NOTE: This is a syllabus DRAFT for:
CRIJ 2313
Correctional Systems and Practices
A more detailed syllabus will be provided to enrolled students on Blackboard

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CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:
A tracing of the evolution and the philosophical underpinnings of institutional and community-based correctional practices.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
1. Understand the history and philosophy behind the corrections system.
2. Explain what jail/prison is like and the challenges prisoners face while incarcerated.
3. Identify various post-sentencing, treatment, and correctional supervision options.
4. Become knowledgeable about correctional topics such as the death penalty, juveniles, legal issues in prison conditions, and release from prison.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
General topics and readings are listed below. Specific course requirements are not listed in this draft syllabus because they are currently being revised from the previous semester. Generally, you can expect to attend class, read the book, complete one paper, and take at least 3 exams.

TOPIC COVERAGE*
Introductions/Syllabus
Evidence-Based Practices in Corrections
PRISON HISTORY
Theories of Punishment
History of Men's & Women’s Penitentiaries
Big Houses, Correctional Institutions
Sentencing Structures and Practices

Offender Profiles; Custody Levels

Classification

**TYPES OF PRISONS**
Supermax Prison

*Video: Solitary Confinement*

Alternatives to Incarceration

Jails and Pretrial Release

**PRISON LIFE**
Inmate Code, Roles, and Argot

Pseudo-families

Security-threat Groups

Forms of Prison Violence

Correctional Officer Subculture

*Video: Keepers: The Other Inmates*

**CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT ISSUES**

Treatment Staff

Treatment Strategies that Teach New Skills

Health Care issues

Prisoners with Special Needs

Community Reentry/Parole

Prisoner and Victim rights

Capital Punishment

VIDEO: *Death Penalty*

What works in Corrections