

CJC 4311 – Contemporary Issues and Trends in Corrections

Course Description:

Focuses on and analyzes major changes in incarceration philosophies and policies, prison populations and operational costs. **Pre-Requisite CJC 1000**

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will analyze changes in the roles and philosophies of prison operations by:

- a. describing the emergence and evolution of prisons
- b. discussing prison operations
- c. discussing the current status of prison populations

Competency 2: The student will evaluate prison operations by:

- a. discussing historical operational trends
- b. identifying and discussing legal decisions regarding operations
- c. discussing confinement trends
- d. identifying and discussing treatment, recreational, and educational programs

Competency 3: The student will explain the mission of a prison by:

- a. defining a mission statement
- b. comparing and contrasting state and federal prison missions
- c. discussing prisons with dual purpose missions
- d. analyzing the balance between security and treatment

Competency 4: The student will analyze the increase in the number of prisons since 1980 by:

- a. discussing crime rate statistics and community safety concerns
- b. discussing the media's impact
- c. outlining sentencing practices
- d. discussing the impact of parole and probation

Competency 5: The student will discuss new prison construction and its relationship to inmate population growth by:

- a. describing growth demands and new prison construction
- b. discussing construction costs
- c. comparing and contrasting renovation versus new construction

Competency 6: The student will analyze the management issues impacted by changing inmate demographics by:

- a. tracing the demographics of inmates
- b. reviewing and discussing various rules, regulations, policies, procedures and laws that govern management of correctional management policies and procedures

Competency 7: The student will describe the creation and development of the federal prison system by:

- a. discussing legislation
- b. outlining the evolution of the Federal Bureau of Prisons
- c. identifying various federal criminal statutes
- d. discussing the impact of federalization of crimes and immigration enforcement

Competency 8: The student will describe the Federal Bureau of Prisons facilities by:

- a. identifying and discussing the federal prison system
- b. discussing and categorizing federal prison security classification levels

Competency 9: The student will compare and contrast the state and federal prison systems by:

- a. reviewing and discussing the organization
- b. comparing inmate population statistics

Competency 10: The student will examine and discuss the private prison phenomenon by:

- a. tracing the emergence of private prisons
- b. analyzing reasons for prison alternatives
- c. identifying and describing private correctional companies contracting with state and federal governments
- d. analyzing statistics of state and federal prisoners in private prisons by security level and population