

CRJS 2603 - Corrections

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 03, CRN 43879,

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Course Description

2603. Corrections. Development and description of the American correctional systems' history and philosophy; the constitutional foundations of its control, and the rights of those within it. Overview of treatment approaches. Prereq.: CRJS 1500. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Corrections: The Essentials	Mary K. Stohr and Anthony Walsh	13:9781071903728

Stohr, Mary K. and Anthony Walsh, (2025), Corrections: The Essentials 5th edition, Sage Publishing, ISBN 13:9781071903728.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Tue	8/25	Chapter 1: "The Philosophical & Ideological Underpinnings of Corrections"	
Thu	8/27	Chapter 1: "The Philosophical & Ideological Underpinnings of Corrections"	
Tue	9/1	Chapter 2: "Early Corrections: From Ancient Times to Correctional Institutions"	
Thu	9/3	Chapter 2: "Early Corrections: From Ancient Times to Correctional Institutions"	
Tue	9/8	Chapter 3: "Ethics & Corrections"	
Thu	9/10	Chapter 3: "Ethics & Corrections"	
Tue	9/15	Chapter 4: "Sentencing: The Application of Punishment"	
Thu	9/17	Chapter 4: "Sentencing: The Application of Punishment"	Homework #1 due
Tue	9/22	Chapter 5: "Jails & Detention Centers"	Review for Exam #1
Thu	9/24	Exam #1- 130 points	
Tue	9/29	Chapter 6: "Community Corrections: Probation & Intermediary Sanctions"	
Thu	10/1	Chapter 6: "Community Corrections: Probation & Intermediary Sanctions"	

Tue	10/6	Chapter 7: "Prisons & The Correctional Client"	
Thu	10/8	Chapter 7: "Prisons & The Correctional Client"	
Tue	10/13	Chapter 8: "The Corrections Experience for Staff"	
Thu	10/15	Chapter 8: "The Corrections Experience for Staff"	
Tue	10/20	Chapter 9: "Community Corrections: Parole & Prisoner Reentry"	
Thu	10/22	Chapter 9: "Community Corrections: Parole & Prisoner Reentry"	Homework #2 due
Tue	10/27	Chapter 10: "Women in Corrections"	Review for Exam #2
Thu	10/29	Exam #2	
Tue	11/3	Chapter 11: "People of Color & Corrections"	
Thu	11/5	Chapter 11: "People of Color & Corrections"	
Tue	11/10	Chapter 12: "Juveniles & Corrections"	
Thu	11/12	Chapter 12: "Juveniles & Corrections"	
Tue	11/17	Chapter 13: "Legal Issues in Corrections & The Death Penalty"	
Thu	11/19	Chapter 13: "Legal Issues in Corrections & The Death Penalty"	
Tue	11/24	Chapter 14: "Correctional Programming & Treatment"	
Thu	11/26	Chapter 14: "Correctional Programming & Treatment"	
Tue	12/1	Chapter 15: "Corrections in the 21st Century"	Homework #3 due
Thu	12/3	Chapter 15: "Corrections in the 21st Century"	
Tue	12/8		Review for final exam
Thu	12/10	Final Exam	

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