



Course Name: CJS-120 Jurisprudence

Date Updated: 4/2022

Credit Hours/week: 3 hrs./wk. – 3 cr.

BEGINNING: SPRING 2022

Catalog Description: Explores the principles upon which law is based. The course seeks to define, categorize, and relate those principles to each other and ascertain not what the law is, but rather why it is, and its capacities and limits.

Prerequisite: None

Text: Bix, Brian H. (2015). Jurisprudence, Theory and Context. Carolina Academic Press, USA (ISBN: 9781611637212)

Supplementary Material: None

Syllabus:

Table with 2 columns: Text Sections and Topics. Rows include chapters 1-22, midterm, class project, review class, and final exam.

Students are expected to adhere to the policies of the County College of Morris. These can be accessed at: (insert link here)

## Statement of Expected Course LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students will gain basic knowledge, abilities and skills in the area of law and jurisprudence.
- Students will be able to discuss the historical philosophical principle upon which a law is based.
- Students will be able to examine legal theory from various perspectives of view (ex. positivism, natural law, etc.)
- Students will be able to use philosophical theory to analyze issues in the criminal justice system.
- Understand how the criminal justice system and the juvenile justice system are related.
- Understand how crime is measured and how the media influences criminal justice policy.

Methods of Instruction: This class is designed to include student participation. The criminal justice system is a field that impacts all of our lives, in many different and distinct ways. Student's thoughts, opinions and questions are an important part of learning and are valued in this class. All students are encouraged to offer input to all classes so we can benefit from the life experience and ideas that we possess. Mutual respect for the thoughts, opinions, and questions of others in the class is expected.

It is important that students are prepared for each class by reading the required material and completing assignments in advance of their due date, so that we may have meaningful discussions in class.