

Common Course Outline
CRJU 258
Social Justice in the Urban Community
3 semester hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Social Justice in the Urban Community

Discusses agencies and processes involved in criminal justice in the urban community; emphasizes the role of the media in problem creation and problem resolution in the urban community and discusses continuing dynamics and the effects of discrimination and prejudice.

Prerequisite: CRJU 101

Overall Course Objectives

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

- determine what justice is and analyze its role in the criminal justice process
- describe the Criminal Justice System and its components in relation to other social institutions
- interpret ethics and how the application of ethics is exhibited in contemporary society
- analyze contemporary issues and apply pragmatic problem solving strategies to them
- identify how laws are made and their impact on the implementation of policies throughout the Criminal Justice System

Major Topics

- I. Crime and criminal justice
 - A. The criminal justice process
 - B. The nature of crime and victimization
 - C. Crime rates and trends
 - D. Theories of criminal behavior
 - E. Theories of victimization
- II. Criminal law: substance and procedures
 - A. Historical development
 - B. Purposes of criminal law
 - C. Sources of criminal law
 - D. Classification of crimes and legal definition
 - E. Criminal responsibility and defenses
 - F. Substantive law
- III. The police and law enforcement
 - A. History of police
 - B. Types of law enforcement agencies
 - C. Police organization
 - D. The police role
 - E. Patrol and investigative functions
 - F. Community oriented policing
 - G. Police and the rule of law
- IV. Courts and adjudication
 - A. The structure of the court system

- B. Court administration
- C. Prosecution and defense
- D. Pretrial procedures and the criminal trial
- E. Punishment and sentencing
- V. Corrections
 - A. Probation
 - B. Intermediate sanctions
 - C. Corrections and the prison experience
 - D. Parole
- VI. Juvenile justice
 - A. History
 - B. Juvenile court and trial
 - C. Disposition and treatment
 - D. Waiver of jurisdiction

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- Written assignments
- Tests/Quizzes
- Attendance and participation

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments.

Other Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice elective. It is a University of Baltimore Criminal Justice core course and is identified at The University of Baltimore as CRJU 301, Social Justice in the Urban Community. This course adoption is designed as a “Two-Plus-Two” model with the University of Baltimore. It is taken by CCBC Criminal Justice Program students as an elective and transferred to the University of Baltimore. This course builds upon the prerequisite and utilizes critical analysis of previous learned material. It requires advanced studies in the area of criminal justice and assignments reflect an intense examination of its role in the community.

It is taught in the classroom using a variety of instructional techniques which are intended to meet the varied learning styles of our diverse student population. These strategies rely on positive interdependence in a cooperative learning environment. Individual accountability is a key outcome of these strategies.