

Correctional Systems

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Office Hours by appointment
6:00-9:40 in Tillet Hall, Room 207 on Livingston Campus
May 31 to July 7

Texts: Haas, K. & Alpert, G. (2006) *The Dilemmas of Corrections*. Long Grove, IL.: Waveland Press, Inc. 1-57766-398-5

Tonry, M. and Petersilia, J. (1999) *Prisons*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

The students will focus on circumstances in confinement and during re-entry. Students will understand basic theoretical constructs about the correctional experience, its literature, subfields, and role as a field of study within criminology, criminal justice and corrections. The student will be exposed to historical and emerging developments in the correctional field with special emphasis on evidence based practices. The student will explore correctional systems to understand strengths, weaknesses, limitations, and potential pitfalls. Special attention is paid to the social environment of prison as a change agent that must be addressed upon re-entry. Failure to effect change is viewed as contributing to failure and additional victimization in society. This course also deals with analysis of contemporary programs and trends in the criminal justice system's response to ex-convicts, their families, victims and society.

Suggested Reading for the Semester:

Hassine, Victor, Johnson, Robert, and Dobrazhanska, Ania *The Crying Wall and Other Prison Stories*, West Conshohoken, PA: Infinity Publishing Co., 2005

Convict Criminology, Stephen Richards and Jeffrey Ian Ross

The following dates and assignments are a guide which we will adhere to as closely as possible. What will be most important is for you to keep current with the assignments. The syllabus may change as needed.

Week One May 31 and June 2 A Revisionist History of Correctional Processes

Assignment: *The Dilemmas of Corrections* Part 1
Prisons: American prisons at the beginning of the Twenty-first century pp 1-16

Week Two: June 7 and June 9 A Revisionist History of Correctional Processes

Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 1
Prisons: Population growth in US prisons pp. 17- 62
Understanding Prison policy and population trends pp 63-120

Week Three: June 14 and June 16 A Revisionist History of Correctional Processes

Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 1
Prisons: Prison suicide and prisoner coping

June 14 Review for Mid term, Ethical Considerations
June 16 Mid term examination
One half of journals due

Week Four: June 21 and June 23 Community Justice Programs/alternative systems

Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 2
Prisons: Adult Correctional treatment pp. 361-426

Week Five: June 28 and June 30 Visit to Jail, Alternative systems

Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 2
Prisons: Prison Management Trends, 1975-2025 pp. 163-204
Interpersonal Violence and social order in Prisons pp. 205-282

Week Six: July 5 and July 7 Future Directions and Diversion

Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 4
Prisons: Parole and prisoner re-entry in the United States pp. 479-530

July 5 Review for final
Second half of journal entries due
Research paper due

July 7 Final Exam, Final journal entry

Other Topics: The Prisoner as Victim: Holmsburg, Alabama, California, Arkansas, Washington & Oregon

Evaluation

1. Reaction Journal 15 entries (15 points).

Your journal is an opportunity for you to comment on class discussions, readings, news, comments made by others that have something to do with corrections. Entries should be no more than one paragraph long except for the first and the final entry.

The final entry: review all previous entries and react to them and to your experiences this semester

2. Book Critique – Due week (25 pts).
Choose one work from the Autobiographies. Acceptable titles will be identified in class. **This should be a critical analysis** discussing the impact of prisonization as well as counseling needs and process.
3. Application - Research Paper – (Due week 5) Topic to be discussed 1st class (20 pts)
Provide an email address for contact about research paper
4. Mid term and Final Examination – 40 points

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Term Paper Grading Rubric

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