

# Course Expectations Letter

**Subject:** AJ 101 Introduction to Administration of Justice

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**Catalog Course Description:**

AJ 101 Introduction to Administration of Justice

*Advisory: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate assessment; READ 023 or appropriate assessment*

*Transfers to: UC, CSU*

This course introduces students to the characteristics of the criminal justice system in the United States. Focus is placed on examining crime measurement, theoretical explanations of crime, responses to crime, components of the system, and current challenges to the system. The course examines the evolution of the principles and approaches utilized by the justice system and the evolving forces which have shaped those principles and approaches. Although justice structure and process is examined in a cross-cultural context, emphasis is placed on the US justice system, particularly the structure and function of US police, courts and corrections. Students are introduced to the origins and development of criminal law, legal process, sentencing, and incarceration policies.

3 Units

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

The student will be able to:

1. Apply legal definitions, concepts, and principles to law enforcement, courts, or correctional settings.
2. Communicate information in a clear and organized manner.
3. Analyze ethical dilemmas encountered in the law enforcement and/or corrections fields and decide on the correct ethical choice.
4. Discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections components of the criminal justice system.
5. Adapt to the diverse and multicultural nature of American society in the criminal justice system.
6. Discuss possible career paths in the field of American criminal justice.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and [AP 5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

**Textbook:** Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to [Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

**This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:**

1. Narrative feedback on all written assignments
2. Numerical scores on all quizzes
3. Personal contact via phone for specific problems

***The instructor may drop you for non-participation.***

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientations can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation//>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

*Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.*