Justice & Society Learning Community Expectations Contract

The Justice and Society Learning Community in the Department of Criminal Justice is offered in association with specifics classes. Learning Community (LC) classes are different from traditional classes in several ways. First, the Justice and Society LC attempts to replicate a small, liberal arts learning environment within a large, public university setting. Second, the LC is designed to create cohorts of students and continuity of instruction across semesters, as well as maximize the number and quality of student-professor interactions. Continuity is achieved through students’ exposure to the same professor for two consecutive semesters, while increased student-professor interactions are achieved through events and service-learning activities built into the course that occur outside the classroom. Third, our LC uses Peer Mentors (PM) to help assist you with the transition to the university classroom. Specifically, the PMs will work with you to refine note taking skills, proper study habits, and writing skills, among other things, in an effort to facilitate success in the classroom. Lastly, the LC places a great deal of importance on fostering connectedness among students, faculty, the Department, the University, and City of Detroit.

Students who would like to take CRJ 1010 (CRN# 12621) in fall 2019 should understand the following about the Justice & Society Learning Community:

1. There are required events that occur outside of the class' normal meeting times (the most important being the buildOn service event held on a Saturday (TBD for fall 2019) in November.
2. The reading load is slightly heavier than a traditional CRJ 1010 course.
3. There are usually 3-4 reflection papers required.
4. There is a lot of group work/activity required.
5. Students who take CRJ 1010 in fall 2019 are expected to register for the Learning Community section of CRJ 3200 (Police & Society) in winter 2020.

Please sign this acknowledgement indicating you understand the expectations for the Justice and Society Learning Community and return it to Marianka Holloway (email: marianka@wayne.edu; phone: 313-577-0772) by August 28, 2019.

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