C-ID Descriptor
Introduction to Corrections

Descriptor Details

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General Description

This course provides a history of and critical analysis of punishment, the various types of punishment, alternatives to punishment, and the impact of punishment on the Criminal Justice System, corrections, a critical examination of the types of correctional institutions and the clients housed in each institution, and an examination of contemporary correctional issues.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

None

Advisories

No information provided

Content

Concept of Corrections as a Sub-system of the Criminal Justice System

Judicial Processes and Sentencing Practices for Misdemeanants, Felons, and Juveniles.

Correctional Clients that includes the Career Criminal, Criminal Gang member, Accidental Criminal, and Elderly Criminal.

Alternatives to Incarceration that includes Probation or Parole and Treatment facilities.

Types of Correctional Facilities at the Federal, State, and local levels.

Institutionalization of inmates in Correctional Facilities at the Federal, State, and Local levels.

Innovative Programs in Correctional Facilities at the Federal, State and Local levels.

Juvenile Corrections

Special Populations in Correctional Facilities at the Federal, State, and local levels.

Corrections as a Career Field

Lab Activities

None

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

Identify and describe the evolving philosophy of punishment within the Corrections sub-system of the Criminal Justice system.

Identify and Differentiate clients in each of the types of Correctional institutions, the issues and challenges each type of client presents to a Correctional institution.

Identify the Alternatives to Punishment and describe their impact on the Criminal Justice System and society at large.

Identify the innovative programs designed for specific Correctional Institutions and describe their impact on the Corrections client and society at large.

Evaluation Methods

Objective and subjective examinations/quizzes

Case analysis

Projects

Homework assignments

In class exercises/presentations

Textbooks

American Corrections, Clear & Cole, 2016, 11th Ed.