Course Information
Division: Humanities/Social Sciences
Contact Hours: 45
Total Credits: 3

Prerequisites
CRJ 154

Course Description
This course is an introduction to a field of corrections. The focus will be on the historical development of correctional systems and practices, the role of corrections in the criminal justice system, theories concerning the characteristics and treatment of the offender, sentencing guidelines, and important issues facing the correctional system today. Field trips and observation visits are an integral part of the course.

This course is a required core course for students pursuing an AAS in Criminal Justice.

Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:
Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below:

A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
B. Understand criminological concepts and the study of crime and criminality.
C. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
D. Discuss constitutional due process protections applied to the criminal justice system.
E. Develop leadership and professionalism.

Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

1. Recognize the role of corrections within the total system of criminal justice.
   Applies to Program Outcome
   A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.

2. Distinguish between prisons and jails.
   Applies to Program Outcome
   A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.

3. Differentiate probation and parole.
   Applies to Program Outcome
   A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
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4. Understand the current trends and challenges of the field of corrections.
   Applies to Program Outcome
   E. Develop leadership and professionalism.

5. Identify the various institutional and non-institutional correctional systems, including community resources.
   Applies to Program Outcomes
   A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.

6. Develop, evaluate, and analyze issues as related to corrections and demonstrate this ability in journal and/or essay form.
   Applies to Program Outcome
   C. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
   B. Understand criminological concepts and the study of crime and criminality.
   D. Discuss constitutional due process protections applied to the criminal justice system.

7. Write a critical paper discussing a correctional issue utilizing proper research techniques and demonstrating proper documentation skills.
   Applies to Program Outcome
   C. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.

8. The ability to analyze information and state an academically sound opinion regarding the facts.
   Applies to Program Outcome
   C. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills

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