

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: CJ 115 Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: RD 100, EN 060

Description: A critical examination of race, gender, and other diversity issues in the development, organization and operation of the U.S. criminal justice system.

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Identify the key multicultural need of Law Enforcement.
- Evaluate the needs of cultural awareness in relationship to the performance of duties.
- Compare the cultural differences among different races, ethnicities, genders and social classes.
- Examine the potential threats to the Homeland through multicultural awareness.

Topical Outline

- Multicultural Communities: Challenges for Law Enforcement
- The Changing Law Enforcement Agency
- Multicultural Representation in Law Enforcement
- Cross-Cultural Communication for Law Enforcement
- Law Enforcement Contact with Asian Pacific Americans
- Law Enforcement Contact with African Americans
- Law Enforcement Contact with Latino/Hispanic Americans
- Law Enforcement Contact with Arab Americans
- Law Enforcement Contact with Native Americans
- Multicultural Law Enforcement and Terrorism, Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness
- Hate/Bias Crimes; Victims, Laws, Investigations, and Prosecutions
- Racial Profiling
- Community Policing and Multicultural Response Strategies for Gangs, the Homeless and the Mentally Ill
- Emerging Strategies, Roles and Technology for Peace Officers in Multicultural Law Enforcement

Text: Shusta, Robert M.; Levine, Deena; Wong, Herbert Z.; Olson, Aaron T.; Harris, Philip R. (2011). *Multicultural Law Enforcement: Strategies for Peacekeeping in a Diverse Society* (5th ed.). Prentice Hall.

Student Assessment: Reflective Essay required. Additional assessment may be accomplished through projects, portfolios, exams, presentations and/or papers

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism is cheating. Plagiarism is presenting in written work, in public speaking, and in oral reports the ideas or exact words of someone else without proper documentation. Whether the act of plagiarism is deliberate or accidental [ignorance of the proper rules for handling material is no excuse], plagiarism is, indeed, a “criminal” offense. As such, a plagiarized paper or report automatically receives a grade of **ZERO** and the student may receive a grade of **F** for the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

Note: If you are having difficulty with work in this class tutoring is available through the Center for Academic & Student Success. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600 x 1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

Before Withdrawing From This Course

If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) BEFORE withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.