

CRJ 410 – Corrections

Course Description

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the field of corrections. It explores agencies, practices, and policies relevant to prisons, jails, and probation and parole. Students examine both historic and contemporary punishment policies in the United States, sentencing structures; socio-political economic conditions that influence disparate sentencing and confinement; facility designs and how they correlate with inmate management philosophies; the legal aspects of the care, custody and control of inmates; the constitutional rights and civil liberties of inmates; security operations, and inmate treatment services.

Instructional Materials

Schmallegger, F. & Smykla, J.O. (2011). *Corrections in the 21st century* (6th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw Hill.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the U.S. Constitutional amendments that apply to correctional management and operations.
2. Recommend improvements to selected areas of corrections.
3. Explain the purposes of corrections.
4. Describe the reform of American criminal justice beginning with 15th century Europe.
5. Analyze various issues in corrections, including effective community corrections programs, probation and parole, and reentry strategies.
6. Analyze the operational components of prisons, jails, and alternative correctional placements.
7. Propose specific components of an institutional facility model based on effective management policies and procedures for a specified group of inmates.
8. Analyze key issues involved with the correctional staff.
9. Classify inmate types, explaining the issues involved and the purposes served within prison society by various types.
10. Analyze gender issues involved in corrections.
11. Examine the administration of correctional institutions and programs that involve the rights of inmates and those convicted of crimes.
12. Analyze important issues facing the correctional enterprise today, including privatization, special needs populations, and disparities pertaining to race, religion, and economics.
13. Analyze the history of and key issues involving the death penalty.
14. Explain how juvenile corrections differ from adult corrections.
15. Analyze key issues pertinent to victims of crime.
16. Use technology and information resources to research correctional facility policies.
17. Write clearly and concisely about correctional facility policies using proper writing mechanics.