This course involves the study of theories and practices in areas of legality, morality, values and ethics as they pertain to criminal justice.

**Objectives:**

1. Acquaint the student with the basic principles of ethical theories and codes of ethics;
2. Examine the major issues of ethical conduct in the current criminal justice system;
3. Examine cultural barriers to ethical decision-making and the importance of ethical leadership;
4. Understand the significance of discretion in the criminal justice system and how ethics and morals assist in the use of discretion.

**Textbook:**  *Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice* (Pollock 2007)

**Office Hours:**  Monday, 5:00-6:00pm or by appointment

**Outline of Topics:**

- **Week 1:** January 28, 2008  Introduction / Semester Overview
- **Week 2:** February 4, 2008  Moral and Ethical Theories
  - Chapters 1 & 2
- **Week 3:** February 11, 2008  The Ethical Decision Process
  - Chapter 3
- **Week 4:** February 18, 2008  What is Justice?
  - The Application of Law
  - Chapters 4 & 5
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- **Weekly Class Assignment** –
  You will be responsible for reading the sections of the text book listed for each class session above.

- **Grading Policy** –
  20% - Exam One  
  20% - Exam Two  
  25% - Group Class Presentation  
  25% - Final Exam.  
  10% - Class attendance and Participation.
- **Make-up Exams** –
  Make-up exams will be scheduled by appointment. Make-up exams will only be given for students who notify me in advance of anticipated absence on exam day or for students who provide documentation detailing the reason for absence by the beginning of the next class session.

- **Academic Honesty** –
  This course will be conducted pursuant to the University rules regarding academic honesty which can be read at the following web address:
  [http://www.shsu.edu/administrative/faculty/sectionb.html#dishonesty](http://www.shsu.edu/administrative/faculty/sectionb.html#dishonesty)

- **Disabled Student Policy** –
  Students with a disability which affects their academic performance are expected to arrange for a conference with the instructor in order that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. Please refer to the following website for additional information:
  [http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html](http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html)

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- **Attendance Policy** –
  Attendance will be recorded pursuant to University policy. More than two absences will result in failure of the course. This rule applies to all absences, excused and unexcused. It is the responsibility of the student to sign the roll sheet. Failure to sign the roll sheet will be considered as an absence. Falsely signing the roll sheet will in automatic failure of the course.

- **Religious Holiday Policy** - see the following website:
  [http://www.shsu.edu/catalog/scholasticrequirements.html#holyday](http://www.shsu.edu/catalog/scholasticrequirements.html#holyday)