

CJC 4015 Corrections Legal System

Course Description: An analysis of contemporary legal decisions regarding the rights and responsibilities of prisoners, correctional administrators, and correctional officers. **Pre-Req: CCJ 1210**

Course Competencies:

- Competency 1 The student will discuss the importance of law to the corrections profession by:
- a. reviewing how laws are made
 - b. exploring the court's role in correctional administration
 - c. analyzing the rationale for the adoption of correction standards
 - d. analyzing the importance of correctional personnel utilizing legal research skills
- Competency 2 The student will discuss the rights and liabilities impacting corrections personnel by:
- a. assessing situations involving the right to use deadly and non-deadly force
 - b. identifying situations involving possible liability
 - c. describing the concept of vicarious liability
 - d. describing the rights of prison personnel
- Competency 3 The student will analyze the constitutional rights of prisoners as determined by the Supreme Court and other federal courts by:
- a. comparing the difference between the rights of pretrial detainees and convicted prisoners
 - b. identifying and describing protections and limitations of prisoners
 - c. outlining prisoners rights of access to the courts and attorneys
 - d. discussing adverse conditions within a corrections facility
- Competency 4 The student will analyze the due process rights of employees and inmates by:
- a. identifying and describing the due process rights of employees and inmates
 - b. tracing the rights afforded in the constitution
 - c. debating society's attitude towards inmates rights
- Competency 5 The student will discuss the role of jail and prison personnel in a civil lawsuit by:
- a. categorizing civil cases
 - b. identifying and describing elements in the preparation of reports
 - c. discussing the importance of evidence gathering and preservation

- Competency 6 The student will describe the reporting process by:
- a. defining the purpose of a report
 - b. discussing report requirements
 - c. reviewing report essentials
- Competency 7 The student will discuss aspects of prisoner responsibilities by:
- a. identifying and describing basic responsibilities while incarcerated
 - b. examining due process inside the institution
 - c. analyzing the effect of environment on responsibilities
 - d. describing psychological benefit of assigning responsibilities to inmates
- Competency 8 The student will describe prisoner rights by:
- a. citing and discussing religious freedoms
 - b. exploring visitation/association
 - c. defining and discussing freedoms of speech
 - d. debating the issues of access and free press
- Competency 9 The student will demonstrate knowledge of institutional punishment by:
- a. defining punishments
 - b. identifying and discussing cruel and unusual punishment
 - c. debating the cause and effect of punishment