

CRIJ 2313
Correctional Systems and Practices

Western Texas College

- I. Basic Course Information Course
 - A. 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.
 - B. Prerequisites: None
- II. Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
 - A. Describe the organization and operation of correctional systems and alternatives to institutionalization. Describe treatment and rehabilitative programs.
 - B. Differentiate between the short-term incarceration and long-term institutional environments.
 - C. Evaluate current and future correctional issues.
 - D. Identify the Constitutional rights applicable to the correctional setting.
- III. Online Testing Requirements
 - A. The midterm and final exam 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
 - A. Responses to Discussion Questions
 - B. Forum posts
 - C. Reading quizzes for each chapter
 - D. Midterm, 100 multiple choice questions
 - E. Final Exam, 100 multiple choice questions
 - F. Writing assignment
- V. Information on Books and Other Course Materials
 - A. Text: "American Corrections", 11th Ed., Clear/Reisig/Cole, ISBN-13: 9781305093300 | ISBN-10: 1305093305
- 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

WK 1 Chapter 1.	The Corrections System.
WK 2 Chapter 2. Chapter 3.	The Early History of Correctional Thought and Practice. The History of Corrections in America.
WK 3 Chapter 4 Chapter 5.	The Punishment of Offenders. The Law of Corrections.
WK 4 Chapter 6 Chapter 7.	The Correctional Client. Jails: Detention and Short-Term Incarceration.
WK 5 Chapter 8. Chapter 9.	Probation. Intermediate Sanctions and Community Corrections.
WK 6 Chapter 10. Chapter 11.	Incarceration. The Prison Experience.
WK 7	Midterm Exam
WK 8-9 Chapter 12 Chapter 13	Incarceration of Women. Institutional Management
WK 10 Chapter 14 Chapter 15	Institutional Programs. Release from Incarceration.
WK 11 Chapter 16. Chapter 17.	Making It: Supervision in the Community. Corrections for Juveniles.
WK 12 Chapter 18. Chapter 19.	Incarceration Trends. Race, Ethnicity, and Corrections.
WK 13 Chapter 20.	The Death Penalty.
WK 14 Chapter 21.	Community Justice.
WK 15 Chapter 22.	American Corrections.
WK 16	Dead week, Finals begin

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