Course Syllabus

NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change during the semester. Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.

Department: Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Department

Course Title: Probation & Parole

Section Name: CJCR_1304_WRM

Start Date: 08/22/2011

End Date: 12/08/2011

Modality: ONLINE

Credits: 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

A survey of the structure, organization, and operation of probation and parole services. Emphasis on applicable state statutes and administrative guidelines.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

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2, 3, 7, 9, & 11

Course Objectives

1. The student will explain and describe the professional qualifications for employment as a probation or parole officer.

2. The student will demonstrate skills in probation and parole management and treatment practices.

3. The student will identify the community relations strategies necessary for the probation and parole function.

4. The student will define key terms associated with probation and parole.
Course Requirements (Web assignments and discussion requirements)

Week 1-15

Summary of All 15 Weeks Assignments & Activities:

Weeks 1 & 2 August 22 – September 4, 2011
Read Chapter 1, Probation & Parole in Criminal Justice, Check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday September 4, 2011 at 1130 pm.
End of Weeks 1 & 2

Week 3 September 5 – 11, 2011
Read Chapter 2, Probation History & Administration, Check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday September 11, 2011 at 1130 pm.
End of Week 3

Week 4 September 12 – 18, 2011
Read Chapter 3, Pretrial Release, Sentencing, & the Presentence Report, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday September 18, 2011 at 1130 pm.
End of Week 4
Week 5 September 19 – 25, 2011
Read Chapter 4, The Probation Officer & Juvenile Justice, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday September 25, 2011 at 1130 pm.
End of Week 5

Week 6 September 26 – October 2, 2011
Read Chapter 5, Parole & the Indeterminate Sentence, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday October 2, 2011 at 1130 pm
End of Week 6

Week 7 October 3 – 9, 2011
Read Chapter 6, Parole Administration & Services, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday October 9, 2011 at 1130 pm
End of Week 7

Week 8 October 10 – 16, 2011
Read Chapter 7, Treatment & Supervision in Probation & Parole, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday October 16, 2011 at 1130 pm
End of Week 8 - End of First 8 weeks

Weeks 9 & 10 October 17 – 30, 2011. We will work in this chapter for Two weeks.
Read Chapter 8, Probation & Parole Officers, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday October 30, 2011 at 1130 pm
End of Weeks 9 & 10
Week 11 October 31 – November 6, 2011
Read Chapter 9, Probation & Parole Supervision, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday November 6, 2011 at 1130 pm
End of Week 11

Week 12 November 7 – 13, 2011
Read Chapter 10, Intermediate Punishments, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday November 13, 2011 at 1130 pm
End of Week 12

Week 13 November 14 – 20, 2011
Read Chapter 11, Special Issues, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday November 20, 2011 at 1130 pm
End of Week 13

Read Chapter 12, The Future of Probation & Parole, check assignment requirements
Post your Discussion Board responses by Sunday November 27, 2011 at 1130 pm
End of Week 14 – End of all postings – If you need additional time let me know.
Week 15 November 28 – December 4, 2011

Review all postings from 12 Chapters for Final Exam.

Final Exam will consist of 25 multiple choice questions taken from the Discussion Board questions. The time limit to complete the exam is 90 minutes. You will be allowed one opportunity to complete the exam. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Week 16 December 5 – 8, 2011

Final Exam will open in Blackboard at 8 am on December 5, 2011 and close at 5 pm on December 8, 2011. You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam. You will be allowed one opportunity to complete the 25 questions multiple choice exam. NO EXCEPTIONS!
Grading Policy

Discussion Board Postings 50%
Final Exam 50%
Total 100%

Percentage % Grade
A 90-100
B 80-89
C 70-79
D 60-69
F Below 60

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the "Ask a Librarian " service provide additional help.
Student E-mail

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Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail, by following the link to either set up or update your account: http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/. All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.

Student Portal

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Technical Support

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For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies

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For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student's and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the Odessa College Student Handbook.