

## Careers in Criminal Justice / One Part

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The criminal justice system offers a wide range of career opportunities. In this course, students will explore different areas of the criminal justice system, including the trial process, the juvenile justice system, and the correctional system.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Identify the history and goals of the criminal justice system.
- Discuss how political, moral, and economic concerns lead to the development of laws.
- Describe the history of corrections.
- Describe the parts and functions of the criminal justice system.
- Identify constitutional law as it applies to the criminal justice system.
- Distinguish between state and federal laws.
- Differentiate between, and identify elements of, civil and criminal law.
- Discuss the impact of local ordinances.
- Describe criminal law procedures in Florida.
- Describe the federal court system as it applies to the criminal justice system.
- Describe the Florida court system as it applies to the criminal justice system.
- Describe the pretrial, trial, and post-trial processes.
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of the people involved in the trial processes.
- Demonstrate courtroom demeanor and participate in a mock trial.
- Identify the programs and agencies within the juvenile justice system and describe their roles and responsibilities.
- Identify law enforcement procedures related to juvenile delinquency.
- Discuss Florida's juvenile court system, including procedures and alternative programs.
- Discuss the juvenile corrections system, including alternative programs.
- Analyze current trends in juvenile justice.
- Differentiate between local, state, and federal correctional systems.
- Compare and contrast different types of prison and community-based programs.
- Identify major correctional operations procedures and programs.
- Debate legal issues concerning the rights of inmates and the duties and responsibilities of correctional officers.
- Analyze current trends in correctional reform.
- Identify and describe career opportunities in the criminal justice system.

- Identify the prerequisites for job entry into the criminal justice system.
- Identify the leadership opportunities, benefits, and awards available through participation in public service associations.
- Define ethics.
- Discuss ethics as it relates to the criminal justice system.
- Evaluate ethical issues in the criminal justice system.
- Apply standards of professionalism in the criminal justice system.
- Identify and apply strategies for working well with others.
- Identify personal stressors and evaluate methods for resolution.
- Identify and plan solutions for situations that require crisis management and conflict resolution.
- Identify the interpersonal skills, work habits, and ethics necessary for ongoing employment in an environment of human diversity.
- Explain the purpose and demonstrate the use of communication codes and the phonetic alphabet.
- Cultivate and document confidential informants.
- Identify interviewing techniques used with witnesses and victims.
- Identify the unique interpersonal skills required in communicating with inmates.
- Identify sources of information for employment opportunities in the field of criminal justice.
- Identify advanced career options and training opportunities in the criminal justice profession.
- Conduct a job search and identify the training, experience, and other qualifications required for different positions.
- Secure information about a particular job.
- Complete a job resume.
- Complete a job application.
- Apply effective job interview techniques.
- Describe how to make job changes appropriately.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**COURSE LENGTH:** One Semester

**REQUIRED TEXT:** No required textbook for this course

**MATERIALS LIST:** No required materials for this course

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

**Unit One: Overview of Criminal Justice**

**Unit Two: US Laws: Freedom versus Responsibility**

**Unit Three: Inside a Criminal Trial Unit Three: Inside a Criminal Trial**

**Unit Four: The Juvenile Justice System**

**Unit Five: Jails, Prisons, and Community Corrections**

**Careers in Criminal Justice Midterm Exam**

**Unit Six: Careers in Criminal Justice**

**Unit Seven: Evaluating Justice Ethics**

**Unit Eight: People Skills in Criminal Justice**

**Unit Nine: Communication in Criminal Justice**

**Unit Ten: Finding Employment in Criminal Justice**

**Careers in Criminal Justice Final Exam**