COURSE OUTLINE: PFP106 - PRIN ETHICAL REASON

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Course Code: Title	PFP106: PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL REASONING
Program Number: Name	1202: POLICE FOUNDATIONS 1225: PROTECTION SECURITY 5007: NAT RES/ENV ENFORCE
Department:	CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Academic Year:	2025-2026
Course Description:	This course focuses upon ethical issues and dilemmas faced by individuals as citizens and as professionals. It helps students to clarify their values and establish a framework for ethical decision making. Ethical issues of a general nature, which relate to a wide variety of concerns are examined. The student will investigate the ethical codes of their chosen vocation and apply ethical analysis models to dilemmas which typify those often encountered in the profession.
Total Credits:	3
Hours/Week:	3
Total Hours:	42
Prerequisites:	There are no pre-requisites for this course.
Corequisites:	There are no co-requisites for this course.
Substitutes:	CJS411, OEL355
Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLO's) addressed in this course: **Please refer to program web page for a complete listing of program outcomes where applicable.**	**1202 - POLICE FOUNDATIONS** VLO 1 Complete all tasks in compliance with pertinent legislation, as well as policing standards, regulations and guidelines. VLO 2 Analyze all relevant information and make effective and legally defensible decisions in accordance with ethical and professional standards. VLO 3 Be accountable for ones actions when carrying out all tasks. VLO 4 Develop and implement ongoing effective strategies for personal and professional development. VLO 5 Ensure the respect of human rights and freedoms in all interactions. VLO 6 Work co-operatively in multidisciplinary teams to achieve mutual goals. VLO 8 Monitor, evaluate and document behaviours, situations and events accurately and discreetly in compliance with legal, professional, ethical and organizational requirements. VLO 9 Mitigate risks and maintain order by applying effective strategies in crisis, conflict and emergency situations. VLO 10 Take positive actions to help crime victims. VLO 11 Conduct investigations by collecting, documenting, preserving and presenting admissible evidence

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1225 - PROTECTION SECURITY

VLO 1   Work in compliance with established standards and relevant legislation in the protection, security and investigation fields.

VLO 2   Make decisions in a timely, effective and legally defensible manner to uphold protection and security.

VLO 3   Carry out delegated duties and responsibilities in compliance with organizational policies and procedures.

VLO 4   Act equitably and justly with diverse populations.

VLO 5   Work effectively as a member of a protection and security team.

VLO 9   Develop and implement ongoing effective strategies for personal and professional development.

5007 - NAT RES/ENV ENFORCE

VLO 1   Extend the resource technician`s knowledge into the field of natural resource and recreational law, local, national and international.

VLO 3   Familiarize the student with the history of law enforcement.

VLO 4   Familiarize the student with the more common violations encountered by the Conservation Officer, the Deputy Conservation Officer, the Park Warden, and Inspector, by using interpretation of the legislation and its intent using modules, sequential analysis and case study.

Essential Employability Skills (EES) addressed in this course:		
	EES 1	Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.
	EES 2	Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication.
	EES 4	Apply a systematic approach to solve problems.
	EES 5	Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.
	EES 7	Analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.
	EES 8	Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others.
	EES 9	Interact with others in groups or teams that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.
	EES 10	Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.
	EES 11	Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.

Course Evaluation:

Passing Grade: 60%, C

A minimum program GPA of 2.0 or higher where program specific standards exist is required for graduation.

Course Outcomes and Learning Objectives:

Course Outcome 1	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 1
1. Define and describe aspects of critical thinking and fundamental ethical	1.1 Identify key aspects of critical thinking 1.2 Recognize certain common errors in reasoning 1.3 Distinguish between ethics, morality and related concepts

	concepts.	1.4 Identify basic moral principles 1.5 Examine basic issues in ethics
	Course Outcome 2	**Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 2**
	2. Describe and contrast the major approaches to ethical decision-making.	2.1 Explain the consequentialist approach 2.2 Explain the non-consequentialist approach 2.3 Compare and contrast the two approaches
	Course Outcome 3	**Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 3**
	3. Describe an ethical decision-making model and apply it to an ethical problem.	3.1 Identify various decision-making models 3.2 Use one of the models to decide on a moral dilemma
	Course Outcome 4	**Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 4**
	4. Examine and critically analyze a variety of professional codes of ethics.	4.1 Identify the basic moral principles inherent in professional codes 4.2 Compare and contrast a number of professional codes 4.3 Critically evaluate the police codes of ethics in light of the police subculture
	Course Outcome 5	**Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 5**
	5. Critically analyze and discuss a number of contemporary ethical issues in Canadian society.	5.1 Identify arguments for and against particular ethical issues 5.2 Evaluate the various arguments 5.3 Take a position and defend it using established ethical principles

Evaluation Process and Grading System:

Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight
Assignments	35%
Exam Review Assignments	10%
Final Exam	25%
Mid Term Exam	25%
Participation	5%

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Addendum: Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.

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