

## **PAR303e Ethical Issues in Public Safety**

**Level:** 3

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY 2 YEARS

**E-Learning:** FULL - Learning is done ENTIRELY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. There are no face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

### **Synopsis:**

Examine the moral and ethical issues that can arise in public safety and develop strategies to monitor ethical behaviour. Explore within an ethical framework the inter-relationships of personal values, individual responsibility, decision making, discretion and accountability. Specific topics to be covered include core values, codes of conduct, ethical dilemmas, corporate/organizational consequences, liability and the importance of critical thinking. This course is conducted by the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC). It does not carry a Grade Point Value (GPV), but it will count towards fulfilling the credit requirements of the degree.

### **Topics:**

- Morals, ethics, values and distinguishing right from wrong
- Individual, corporate and societal responsibilities and duties
- Behaviour, decision making and the use of discretion
- The influence of subculture, peers and organizational dynamics
- Ethical leadership and management
- Code of ethics, statements of principles and organizational core values
- Policies, supervision, centralized administration and early warning systems
- Using core values to guide decision-making
- Ethical dilemmas and the process of effective resolution
- Ethical issues during an investigation and Nobel Cause corruption
- Legislation, liability and litigation; individual and corporate responsibilities
- Moral culpability verses legal culpability
- Critical thinking and principled reasoning, the guidance of actions and behaviours

### **Learning Outcome:**

- Debate the major arguments concerning the importance of ethics in the field of public safety
- Distinguish alternative theoretical viewpoints and issues regarding morals, ethics, values, ethical codes, ethical standards and ethical dilemmas
- Contrast individual values and responsibilities with those of organizational values and corporate/organizational consequences
- Analyze an ethical dilemma, contrasting issues that include decision making, discretion and the structure of accountability
- Use core values to guide decision making
- Differentiate between corporate/organizational and individual misconduct, as well as issues related to consequences and liability
- Perform critical thinking, evaluating the moral permissibility of a course of action including the resolution of an ethical dilemma
- Design strategies to monitor ethical behaviour

**Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weightage Allocation (%)</b>
Overall Continuous Assessment	QUIZ 1	20
	PRESENTATION 1	30
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	40
	CLASS TEST 1	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>