



CRJ 245: Corrections

This course is a comprehensive study of the correctional system in the United States. It will provide students with an understanding of the historical framework, theoretical principles, legal precedents, and philosophies that guide correctional practices. Sentencing philosophies, treatment and rehabilitation theories, alternatives to incarceration, probation, parole, and community-based corrections are examined. The civil rights of prisoners and contemporary correctional management practices are discussed to fully understand how our correctional system functions within a larger criminal justice system. Prerequisite(s): CRJ 101 and CRJ 113 with a grade of C- or better. Three lecture hours per week.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to: 1. Discuss the historical framework within which the American correctional system has evolved. 2. Explain how the U.S. Supreme Court decisions have shaped the administration of U.S. correctional facilities and the treatment of offenders. 3. Critically analyze the various offender treatment and rehabilitation theories as well as the relevant sentencing philosophies. 4. Discuss the important differences between probation, parole, and community-based correctional programs. 5. Explain how a correctional system operates to ensure public safety while also respecting the civil rights of offenders.

Credits: 3

Program: Criminal Justice