

Criminal Justice Supervision

Tues. / Thurs. - 10:30 to 11:45

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***Success is less a matter of personal charisma, high I.Q., or "natural talent";...
as it is a matter of commitment, discipline, hard work, and personal
motivation. Give me a hard working "average Joe" who is dedicated and
highly disciplined, over a lazy "genius" any day.***

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Will it matter that I was?

Course Description:

The academic discipline of Criminal Justice has been heavily influenced by such other fields of study as psychology, sociology, criminology, history, anthropology, and political science. The information and knowledge gleaned from these schools of thought are the results of close observation of the human experience over thousands of years; culminating in a wealth of information, best practices, and strategies for managing and supervising people and organizations of all kinds. Criminal justice systems of the 21st century are the beneficiaries of such experience and research.

"Policing" in society is a relatively new concept in the human experience and it has quickly evolved into a well established and respected profession. There has been a tremendous amount of research and documentation by academic scholars and criminal justice executives over the last 45 years in particular, and in reference to the best practices and most efficient methods of managing and supervising these institutions. Initially influenced by Sir Robert Peel, of 19th century England, the first American police institutions incorporated certain military style organizational skills; but it has only been within the last century that the criminal justice profession has turned also to the business world for examples and training in all aspects of management, supervision, and leadership.

This course will study all that has been learned and made available in the realm of organization, administration, management, supervision, and leadership as it applies to the law enforcement profession. In the process it will do much to prepare the next generation of law enforcement leaders and supervisors in attempting to identify future organizational challenges in an ever changing society.

This course should be of interest to any student pursuing a career in law enforcement, probation and parole, corrections, criminal and civil law, criminology, education, and/or politics. It should be a course of interest for any student who is simply interested in human interaction and the very need for a criminal justice system in society. It will integrate the use of lectures, videos, guest speakers, assigned texts, and practical demonstrations to make those points. This course will prepare the student for future leadership positions in law enforcement and provide the basic knowledge of police administrative practices and theory as a foundation for other academic courses in criminal justice.