

Course Syllabus

Corrections (online)

Spring January 14, 2015 to March 6, 2015

Course Description: This course is a survey of institutional and non-institutional corrections. Emphasis will be placed on the organization and operation of correctional systems; treatment and rehabilitation; populations served; Constitutional issues; and current and future issues.

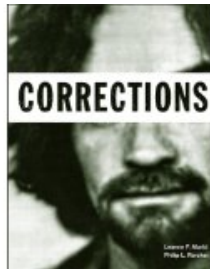
Course Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites for this course, though it is preferred that you have had CRIJ 1301: Introduction to Criminal Justice.

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Describe the organization and operation of correctional systems and alternatives to institutionalization.
2. Describe treatment and rehabilitative programs.
3. Differentiate between the short-term incarceration and long-term institutional environments.
4. Evaluate current and future correctional issues.
5. Identify the Constitutional rights applicable to the correctional setting.

Required Materials:

Textbook(s): Corrections / Authors: Leanne F. Alarid & Philip L. Reichel



Hardware:

Because this is a web class, you will need a computer and all of the necessary peripherals.

Software:

It is mandatory for you to have access to Course Connect as you will be expected to complete some assignments from Course Connect.

Websites:

Any Websites that I would like you to use for reference will be provided within the weekly assignment module.

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My name is Naomi L. De Anda and this is my first semester teaching at Odessa College. I have my Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from UTPB, my Masters of Science in Criminal Justice from Sul Ross and I hope to someday obtain a Jurisprudence degree. I have been a Community Supervision Officer in Monahans, TX for the past seven years and began volunteering as the Executive Director for Ward County Crime Stoppers for a little over a year. I have past experience as a Military Police Officer in the Army. Some of my most favorite things are running, music, reading, Netflix and most important The Walking Dead.

Preferred Method of Communication: You may contact me by email at ndeanda@odessa.edu or by calling 432-943-2851 during business hours. I am not always at my office and do not get messages sometimes until the next business day, therefore, emailing is the best form of contact. You may also call my supervisor, Jennifer Myers, who is head of the CJ Department at OC, on her office phone 432-335-6505 and leave a message. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Grading:

| <i>Type of Assignment</i> | <i>Percentage/Points</i> | <i>Learning Objective</i> |
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| Professionalism and Attendance (You will receive full credit if you log in at least three times a week AND complete all assignments for the week. Points will be deducted if these two stipulations are not met). | 10% | All Learning Objectives |
| Discussion Assignments | 20% | All Learning Objectives |
| Class Assignments | 20% | All Learning Objectives |
| Weekly Quizzes | 10% | All Learning Objectives |
| Paper Assignment | 20% | All Learning Objectives |
| Final Exam | 20% | All Learning Objectives |
| 100% | | TOTAL |

Grading Scale:

"A" = 90-100

"B" = 80-89

"C" = 70-79

"D" = 60-69

"F" = 0-59

Course Schedule *(Tentative and Subject to Change)*

Week 1. January 14 – January 20

Topic: Class Introductions / Chapter 1: An Evidence Based Approach to Corrections and Chapter 2: Why do we punish

Assignment: Print out and read syllabus / Personal Introduction / Cornell Note Video Assignment #1 / Quiz #1

Submission: Answer discussion questions / Submit Assignment #1 before 11:30 pm on 1/20/15
Complete Quiz #1 (will cover chapters 1 & 2) Quiz #1 will be open from Sunday 1/18/15 at 8:00 am to Tuesday 1/20/15 at 11:30 pm

Week 2. January 21 – January 27

Topic: Chapter 3: Correctional Practices from Ancient to Contemporary and 4: Sentencing

Assignment: Class Discussion / Assignment #2 / Quiz #2

Submission: Answer discussion questions / Submit Assignment #2 before 11:30 pm on 1/27/15
Complete Quiz #2 (will cover chapters 3 & 4) Quiz #2 will be open from Sunday 1/25/15 at 8:00 am to Tuesday 1/27/15 at 11:30 pm

Week 3. January 28 – February 3

Topic: Chapter 5: Community Supervision and 6: Jails and Pretrial

Assignment: Class Discussion / Assignment #3 / Quiz #3

Submission: Answer discussion questions / Submit Assignment #3 before 11:30 pm on 2/3/15
Complete Quiz #3 (will cover chapters 5 & 6) Quiz #3 will be open from Sunday 2/1/15 at 8:00 am to Tuesday 2/3/15 at 11:30 pm

Week 4. February 4 – February 10

Topic: Chapter 7: Managing Prisons and Prisoners 8: Prison Life

Assignment: Class Discussion / Assignment #4 / Quiz #4

Submission: Answer discussion questions / Submit Assignment #3 before 11:30 pm on 2/10/15
Complete Quiz #4 (will cover chapters 7 & 8) Quiz #4 will be open from Sunday 2/8/15 at 8:00 am to Tuesday 2/10/15 at 11:30 pm

Week 5. February 11 – February 17

Topic: Chapter 9: Special Correctional Populations and 10: Reentry Programs and Institutional Release

Assignment: Class Discussion / Assignment #5 / Quiz #5

Submission: Answer discussion questions / Submit Assignment #5 before 11:30 pm on 2/17/15
Complete Quiz #5 (will cover chapters 9 & 10) Quiz #5 will be open from Sunday 2/15/15 at 8:00 am to Tuesday 2/17/15 at 11:30 pm

