



Course Description

CJK0301 | Introduction to Corrections | 32 hours/1.07 credits

This foundational course provides students with a comprehensive overview of the correctional system, including its history, philosophy, and role within the criminal justice system. Students will examine different correctional approaches, institutional types, and the goals of incarceration, rehabilitation, and community supervision.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of correctional system foundations by:

1. Analyzing the historical development of correctional practices and institutions
2. Evaluating the philosophical frameworks underlying modern correctional approaches
3. Examining the evolution of punishment theories from retribution to rehabilitation
4. Assessing the impact of landmark legislation on contemporary correctional operations

Competency 2: The student will differentiate between various correctional approaches and institutional frameworks by:

1. Comparing federal, state, and local correctional facility structures and operations
2. Contrasting minimum, medium, and maximum security institutional classifications
3. Analyzing the organizational hierarchy and staffing models in correctional facilities
4. Evaluating the effectiveness of different correctional program delivery systems
5. Identifying specialized facilities designed for specific offender populations

Competency 3: The student will analyze the role of corrections within the broader criminal justice system by:

1. Examining the relationship between corrections and law enforcement agencies
2. Evaluating coordination mechanisms between corrections and court systems
3. Assessing the integration of corrections with probation and parole services
4. Analyzing information sharing protocols across criminal justice components

Competency 4: The student will evaluate the goals and outcomes of correctional interventions by:

1. Analyzing recidivism rates and their implications for correctional effectiveness
2. Examining evidence-based practices in rehabilitation programming
3. Assessing the balance between public safety and offender reintegration objectives
4. Evaluating cost-benefit analyses of incarceration versus alternative sanctions
5. Analyzing community supervision models and their impact on offender outcomes

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information