

Syllabus for
Professional, Legal, and Ethical Issues

Term: Spring/Summer 2016

Course Number: Psych 510

Course Name: Professional, Legal, and Ethical Issues

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Course Time: 6:00pm-10:00pm

Instructor Background: Thirty years in the mental health field, in private practice for the past 28. Conducted approximately over 30,000 hours of therapy, which includes: individual, marital, family, adolescent, and group. Presently involved in life coaching.

Course Description: (3 hours)

This course emphasizes legal and ethical dilemmas that confront psychologists in professional practice as well as issues facing the profession. Students obtain knowledge of the APA code of ethics and standards regarding professional practice and demonstrate skill with the laws that establish the qualifications, rights, and duties of psychologists in their local jurisdiction.

Prerequisites: Graduate level student

Textbook:

Pope, Kenneth S., & Vasquez, Melba J.T. (2016). *Ethics in Psychotherapy and Counseling, 5th ed.* Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons Inc.

American Psychological Association (2002). *APA Ethics Code.* Washington, D.C: American Psychological Association.

Learning Outcomes / Competencies:

- * Students will learn to apply critical thinking skills to make ethical decisions.
- * Students will demonstrate an understanding of ethical reasoning and values clarification.
- * Students will demonstrate increased moral and ethical awareness, both professionally and personally.
- * Students will be exposed to ethical dilemmas commonly faced by the mental health profession as well as the legal system when clients are involved with both.

Learning Strategies:

In-class discussions, written papers, class presentations, and final exam.

Assessment:

Attendance and class participation (7 classes)	(105 points)
Ethical dilemma paper and presentation	(75 points)
Movie assignment	(15 points)
Research paper on ethical gray areas (4-5 pages, APA STYLE , with at least 5 references, hard copy, no emails)	(75 points)
Final Exam	(100 points)
TOTAL:	370 points

Grading Scale:

Grade	Percent
A	100-92
A-	91-90
B+	89-88
B	87-82
B-	81-80
C+	79-78
C	77-72
C-	71-70
D+	69-68
D	67-62
D-	61-60
F	59 and below

Class Policy for Assignments: Written assignments must be completed and delivered to the instructor on the due date. Late assignments will not be accepted unless the instructor is notified and consents to other arrangements. Assignments can be turned in early.

Class Policy on Attendance: It is a serious matter when a student misses even one session due to the accelerated format of the program and weight of the grading structure. **If a student misses two sessions or more than a cumulative total of 7 hours class time, the student is required to withdraw from the course by contacting the Academic Advisor and their instructor.**

Format for Written Assignments: All papers will be typed in the 6th edition APA format, (American Psychological Association).

Class Policy on Electronic Devices: Please be courteous and turn off all devices or to vibrate/silent mode.

Tutoring Center: The Tutoring Center is dedicated to supporting Calumet College of St. Joseph students. Students work with tutors to develop course competencies and study skills such as time management, test preparation, and note taking. In addition, students are provided with tutoring support to help pass courses, to improve grade point average, and to promote continuing education and career advancement. Tutors have a specific charge: to help students learn how to master specific subject matter and to develop effective learning skills. Tutoring is open to all students at Calumet College of St. Joseph at no charge and is available to support most introductory courses. Tutoring in support of some other courses is available as well. The Tutoring Center is located in room 413. The telephone number is 219-473-4287 or 800-700-9100, X-287.

Statement of Plagiarism: If an instructor or other Calumet College of St. Joseph personnel find that a student has plagiarized or been involved in another form of academic dishonesty, the instructor or other personnel may elect to bring the matter up for judicial review. The maximum penalty for any form of academic dishonesty is dismissal from the College. The procedures for judicial review are listed under the section of CCSJ handbook that addresses student grievances.

PLEASE NOTE: Calumet College of St. Joseph subscribes to Turnitin.com and all papers can and will be submitted for checks on plagiarism from Internet/Electronic Sources/Databases.

Citation Guidelines: Written assignments associated with Calumet College of St. Joseph's Public Safety Management Program will utilize the most recent APA guidelines. Students should first follow the APA guidelines within their *PSM Undergraduate Writing Manual* for most format concerns. It should be noted that when the *PSM Undergraduate Writing Manual* is silent to a specific format instance, student should then refer to the *APA Publication Manual* for clarification concerning those particular formatting and/or citation guidelines.

Withdrawal from Classes policy: After the last day for class changes has passed (see College calendar), students may withdraw from a course in which they are registered with permission from the faculty member conducting the course. A written request detailing the reason(s) for the withdrawal must be filed with the Registrar. The Registrar must receive a written request for withdrawal by the last day of classes prior to the final examination dates specified in the catalogue. Written requests may be mailed to the Registrar or faxed to the College fax number 219-473-4259. Students are to make note of the refund schedule when withdrawing from courses. The request is forwarded to the faculty member, who makes the final determination to accept or deny the request. If the request is honored, the student will receive notification of official withdrawal; if denied, the notification will indicate why the withdrawal is disallowed.

An official withdrawal is recorded as a “W” grade on the student’s transcript. Dropping a course without written permission automatically incurs an “F” grade for the course (see Refund Schedule).