Week 6. February 18 – February 24

Topic: Chapter 11: Legal Issues in Corrections and 12: Capital Punishment

Assignment: Class Discussion / Assignment #6 / Quiz #6

Submission: Answer discussion questions / Submit Assignment #6 before 11:30 pm on 2/24/15
Complete Quiz #6 (will cover chapters 11 & 12) Quiz #6 will be open from Sunday 2/22/15 at 8:00 am to Tuesday 2/24/15 at 11:30 pm

Week 7. February 25 to March 3

Topic: Effectively managing the future of corrections

Assignment: 3 page research paper (make sure to read all information on requirements of paper)

Submission: Submit paper before 11:30 pm on 3/3/15 (I will send you a confirmation email when your paper is received with the date and time information that it was received)

Week 8. March 4 to March 6

Topic: Final Exam

Assignment: Final Exam

Submission: Complete final exam by 3/6/15 at 11:30 pm

Discussion Board

You may address the questions using information from the material assigned for that week of the course, personal experience, opinion and information you may have gathered from elsewhere (be sure to cite your source). You are not required to have tons of information to contribute – grades are based on quality and not quantity. Content is most important. Have you said anything relevant to the topic; have you contributed something new/unique; have you responded to the other students in ways that contribute something new to the knowledge of the subject?

- Original post must be a minimum of 150 words
- Response posts must be a minimum of 75 words

Course Paper Instructions

You will be required to research, write and turn in a three (3) page paper. You may begin writing it at any time but it **must** be completed and turned in by due date March 3, 2015 at 11:30 p.m. No late papers will be accepted, no matter the excuse, because you have the instructions now to complete it. Read and follow all instructions as there are specific requirements that must be fulfilled to obtain a passing grade.

- Paper must be three (3) full pages (last line of third page must have writing on it), align text to the left (do not justify), double spaced, times new roman, size 12
- The first line of the page must only have your full name. Nothing else is required for a heading.
- Do not plagiarize! Cite all sources on a reference page (this should be the fourth (4) page of the paper) Copying material word for word and not indicating that it is a quote will subject you to an automatic F on this assignment. If you cut and paste from the internet or any other document you **MUST** use quotation marks and cite the material on the reference page.
- Perfection is not expected, but obvious major violations will result in loss of significant amounts of credit. *The further you get along in college the more papers you will be required to write, therefore, this is a significant assignment of the course.* You could fail this class with a low grade on the paper so please try your best and if you have questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Topic

In your opinion, explain how state and county jurisdictions can effectively control and manage the corrections system in the future. Give specific examples as to how they may help to control the prison population but also the integrity and costs of the justice system that deals with offenders.

Course Policies

Disclaimer

This syllabus is tentative and subject to change in any part at the discretion of the instructor. Any changes will be in accordance with Odessa College policies. Students will be notified of changes, if any, in a timely manner.

Original Effort

The work submitted for this course must be original work prepared by the student enrolled in this course.

Digital Protocol

Cell phones must be placed on either *vibrate* or *silent* mode and are to be accessed in emergency cases only. The use of laptops or any other digital device is permitted in order to facilitate learning.

For online submissions, the electronic recording of the time on Blackboard will be considered the time of assignment submission. Take necessary steps to ensure that your assignments are submitted on “Blackboard” time. Back-up and/or additional copies of all assignments submitted is encouraged. Computers/printers are available to OC students in the LRC (301-303); therefore, not having access to a computer due to technical issues (crash; corrupted files) will not be considered as an acceptable reason for not completing assignments. If there is a loss of server connection with Odessa College due to maintenance, then an email will be sent to students with pertinent information and status reports. Assignments submitted electronically need to follow the file-type requirements provided by the instructor.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class regularly. I expect you to log in to Blackboard at least four times a week, though I expect you will log in at least once a day. Your attendance in this class will go toward your Professionalism grade.

AVID

See the Course Schedule in this syllabus for specific AVID strategies.

Grade Inquiry

It is the responsibility of the student to keep track of assignment submissions and grades. At any point, you are welcome to meet with the instructor to discuss your academic progress. Contact the instructor to schedule an appointment.

General Course Requirements

Attend class and participate.

Contribute and cooperate with civility.

Submit assignments on time. Late work will be accepted but there are *SIGNIFICANT* penalties for lateness for all assignments and exams. There will be no late research papers accepted for any reason. You have all the information needed to complete the course in a timely manner.

Incomplete Policy

An ‘Incomplete’ grade may be given only if:

The student has passed all completed work

If he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the required coursework. A grade of an “I” will only be assigned when the conditions for completions have been discussed and agreed upon by the instructor and the student.

An Incomplete form is submitted

Blackboard Support

I can't log into my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?

Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm. The SSC can provide you with your Blackboard login name. If you are not sure what your password is, they can reset your password.

I'm having a problem in my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?

For any problem that you have in your online course, always contact your Instructor first. Refer to the Instructor's Contact Information area of the Syllabus for their preferred method of contact and the expected response time.

Student E-mail Support

How do I set up, access, or update my Odessa College Student E-mail account?

Go to this website and follow the directions on the page: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>.

I can't access my student email! I forgot my password!

Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm. They can provide you with assistance in accessing your student email (created by OC) and can also assist with resetting your student email password. Make sure to have your student ID number available!

Your Blackboard login name is associated with your OC created student email account. All Correspondence for this course will be submitted using your Odessa College student email address.