24103 Advanced Composition
Effective Catalog: 2025-2026

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Principles and practices of administration and their applications to law enforcement. Relationship of theoretical administrative concepts and practical police problems.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Analyze basic police organizational structure.
2. Interpret the duties and responsibilities of various supervisory and command positions.
3. Examine police policy and procedures on recruitment, selection, discipline, training and ethics.
4. Evaluate the current trend of community-based policing, its goals, objectives, implementation and monitoring.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills
Critical Thinking Skills: Students will identify criminal justice administrative problems/issues and develop solutions/ analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)
Students will communicate proficiently. Students will use essay format for written presentation of research projects and discuss particular aspects of various topics in a seminar setting.

Ethical Decision Making
Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will examine ethical dilemmas within the criminal justice administration and develop ethical frameworks to resolve specific ethical issues.

Global and Cultural Perspectives
Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

A. The Evolution of American Policing
B. The Organization and the Leader
C. The Management of Police Organizations
D. Organizational Issues