

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Criminal Justice Studies 120 Introduction to Corrections
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Hanser, Robert D. *Introduction to Corrections*. 3rd ed. CA: Sage Publication, 2020
- D. Prerequisites: none

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on contemporary correctional activities and the functions performed by correctional agencies and personnel. It includes an overview of the functions performed by correctional institutions and community corrections agencies for juveniles and adults.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- A. Explain the corrections components of the criminal justice system
- B. Describe the conflicting purposes, goals, and objectives of the corrections system
- C. Describe the various correctional philosophies and how they affect the system
- D. Identify ethical issues in the corrections system and describe acceptable responses to them

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. Criminal sentencing and alternatives to incarceration
- B. Trends impacting jails and prisons
- C. Trends impacting community corrections
- D. Correctional administration

V. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Research and writing papers addressing current issues
- B. Reflection papers after visiting off campus sites or listening to guest speakers
- C. Class presentations
- D. Critical thinking about materials

VI. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Tests
- B. Quizzes
- C. Peer evaluations
- D. Written assignments