



**BAKER COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**CRJ2510 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice**  
**3 Semester Credit Hours**

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**Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives**

1. Explain how an understanding of ethics and its theoretical perspectives can improve a Criminal Justice (CRJ) professional's ethical decision making.
  - a. Explore the meaning of ethics and how it relates to the criminal justice profession.
  - b. Examine various theoretical perspectives central to ethical issues.
2. Examine the importance of ethics as a foundation of the criminal justice profession.
  - a. Explore how expectations for ethical behavior have changed over time in criminal justice.
  - b. Identify ethical challenges in the criminal justice profession.
3. Investigate ethical standards in the field of criminal justice.
  - a. Explore how ethical standards are used throughout the field of criminal justice.
  - b. Explore what it means to behave ethically vs. legally in the criminal justice profession.
4. Investigate societal issues and expectations that impact ethical behavior.
  - a. Identify the societal issues that impact ethical behavior.
  - b. Analyze how societal issues and expectations have changed over time and how this has impacted ethical behavior in the criminal justice professions.
  - c. Explore how cultural differences impact ethical behavior in criminal justice.
  - d. Explain how sociocultural identity, personal norms, values, and bias impact ethical decisions.
5. Analyze decision making processes for ethical behavior in the field of criminal justice.
  - a. Identify appropriate ethical decision making processes.
  - b. Discuss the basis for making ethical decisions.
  - c. Describe how discretion plays a role in ethical decision making.
  - d. Apply ethical decision making processes in criminal justice situations.

## **Big Ideas and Essential Questions**

### **Big Ideas**

- Ethical Behavior
- Ethical Decision Making
- Societal Issues
- Meaning of Ethics
- Ethical Standards

### **Essential Questions**

1. What is the meaning of ethics?
2. Why do people need to behave ethically as criminal justice professionals?
3. How do societal issues and diverse communities affect the ethical decision making of criminal justice professionals?
4. How can criminal justice professionals make ethical decisions?

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These SLOs are approved for experiential credit.

**Effective: Fall 2022**