

Correctional System and Practices (2313) ONLINE



INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: This is an online course. I am available by appointment. Please send me an email to schedule appointment.

CREDIT

3 Semester Credit Hours (0 hours lecture, 0 hours lab)

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.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

Corrections in America: An Introduction, 15th 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	Record Your Grade
1-2	Module #1	January 22, 2023	
	Practice Discussion	January 22, 2023	
	Week One Discussion (#1)	January 22, 2023	
	Practice Assignment	January 22, 2023	
3-5	Module #2	February 26, 2023	
	Chapter 1 Early History	February 26, 2023	
	Chapter 1 Discussion (#2)	February 26, 2023	
	Chapter 2 Prisons 1800-Present	February 26, 2023	
	Quiz (1-2)	February 26, 2023	
	Chapter 2 Discussion (#3)	February 26, 2023	
	Exam #1 (Chapters 1-4) Exam	February 26, 2023	
6-8	Module #3	March 19, 2023	
	Chapter 5 Probation	March 19, 2023	
	Chapter 5 Discussion (#4)	March 19, 2023	
	Chapter 5 Quiz	March 19, 2023	
	Paper/Project #1	March 19, 2023	
	Exam #2 (Chapters 5 & 6)	March 19, 2023	

9-11	Module #4	April 2, 2023	
	Chapter 13: Death Penalty	April 2, 2023	
	Chapter 13 Discussion (#5)	April 2, 2023	
	Chapter 13 Quiz	April 2, 2023	
	Death Penalty Paper	April 2, 2023	
	Exam #3 (Chapters 7-14)	April 2, 2023	
11	Course Project Open	April 30, 2023	
12-15	Module #5	May 6, 2023	
	Chapter 18: Juvenile offenders	May 6, 2023	
	Chapter 18 Discussion (#6)	May 6, 2023	
	Chapter 18 Quiz	May 6, 2023	
	Prison Quizzes (1 &2)	May 6, 2023	
	Exam #4 (Chapters 15 - 18)	May 6, 2023	
	Final Exam	May 7, 2023 - May 10, 2023	

COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

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

550-490	A
489-429	B
428-368	C
367-300	D
299-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. 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. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

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

No late work accepted.