SYLLABUS

Code: CRJU 127
Title: Introduction to Corrections

Division: Business and Social Science
Department: Criminal Justice

Course Description: The student will gain an understanding of historical and contemporary correctional practices. Theoretical concepts of the criminal sanction will be discussed, along with institutional rehabilitation and community-based corrections. This course is to follow up to CRJU 101.

Prerequisites:

Corequisites:

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Credits: 3  Lecture Hours: 3  Lab/Studio Hours: 0

Required Textbook/Materials:
American Corrections, Todd Clear and George F. Cole, West/Wadsworth, 6th edition.

Additional Time Requirements:
For information on Brookdale’s policy on credit hour requirements and outside class student work refer to Academic Credit Hour Policy.

Course Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
• Analyze the four goals of corrections.
• Differentiate the different types of sentencing systems.
• Formulate a position on the application of the death penalty.
• Examine the history and development of prisons in America.
• Distinguish the differences between jails and prisons.
• Classify the different levels of incarceration.
• Conduct a field observation visit to a jail and prison and assess the agency experience.
• Discriminate between different forms of community-based corrections.
• Examine the issues of professional responsibility and ethical standards as they relate to the subject matter of this course.

Grading Standard:
A = 93-100
A- = 90-92
B+ = 86-89
B = 83-85
B- = 79-82
C+ = 77-78
C = 70-76
D = 65-69
F = <65
INC = Complete three of five assignments to be considered for an incomplete.
COURSE CONTENT:
Penology:
- The four goals of punishment
- Sentencing
- Mandatory sentencing, truth in sentencing and three crimes and you are out
- Death Penalty

Prisons and Jails
- History of the penitentiary
- From Big House to Warehouse
- Life in Prison
- Prison subculture and violence in prison
- Jails

Corrections
- Correctional law and social justice
- Custodial Programs
- Probation and Parole
- Community programs
- Community justice

DEPARTMENT POLICIES:
- Attendance is required and absences may necessitate student dropping the course.
- Students are required to complete tests and assignments.
- Class will begin and end on time. Lateness and early departure are not accepted.
- Instructors may limit the number of absences allowed.
- Cell phone use in class is not allowed.

College Policies:
As an academic institution, Brookdale facilitates the free exchange of ideas, upholds the virtues of civil discourse, and honors diverse perspectives informed by credible sources. Our College values all students and strives for inclusion and safety regardless of a student’s disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, country of origin, immigration status, religious affiliation, political orientation, socioeconomic standing, and veteran status. For additional information, support services, and engagement opportunities, please visit www.brookdalecc.edu/support.

For information regarding:
- Brookdale’s Academic Integrity Code
- Student Conduct Code
- Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the BCC STUDENT HANDBOOK AND BCC CATALOG.

NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:
Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Disabilities Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability, and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.
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**Additional Support/Labs:**
See the Tutoring Center for information [https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/tutoring-center/](https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/tutoring-center/).

Trips: The instructor will arrange two trips during the semester. Students are strongly urged to attend the planned visits.

**Mental Health:**
- Mental Health Crisis Support: From a campus phone, dial 5555 or 732-224-2329 from an external line; off-hours calls will be forwarded to BCC police (2222 from a campus phone)
- Psychological Counseling Services: 732-224-2986 (to schedule an appointment during regular hours)

*The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arises.*