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General Syllabus

CRJU 23173 Correctional Systems and Practices

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite or corequisite: CRJU 10203 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Analysis and evaluation of contemporary correctional systems and discussion of recent research concerning the correctional institution and the various field services.

B. Additional Information - None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the history of corrections.
2. Discuss alternatives to imprisonment.
3. Explain the nature of institutional corrections.
4. Examine the nature of correctional clients.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will use critical thinking skills to identify correctional systems problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will use essay format for written presentation of research projects and discuss particular aspects of various topics.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will examine ethical dilemmas within the criminal justice field and develop ethical frameworks to resolve specific ethical issues.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Overview of corrections at the state and federal level
- B. History of corrections
- C. Alternate sanctions