

AJ 104  
**CORRECTIONS AND SOCIETY**  
Spring 2001

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Office Hours: M/W  
10:30-11:30, 1:30-2:00  
or by appt.

**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
2 Written assignments	150 points
Class participation/Quizzes/Movies	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,
Exam II	Wednesday,
Exam III	Friday, May 18

**Book Review** of a book dealing with a correctional issue. 3-4 pages.

**Due week of Mar.19 . Late papers docked 5 points.**

**Film Review** will be an analysis of a film dealing with a corrections related topic. You will read at least one scholarly article related to the film topic, and must integrate and properly cite information from the article, the book you reviewed, and the text 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 week of April 23. 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 may be 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**

Jan. 24	Overview of class	
Jan. 29	The Correctional System	Ch. 1
Jan. 31	History of Correctional Thought and Practice	Ch. 2
Feb. 5	History of Corrections in America	Ch. 3
Feb. 7	Movie: <i>The American Prison</i>	
Feb. 12	Punishment of Offenders	Ch. 4
Feb. 14	The Law of Corrections	Ch. 5
Feb. 19	The Correctional Client	Ch. 6
Feb. 21	<b>EXAM I: The Correctional Context</b>	Ch. 1 – 6

**Part II: Correctional Practices**

Feb. 26	Jails: Detention & Short Term Incarceration	Ch. 7
Feb. 28	Movie:	
Mar. 5	Corrections for Juveniles	Ch. 17
Mar. 7	Guest speaker: Jose Bergara, San Mateo Co. Juvenile Probation	
Mar. 12	Movie: <i>Young Criminals, Adult Punishment</i>	
Mar. 14	Probation	Ch. 8
Mar. 19	Intermediate Sanctions & Community Corrections	Ch. 9
	<b>Book Review due this week!!!</b>	
Mar. 21	Incarceration	Ch. 10
Mar. 26 – 30	<b>SPRING BREAK!!! ☺</b>	
Apr. 2	The Prison Experience	Ch. 11
Apr. 4	Movie	
Apr. 9	<b>EXAM II: Jails, Juveniles, Probation, Incarceration...</b>	Ch. 7-11 & 17

**Part III: Correctional Challenges: Institutional Management, Issues, Supervision in the Community**

Apr. 11	Institutional Management	Ch. 13
Apr. 16	Guest speaker: Eric Taylor, SCC DOC	
Apr. 18	Institutional Programs	Ch. 14
Apr. 23	Release from Incarceration	Ch. 15
	<b>Film Review due this week!!!</b>	
Apr. 25	Movie: <i>On Parole</i>	
Apr. 30	Making It: Supervision in the Community	Ch. 16
May 2	Incarceration of Women	Ch. 12
May 7	Guest speaker: Jennifer Tait, Friends Outside	
May 9	Movie: <i>Women in Prison</i>	
May 14	Community Justice, Epilogue	Ch. 22
May 18	<b>EXAM III: Institutional Management, Programs, Supervision in the Community, Women in Prison</b>	Ch. 12 - 16, & 22

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION!! ☺**