

# Virginia Western Community College

## ADJ 140

### Introduction to Corrections

#### **Prerequisites**

None

#### **Course Description**

Focuses on societal responses to the offender. Traces the evolution of practices based on philosophies of retribution, deterrence, and rehabilitation. Reviews contemporary correctional activities and their relationships to other aspects of the criminal justice system.

**Semester Credits: 3**

**Lecture Hours: 3**

**Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0**

#### **Required Materials**

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

#### **Textbook:**

Corrections in the 21st Century, 7th edition Author: Frank Schmalleger and John Ortiz Smykla  
ISBN: # 978-0-07-814092-1

#### **Other Required Materials:**

None

#### **Course Outcomes**

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

- Understand the role of sentencing in Corrections
- Know the history of punishment
- Comprehend the role that jail, diversion, probation, intermediate sanctions, prison, parole and capital punishment play in corrections
- Differentiate corrections from staff and inmate viewpoints
- Understand the philosophy of juvenile justice
- Examine the victim's role in corrections
- Know how restorative justice, technology and privatization will shape corrections in the future
- Explore various career opportunities in corrections
- Practice the art of professionalism

**Topical Description**

1	History of Punishment
2	Sentencing Goals
3	Community Corrections
4	Intermediate Sanctions
5	Evidence-based Practices
6	Jails/Prisons
7	Prisoner's rights
8	Staff World
9	Prison Issues and Concerns
10	The Victim
11	Death: The Ultimate Sanction
12	Juvenile Corrections
13	Professionalism

**Notes to Instructors**