

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. Canvas

Textbook:

Corrections in the 21st Century, 9th edition Author: Frank Schmalleger and John Ortiz Smykla
ISBN: # 978-1-260-24106-8

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

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| 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