

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CRJ 111S INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Overview of the American Criminal Justice System which will focus on law enforcement; the court system including prosecution and pretrial services, adjudication, sentencing and sanctions; and corrections including probation, prison, and parole.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Program Outcomes
2	1. Describe the structure of the criminal system and how its major components interface.	4
2	2. Explain the Uniform Crime Reporting System and access other crime statistics via the Internet.	4
2	3. List and describe the criminological theories that explain the causes of crime.	5
1	4. List the types of criminal law and the general categories of crime.	4,5
2	5. Explain the operational strategies and functions of police management.	3,4
2	6. Describe the U.S. Supreme Court cases that have affected Miranda warning requirements.	5,6
1	7. Identify different types of police corruption and methods for building police integrity.	6
2	8. Describe racial profiling and biased policing.	6,9
1	9. Identify the differences between state and federal court systems.	4
1	10. List the procedures an offender undergoes as he/she progresses through the systems.	4
2	11. Summarize the city, state, and federal corrections systems.	3,4
1	12. Identify the difference between probation and parole.	3,4
2	13. Summarize the juvenile and adult systems.	3,4

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Introduction to criminal justice
2. Searching for causes
3. Criminal law
4. Police history and structure
5. Police organization and management
6. Legal aspects of policing
7. Issues and challenges of policing

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Topics Continued:

8. Court structure and participant roles
9. Pretrial activities and the criminal trail
10. Sentencing
11. Probation, parole, and community corrections
12. Prisons and jails
13. Prison life
14. Juvenile justice
15. Drugs and crime
16. Terrorism and multinational criminal justice