

CRJS 2603 - Corrections

Summer 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 30566,

Credit hours: 3

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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 (5th edition)		

- Author: M. K. Stohr & A. Walsh
- Publisher: Sage Publications
- Date: 2024
- ISBN: 9781071937273

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

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
6/29	Chapters 1 & 2	The Philosophical & Ideological Underpinnings of Corrections; Early Corrections: From Ancient Times to Correctional Institutions	07/05 – Discussion 1; Article 1



7/6	Chapters 3 & 4	Ethic & Corrections; Sentencing: The Application of Punishment	07/12 – Discussion 2; Article 2; Exam 1
7/13	Chapters 5 & 6	Jails & Detention Centers; Community Corrections: Probation & Intermediary Sanctions	07/19 – Discussion 3; Article 3
7/20	Chapters 7 & 8	Prisons & the Correctional Client; The Corrections Experience for Staff	07/26 – Discussion 4; Article 4
7/27	Chapters 9 & 10	Community Corrections: Parole and Prisoner Reentry; Women & Corrections	08/02 – Exam 2; Discussion 5; Article 5
8/3	Chapters 11 & 12	People of Color & Corrections; Juveniles & Corrections	08/09 – Discussion 6; Article 6
8/10	Chapters 13, 14, & 15	Legal Issues in Corrections & the Death Penalty; Correctional Programming & Treatment; Corrections in the 21st Century	08/15 – Exam 3

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