

CMJS 2083: CORRECTIONS

1. Catalog Description

An overview of the theories, principles and operations of the corrections function within the criminal justice system. Emphasis will be on the prisons and prison management.

2. Prerequisites: CMJS 2003 or CMJS 2013

3. Credit, Contact, Local Hours: 3/3/3

4. Target Audience & Transfer

Designed for students majoring in criminal justice or who plan to seek employment in the criminal justice field. Successful completion of this course should prepare students for further study in criminal justice.

5. General Course Outcomes

Students completing this course should be able to:

- a. Knowledge. Obtain a foundation of facts, vocabulary and principles associated with corrections. Preparation for employment in the criminal justice field.
- b. Academic Skills. Use the information obtained in this course to assist them in future courses such as Police Administration or the social sciences.
- c. Critical Thinking. An improved ability to critically examine current corrections issues.

6. Required Texts: Tewksbury, Introduction to Corrections, 3rd Edition
New York, NY., Glencoe/McGraw Hill

7. Topics:

- A. Corrections in Criminal Justice
- B. Juvenile Justice
- C. Juvenile Law
- D. Administration of Prisons
- E. Prisoner's Rights
- F. Prison Unrest
- G. Local Corrections
- H. Community Corrections
- I. Contemporary Issues in Corrections

8. Required Methods of Instruction

Three hours classroom lecture as well as a tour of area corrections facilities and numerous independent assignments relating to corrections issues in Arkansas and the United States.

9. Required Forms of Assessment

- a. Students will be given a pre and post test written by individual faculty but which will include some questions from a Test Bank under development by the program Coordinator. The information from these pre and post tests will be analyzed each semester so that the faculty can target areas of insufficient learning and accomplishment.
- b. Students will be given periodic examinations covering selected topics of the course so that when the course has been completed, students will have been tested on all topics set out above. Each such test will contain a critical thinking element to measure the student's understanding of analytical matters and their competency in rational thinking.

10. Resources: None