

CJCR 1358
Rights of Prisoners
Western Texas College

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Description: Legal rights of convicted offenders incarcerated in state and federal penal institutions. Emphasizes constitutional principles, case law, and federal and state statutes concerning prisoner rights.
- B. Prerequisites: None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

- A. Analyze the legal rights of convicted criminal offenders
- B. Explain state and federal statutes and case law that applies to incarcerated offenders

III. Online Testing Requirements

- A. Course exams must be proctored by an approved testing organization. (Ask your instructor for more details.)
- B. Students are not allowed to use their book or notes of any kind while taking their proctored tests and exams.

IV. Major Course Requirements: The grade for this course will be determined as follows:

- A. Exams: 30%
- B. Assignments: 30%
- C. Quizzes: 25%
- D. Discussions: 15%
- E. Grading scale:
 - A= (90-100%)
 - B= (80-89%)
 - C= (70-79%)
 - D= (60-69%)

V. Information on Books and Other Course Materials

- A. Title: Legal Aspects of Corrections Management
- B. Authors: Daryl Kosiak
- C. Edition: Fourth
- D. Publisher: Jones & Bartlett Learning
- E. ISBN-13: 9781284211535

VI. Other Policies, Procedures and important dates: Please refer to the WTC Course Catalog for the following:

- A. Campus Calendar
- B. Final exam schedule
- C. How to drop a class
- D. Withdrawal information
- E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
- F. Class Attendance
- G. Students with disabilities

VII. Course Sequence & Content

| Week | Topic |
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| Week 1 | Course Overview |
| Week 2 | Chapter 5: A General View of Prisoners' Rights Under the Constitution Quiz 1 |
| Week 3 | Chapter 6: Access to Courts Quiz 2 |
| Week 4 | Chapter 7: First Amendment: Inmate Mail Discussion 1 Assignment 1 |
| Week 5 | Chapter 8: First Amendment: Inmate Association Rights and Visiting Quiz 3 |
| Week 6 | Chapter 9: First Amendment: Religion Discussion 2 |
| Week 7 | Chapter 10: Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure, and Privacy Quiz 4 |
| Week 8 | Chapter 11: Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments: Due Process-Inmate Discipline Mid-term Exam |
| Week 9 | Chapter 12: Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments: Due Process-Classification, Transfers, Personal Injuries, and Property Loss Assignment 2 |
| Week 10 | Chapter 13: Fourteenth Amendment: Equal Protection-Female Offenders and Others |
| Week 11 | Chapter 14: Eighth Amendment: The Death Penalty and Other Sentencing Issues Quiz 5 |

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| Week 12 | Chapter 15: Eighth Amendment: Conditions of Confinement-Cruel and Unusual Punishment |
| Week 13 | Chapter 16: Eighth Amendment: Health Care Discussion 3 |
| Week 14 | Chapter 17: Probation and Parole, Community Corrections, and Fines Quiz 6 |
| Week 15 | Assignment 3 Discussion 4 Course Review |
| Week 16 | Final Exam |

Disclaimer: Sequence & Content is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.