Course Outline for Administration of Justice 55

INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONAL SCIENCE

Catalog Description:
ADMJ 55 - Introduction to Correctional Science 3.00 units
This course provides a critical analysis of punishment and the modern correctional process as utilized in the rehabilitation of adult and juvenile offenders. Exploration of the various types of punishment, alternatives to punishment, types of correctional institutions, and the impact of punishment on the criminal justice system.

Prerequisite: ADMJ 40

Grading Option: Optional

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Prerequisite Skills:
None

Measurable Objectives:
Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:
1. identify and describe the evolving philosophy of punishment within the Corrections sub-system of the criminal justice system;
2. identify and differentiate clients in each of the types of correctional institutions, and the issues and challenges each type of client presents to a correctional institution;
3. identify the alternatives to punishment and describe their impact on the criminal justice system and society at large;
4. describe the innovative programs designed for specific correctional institutions and describe their impact on the corrections client and society at large.

Course Content:
1. The Concept of Corrections as a sub-system of the criminal justice system
2. History and Purpose of Corrections
3. The Law of Corrections
   A. Foundations - Constitutions, Statutes, and Case Law
   B. The Supreme Court and the constitutional rights of prisoners, probationers, and Parolees
   C. Judicial processes and sentencing practices for Miscreants, Felons, and Juveniles
4. The sentencing process and criminal punishment
5. Institutions - Types of Correctional Institutions
   A. Federal;
   B. State;
   C. Local
6. Innovative Programs in correctional facilities at the Federal, State, and Local level
7. Special populations in correctional facilities at the Federal, State, and Local level
8. Race, Ethnicity, and Corrections
9. Juvenile Corrections
10. Community-based Corrections
    A. Community services
    B. Half-way houses
    C. Work release
    D. Vocational rehabilitation
11. Effects of Institutional Life
    A. The institutional personality
    B. Prisoners' attitudes and values
    C. Formal social control
    D. Prisoners' unions
12. Release from Incarceration and Community Supervision
13. Future of Corrections
    A. Institutions
    B. Probation
    C. Parole
    D. Education and personnel

Methods of Presentation
1. Lecture/Discussion
2. Guest speakers
Assignments and Methods of Evaluating Student Progress

1. Typical Assignments
   A. Do a group project on police stress as it applies to corrections
   B. Research issues related to rehabilitation of offenders and prepare a 5 minute presentation for the class on your findings.
   C. Conduct research on recidivism, its causes and impact on the criminal justice system and prepare a three page summary on the results of your research.

2. Methods of Evaluating Student Progress
   A. Attendance
   B. Class Participation
   C. Quizzes
   D. Midterm Examination
   E. Oral Presentation
   F. Written Presentation
   G. Group Projects
   H. Final Examination

3. Student Learning Outcomes
   Upon the completion of this course, the student should be able to:
   A. Explain the historical development of corrections and the major characteristics and purposes of today’s prisons and jails.
   B. Describe the goals of corrections including incapacitation, deterrence, retribution, and rehabilitation.
   C. Describe prisoner rights in confinement relative to medical treatment, personal health and safety, speech, religion, and press; and access to courts, lawyers, and legal resource materials.

Textbook (Typical):

Special Student Materials
Abbreviated Class Schedule Description:

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