

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: CJ 207 Administration of Justice

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: RD 100, EN 060

### Description:

An examination of the manner in which the criminal justice system operates in U.S. society from initial incident to final disposition. This course explores the six primary functional areas for the overall administration of justice. These functional areas to be studied include: police, prosecution, courts, corrections, as well as probation and parole. The topics students will review include the U.S. Constitution, as well as Federal and state statutes that affect the criminal justice system

### Learning Outcomes:

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

- Explain the dynamics of the administration of justice in the United States.
- Examine the key components of the criminal justice system
- Contrast the operations of the Federal and state court systems
- Illustrate the criminal procedure from arrest to final disposition
- Identify the key principles of the Constitution of the United States and the various Constitutional Amendments.

### Topical Outline:

- What is the Criminal Justice System?
- Types of Crime
- Causes of Crime
- Criminal Law and Defenses
- Overview of Policing
- Policing Operations
- Legal and Special Issues in Policing
- The Courts
- Pretrial and Trial
- Sentencing
- Overview of Corrections
- Jails and Prisons
- Community Corrections
- Understanding and Helping Victims
- Juvenile Justice
- Contemporary Challenges in Criminal Justice

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Student Assessment: 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.