

## Correctional System and Practices (2313) ONLINE



**LAMAR INSTITUTE  
OF TECHNOLOGY**

### CREDIT

3 Semester Credit Hours

### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Online

### PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:

None

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a survey of institutional and non-institutional corrections. Emphasis will be placed on the organization and operation of correctional systems; treatment and rehabilitation; populations served; Constitutional issues; and current and future issues.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to

1. Describe the organization and operation of correctional systems and alternatives to institutionalization.
2. Describe treatment and rehabilitative programs.
3. Differentiate between the short-term incarceration and long-term institutional environments.
4. Evaluate current and future correctional issues.
5. Identify the Constitutional rights applicable to the correctional setting.

### INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Instructor: Gregory W. Clark Jr. M.S.  
Email: [gclark@lit.edu](mailto:gclark@lit.edu)  
Office Phone: 409-273-5909 (*no calls after 8:00 pm and weekends*).  
Office Location: Online Format  
Office Hours: This is an online course. I am available by appointment. Please send me an email to schedule appointment.

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

Corrections in America: An Introduction, 15<sup>th</sup> edition. By Harry E. Allen, Edward J. Latessa, Bruce S. Ponder.  
ISBN 13:978-0-13-272677-1

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Success in this course is dependent on your active participation and engagement throughout the course. As such, students are required to complete all assignments by the due date, and to actively participate in class discussions.

## DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the [Academic Calendar](#). If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an “F” in the course.

## STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT

For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16-week session OR approximately twelve to eighteen hours in an 8-week session. Online/Hybrid students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class.

## COURSE CALENDAR

Week	Assignment Name	Due Date Assignments and /Quizzes are submitted in Blackboard, on the assigned dates, <b>before</b> 10:00 p.m.	Record Your Grade
1 - 2	Module #1	February 15, 2025	
	Practice Discussion/Assignment	February 15, 2025	
	Netiquette Assignment	February 15, 2025	
	Is Distance Right for Me- Test	February 15, 2025	
	Week One Discussion (#1)	February 15, 2025	
3 - 5	Module #2 (Chapters 1-4)	March 1, 2025	
	Discussion (#1 & #2)	March 1, 2025	
	Quiz #2 & #3	March 1, 2025	
	<b>Exam #1 (Chapters 1-4) Exam</b>	March 1, 2025	
6 - 8	Module #3 (Chapters 5 & 6)	March 22, 2025	
	Discussion (#4)	March 22, 2025	
	Quiz #3	March 22, 2025	
	Course Project/Paper #1	March 22, 2025	

9 - 11	Module #4 (Chapters 7-14)	April 12, 2025	
	Discussion (#5)	April 12, 2025	
	Quiz #4	April 12, 2025	
	Death Penalty Paper	April 12, 2025	
	<b>Exam #2 (Chapters 5-14)</b>	April 12, 2025	
12 - 15	Module #5 (Chapters 15-19)	May 3, 2025	
	Discussion (#6)	May 3, 2025	
	Quiz #5)	May 3, 2025	
	Course Project/Paper #2	May 3, 2025	
16	<b>Final Exam</b>	May 4 – May 6, 2025	

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## **COURSE EVALUATION**

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

- Discussions 10%
- Quizzes 15%
- Papers/Assignments 25%
- Exams 50%

## **GRADING SCALE**

90%-100%	A
80%-89%	B
70%-79%	C
60%-69%	D
59%-Below	F

LIT does not use +/- grading scales

## **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Students found to be committing academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or collusion) may receive disciplinary action. Students need to familiarize themselves with the institution's Academic Dishonesty Policy available in the Student Catalog & Handbook at <http://catalog.lit.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#academic-dishonesty>.

## **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

## **DISABILITIES STATEMENT**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email [specialpopulations@lit.edu](mailto:specialpopulations@lit.edu). You may also visit the online resource at [Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology \(lit.edu\)](#)

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT**

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at [www.lit.edu](http://www.lit.edu). Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STATEMENT**

Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) recognizes the recent advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI), such as ChatGPT, have changed the landscape of many career disciplines and will impact many students in and out of the classroom. To prepare students for their selected careers, LIT desires to guide students in the ethical use of these technologies and incorporate AI into classroom instruction and assignments appropriately. Appropriate use of these technologies is at the discretion of the instructor. Students are reminded that all submitted work must be their own original work unless otherwise specified. Students should contact their instructor with any questions as to the acceptable use of AI/ChatGPT in their courses

## **STARFISH**

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

## **ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION**

I **DO NOT** accept late work. All assignments are due as scheduled. There are a few exceptions but those will be discussed on a case by case basis (ex. Medical situation such as hospitalization).

**Preferred means of communication:** Email: [gclark@lit.edu](mailto:gclark@lit.edu) or phone: (409) 273-5909

**Communication Response Time:** Expected response time for communications with instructor is 48 hours (except weekends).

**Grading Response Time:** Assignments should be returned with grades within 2 weeks.