

INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS
Administration of Justice 75 – 3 Units (CSU)
Spring 2015

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Course Section No. 7581
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Course Description: This course provides insight on the nature of correctional work; the aims and objectives of Correctional Administration; probation and practices; skills, knowledge and attitudes required for employment in the field of Corrections; types of institutions and services; and career opportunities.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students are expected to gain a significant amount of knowledge of the Correction System, which includes:

1. Gain a clear understanding of the history of Crime and Corrections.
2. Learn how Corrections factors into our maintaining a civilized society.
3. Be able to articulate the chronology of Corrections as it relate to juveniles and adults; at risk and post-offense, during the judicial process, sentencing and incarceration; probation, parole and re-entry.

Course Requirements:

- a. Text required:
Seiter, Richard, P., Corrections and Introduction, Second Edition
- b. Grades: I grade all tests with a week and give feedback immediately. There will be 5 tests, a mid-term exam and a final exam through the course. Each test has a point value that are accumulated for the final grade. The number of questions various with each test. Each question is worth 1 point. Extra credits may be earned through research assignments at the Instructor's discretion. Perfect class attendance (no unexcused absent) can earn up to 10 points extra credit.

Grade Scale: A = 200 to 220
 B = 199 to 179
 C = 178 to 158
 D = 157 to 137
 F = 136 and below

Course Policies:

1. All electronic devices are to be turned OFF while in class.
2. Texting is not permitted at anytime.
3. No earphones are allowed to be worn in class.
4. Students are required to be alert, pay attention and actively participate in class discussions.
5. Students are expected to have read assigned chapters prior to coming to class.
6. Students must be respectful of their peers, instructors and guests.
7. Students must be respectful of others whose perspectives differ.
8. Class begins at 6:00 PM, Students are expected to be in class and in their seats on time.
9. Students shall not engage in cheating and plagiarism.
10. Students are required to text the Instructor prior to start of class should a challenge with their being on time to class arise.
11. No profanity of foul language of any kind at any time.
12. No disruptive behavior or any academic dishonesty.
13. Please check with me if you have any questions about what is appropriate.

Academic Calendar and School Holidays

Spring 2015 Academic Calendar, Semester runs 2/9/2015 through 6/7/2015

2/12/2015, Thursday	Class begins, 6:00 PM.
2/20/2015, Friday	Last day to drop a class with a refund and without a W Last day to file Pass/No Pass
5/8/2015, Friday	Last day to drop a class with a W.

Spring 2015 School holidays, classes will not meet:

Spring Break 4/4/2015 to 4/10/2015

Special Instructional Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability and require accommodations, please send me a private email. The sooner I am aware of your eligibility for accommodations, the quicker I will be able to work with the DSPS office to meet your needs. If you have not done so already, you should contact the DSP&S Office and bring a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.

Class Schedule:

- Week 1: Feb 10 & 12, 2015
Introduction and Course Overview
Chapter 1, The history of Crime and Corrections
- Week 2: Feb 17 & 19, 2015
Chapter 2, Sentencing and the Correction Process
- Week 3: Feb 24 & 26, 2015
Test 1, 20 questions
Chapter 3, Jails
- Week 4: March 3 & 5, 2015
Chapter 4, Probation and Intermediate Sanctions
- Week 5: March 10 & 12, 2015
Test 2, 20 questions
Chapter 5, Prison Systems
- Week 6: March 17 & 19, 2015
Chapter 6, Parole and prisoner Reentry
- Week 7: March 24 & 26, 2015
Test 3, 20 questions
Chapter 7, The Clients of Adult Correctional Agencies
- Week 8: March 31 & April 2, 2015
Chapter 8, The Juvenile Correctional System
Mid-Term Exam Review
- Week 9: April 7 & 9, 2015
Mid-Term Exam, 50 questions
Chapter 9, Special Offenders
- Week 10: April 21 & 23, 2015
Chapter 10, The Management of Prisons
- Week 11: April 28 & 30, 2015
Test 4, 20 questions
Chapter 11, Prison Life for Inmates

- Week 12: May 5 & 7, 2015
Chapter 12, The World of Prison Staff
- Week 13: May 12 & 14, 2015
Test 5, 20 questions
Chapter 13, Custody and Treatment
- Week 14: May 19 & 21, 2015
Chapter 14, Legal Issues and the Death Penalty
- Week 15: May 26 & 28, 2015
Chapter 15, Issues in Corrections
- Week 16: June 2 & 4, 2015
Final Exam Review
Final Exam, 60 questions

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Disclaimer: Syllabus/weekly schedule is subject to change.