

**AJ 104 - CORRECTIONS AND SOCIETY- Spring 2000**

**Section 1, MW 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**

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**Office Hours: M, 9:30-10:30 a.m. & 3:00-5:00 p.m.; W, 8:30-10:30 a.m.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed to provide the student with an overview of modern corrections specifically, probation, parole, jail, prison and community-based corrections systems. Class discussion will include an historical review of punishment philosophies and practices. The course will also explore contemporary correctional policies, practices and issues.

**REQUIRED TEXT:** Clear, Todd R. and George F. Cole, American Corrections (Fifth Edition), Wadsworth Publishing Co., 2000.

**OPTIONAL TEXT:** Silverman, Ira J. and Manuel Vega, Corrections: A Comprehensive View. West Publishing Company, 1996. (in bookstore and on reserve)

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Midterm exam, final exam, written assignment, and class presentation. Exams are given on the scheduled dates below. Late assignments are not accepted.

**A. Examinations** (100 points, including multiple choice, matching and essay question)  
Exams cover reading assignments, hand-outs, lectures and class discussion and presentations.

**Midterm exam - Monday, March 13 (during class period)**

**Final exam - Monday, May 22, 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**B. Written Assignment**

Write a short paper (approx. 5 pages) that analyzes a movie/film dealing with a corrections-related topic. Your critique should address the nature of the subject, the theme, and most importantly, the film's relevance to this course. Cite references from texts & lectures. **Due Date: March 6**

**C. Class Presentation**

Depending upon class size, students will form small groups (approx. 2 - 5) and address a topic that has been discussed in the reading and/or lectures (i.e., the death penalty, community corrections, privatization, etc.). Each group must meet with the instructor to get approval for their topic prior to undertaking the research. Each group must submit a written summary (approx. 5 pages) of their presentation and a list of approximately ten references at the time of the presentation (approx. 20 minutes per presentation). One grade will be assigned to each group. **Due Date: May 8-15**

**FINAL GRADE DETERMINATION:**

Written Assignment = 50 points

Midterm Exam = 100 points

Class Presentation = 100 points

Final Exam = 100 points

**TOTAL = 350 points**

**GRADING SCALE:**

93-100 = A      77-79 = C+      60-62 = D-

90-92 = A-      73-76 = C      59 and below = F

87-89 = B+      70-72 = C-

83-86 = B      67-69 = D+

80-82 = B-      63-66 = D

## SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
1/26	Overview	
1/31	The Correctional System	Amer. Corrections, Ch. 1
2/2	History of Correctional Thought and Practice	Ch. 2
2/7	History of Corrections in America	Ch. 3
2/9	Punishment of Offenders	Ch. 4
2/14	The Law of Corrections	Ch. 5
2/16	The Correctional Client	Amer. Corrections, Ch. 6 Corrections: A Comp. View, Ch. 11
2/21	Jail Detention & Short-term Incarceration	Ch. 7
2/23	Probation	Ch. 8
2/28	Intermediate Sanctions & Community Corrections	Ch. 9
3/1	Incarceration	Ch. 10
3/6	The Prison Experience	Amer. Corrections, Ch. 11 Corrections: A Comp. View, Ch. 10
3/8	Review for Midterm	
3/13	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>	

\*Students are responsible for all readings even if not discussed in class lectures

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
3/15 3/20	Incarceration of Women	Amer. Corrections, Ch. 12 Corrections: A Comp. View, Ch. 12
3/22	Institutional Management	Ch.13
3/27 3/31	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	
4/3	Institutional Programs	Amer. Corrections, Ch. 14 Corrections: A Comp View, Ch. 21
4/5	Release from Incarceration	Ch. 15
4/10	Supervision in the Community	Ch. 16
4/12	Corrections for Juveniles	Ch. 17
4/17	Correctional Issues & Perspectives	Ch. 18
4/19	Race, Ethnicity & Corrections	Ch. 19
4/24	The Death Penalty	Ch. 20
4/26	Surveillance & Control in the Community	Ch. 21
5/1	Community Justice	Ch. 22
5/3	Amer. Corrections Today & Tomorrow	Epilogue
5/8	Class presentations	
5/10	Class presentations	
5/15	Class presentations Review for Final Exam	<b>Last day of class</b>
5/22	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	