

AJ 104
CORRECTIONS AND SOCIETY
Fall, 2000

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Course description

This course is designed to provide the student with an overview of modern corrections, specifically, probation, parole, jail, prison, and community-based correction systems. The course will include a historical review of punishment philosophies and practices, and how these practices lay the groundwork for contemporary correctional policies and practices.

Course Objectives

1. To review and understand the history and philosophy of punishment and the development of corrections in the United States
2. To review and understand corrections as a component of our criminal justice system in the United States and how it relates to law enforcement and the courts.
3. To examine and understand the philosophy behind current correctional practices
4. To examine current issues in corrections in the United States

Text: Clear, T. R. & Cole, G. F. American Corrections (Fifth edition) 2000

Course Requirements: Grades for AJ104 will be determined as follows:

3 Examinations (100 points each)	300 points
1 Written assignment	100 points
Class participation/Quizzes	50 points

Tests will have multiple choice, T/F, fill-in and essay questions. Exams will cover material from text, lectures, guest speakers, handouts, and videos. Makeup exams will be essay style and must be made up as soon as possible after the exam.

Exam I	Monday, Sept. 25
Exam II	Wednesday, Nov. 1
Exam III	Monday, Dec. 18

Written assignment will be an analysis of a film dealing with a corrections related topic. Your critique of the film should address the nature of the film, the issues addressed in the film, the film's relevance to current correctional issues/practices, and the film's relevance to this course. You will read at least one scholarly article related to the film topic, and must integrate and properly cite information from the article, the text, and lectures into your analysis. Cite sources and references using APA (American Psychological Assn.) style. The quality of writing must be at the college level. Paper should be 5 – 7 pages long, excluding title and reference pages.

Paper due Nov. 22–29. Late papers will be docked 5 points.

Grading scale

93 – 100 = A	80 – 82 = B-	67 – 69 = D+
90 – 92 = A-	77 – 79 = C+	63 – 66 = D
87 – 89 = B+	73 – 76 = C	60 – 62 = D-
83 – 86 = B	70 – 72 = C-	59 and below = F

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Class Schedule

Read and be prepared to discuss in class each chapter on the date indicated. While we may not cover each chapter in class, you will be responsible for the reading. We will be having guest speakers and videos throughout the semester, so although a date is left blank, we will be having class! *Please note that there will be at least one pop quiz between exams. It is expected that you will have read and understood concepts covered in the reading and prior lectures!*

Part I: The Correctional Context

Aug. 28	Overview of class	
Aug. 30	The Correctional System	Ch. 1
Sept. 4	Holiday	
Sept. 6	History of Correctional Thought and Practice	Ch. 2
Sept. 11	History of Corrections in America	Ch. 3
Sept. 13	Punishment of Offenders	Ch. 4
Sept. 18	The Law of Corrections	Ch. 5
Sept. 20	The Correctional Client	Ch. 6
Sept. 25	EXAM I: The Correctional Context	Ch. 1 – 6
Sept. 27	Wrap up Part I	

Part II: Correctional Practices

Oct. 2	Jails: Detention & Short Term Incarceration	Ch. 7
Oct. 4	Probation	Ch. 8
Oct. 9	Intermediate Sanctions & Community Corrections	Ch. 9
Oct. 11	Incarceration	Ch. 10
Oct. 16	The Prison Experience	Ch. 11
Oct. 18	Incarceration of Women	Ch. 12
Oct. 23	Institutional Management	Ch. 13
Oct. 25	Institutional Programs	Ch. 14
Oct. 30		
Nov. 1	EXAM II: Correctional Practices (Incarceration)	Ch. 7 – 14

Part III **Supervision in the Community, Correctional Issues and Perspectives**

Nov. 6	Release from Incarceration	Ch. 15
Nov. 8	Making It: Supervision in the Community	Ch. 16
Nov. 13	Corrections for Juveniles	Ch. 17
Nov. 15		
Nov. 20	Incarceration Trends	Ch. 18
Nov. 22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! <i>(You really will enjoy it if you have turned in an excellent paper! ☺)</i>	
Nov. 27	Race, Ethnicity, and Corrections	Ch. 19
Nov. 29	The Death Penalty	Ch. 20
Dec. 4		
Dec. 6	Surveillance and Control in the Community	Ch. 21
Dec. 11	Community Justice/Epilogue	Ch. 22
Dec. 18	EXAM III: Supervision in the Community, Correctional Issues and Perspectives	Ch. 15 - Epilogue