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1. **Course Number:** CRJ240  
**Course Title:** Selected Issues in Criminal Justice
2. **Description:** The course seeks to explore issues that are currently facing the criminal justice system. This course introduces the student to human and cultural relations that affect the criminal justice system.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**  
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
  - analyze the various communities that are served by the criminal justice system
  - understand the cultural background of many of these groups
  - understand the role of the criminal justice in dealing with these groups
  - examine the ethical dilemmas intrinsic to such issues as racial profiling and the treatment of minorities in the criminal justice system
  - develop the intellectual skills of logic and reasoning while learning the history and background of many groups
  - reflect on how one's own racial, ethnic, and cultural background affect responses to criminal justice situations
  - demonstrate the ability to complete an extensive research paper on one of the topics presented in the course.
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite(s):** All level one Criminal Justice courses
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Spring
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** The student's final grade is based on written assignments, a research paper, and meaningful class participation that demonstrates the ability of the student to apply logic, reasoning and critical thinking skills. As part of the evaluation the student must demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively, as well as to examine their own values.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**  
Investigating and Conceptualizing Difference  
White Male Privilege  
Native Americans  
Immigrants  
African-Americans  
Latinos  
Asian-Americans  
Arab-Americans  
Women  
Gays and Lesbians  
Diversity Issues in Employment in the Criminal Justice System  
Intercultural Communication