Course Description
CCJ1191 | Human Behavior in Criminal Justice | 3.00 credits
Human behavior and how it relates to the duties and responsibilities of the criminal justice practitioner.

Course Competencies
Competency 1: The student will analyze human behavior theories and their implications for criminal justice practices by:
1. Evaluating various psychological theories related to criminal behavior
2. Comparing and contrasting behavioral responses in different criminal justice scenarios
3. Investigating case studies that illustrate the application of human behavior in law enforcement

Competency 2: The student will evaluate the impact of societal influences on criminal behavior by:
1. Assessing the role of socioeconomic factors in shaping criminal activities
2. Examining cultural attitudes toward crime and their effects on criminal justice responses
3. Investigating the influence of peer groups and community dynamics on individual behavior

Competency 3: The student will apply knowledge of human behavior to enhance criminal justice practices by:
1. Developing intervention strategies aimed at reducing recidivism based on behavioral insights
2. Formulating communication techniques that foster positive interactions between practitioners and communities
3. Implementing conflict resolution practices rooted in understanding human motivations and behaviors

Competency 4: The student will explore the ethical responsibilities of criminal justice practitioners in relation to human behavior by:
1. Analyzing ethical dilemmas that arise from the assessment of behavioral patterns in individuals
2. Discussing the implications of bias and discrimination in the criminal justice system
3. Proposing solutions to ethical issues related to the treatment of offenders and victims based on behavioral understanding

Learning Outcomes
- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information

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