

Course Title: Introduction to Corrections
Credit Hours: 3

Course Description: This is an introductory study of the field of corrections. It covers the correctional process of probation, institutions, and parole. It also covers a survey of correction careers and correction theories.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Discuss the various philosophies of punishment
2. Describe the criminal justice system and the impact of policies on corrections
3. Demonstrate knowledge of current correctional issues
4. Demonstrate an overall understanding of corrections in America

COURSE COMPETENCIES

1. Discuss the various philosophies of punishment
 - a. Define misdemeanor and felony
 - b. Describe the history, philosophy, and process of probation and parole
 - c. Compare and contrast three treatment approaches in corrections
2. Describe the criminal justice system and the impact of policies on corrections
 - a. Create a flow chart of the criminal justice system, beginning with an arrest and ending with parole
 - b. Trace the development of social control, crime, and punishment from early times to present
 - c. Identify early theories of criminology, imprisonment, and the emergence of corrections
3. Demonstrate knowledge of current correctional issues
 - a. Explain the effects of social and cultural factors on the correctional client
 - b. List and discuss three critical issues facing corrections today
4. Demonstrate an overall understanding of corrections in America
 - a. Compare and contrast federal, state, and local correctional facilities
 - b. Compare and contrast early cellular prisons to today's prisons
 - c. List and discuss three community-based programs
 - d. Compare and contrast male and female prisons
 - e. Compare and contrast adult and juvenile systems
 - f. Explain the development of correctional administration from early times to present
 - g. Discuss the process of recruitment and selection of correctional personnel

COURSE OUTLINE (Suggested)

The Correctional Framework
Crime and the Correctional Process
The Correctional Client
The Development of Corrections
Community-Based Alternatives
Jails: Pretrial Detention and Short-Term Confinement
Prisons and Other Correctional Facilities
Institutional Procedures: Custody
Institutional Procedures: Treatment
The Effects of Institutional Life
Transition from Confinement to Community
Special Populations in Corrections
Juvenile Corrections
Staff: The Key Ingredient
Current Trends and Future Issues