

CRIJ 2313 Corrections Systems and Practices
Spring 2022 (CRN# 27022)
16-weeks F2F: January 18 to May 5, 2022

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CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

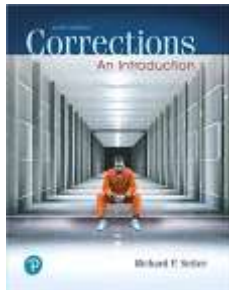
A tracing of the evolution and the philosophical underpinnings of institutional and community-based correctional practices.

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 TEXT:

Introduction to Corrections-An Introduction by Richard P. Seiter, Pearson Publishing



ISBN-13: 978-0135186190

Details of Course Requirements

I. WEEKLY in class DISCUSSION and Participation

- Integrate various main ideas from the book
- Thoughtfully describe what the concept and/or issues mean to you
- Synthesize ideas from multiple posts
- Agree and Elaborate in more detail on a viewpoint
- Disagree, and create a new perspective or ask a new question
- Evaluate/Analyze the reasonableness or quality of ideas
- Identify hidden assumptions, fallacies, or things taken for granted
- Apply the principles or concepts from the book to your own or someone else's life

II. TIMED ONLINE EXAMS

- There are five timed exams, worth 100 points each

Figuring Your Grade at the Semester's End:

The letter grade for the class is determined by the number of points you accumulate during the semester, so every point counts. Your points will be recorded in the "My grades" section of Blackboard. Every assignment a grade will be recorded by the point values.

Points Possible

Exam #1 _____ 100 Points

Exam #2 _____ 100 Points

Exam #3 _____ 100 Points

Exam #4 _____ 100 Points

Exam #5 _____ 100 Points

Total 500 Points

5 In Class Attendance/Discussion/Participation _____ 500 Points

MY TOTAL: _____ 1000 points total

Attendance: Two unexcused absences are allowed throughout the semester. Excused absences require proper medical or official university documentation the week of the absence, and are accepted at the discretion of the professor. The attendance record will be administered by the smart phone-based Arkaive app. The attendance app is free. Please use code FSXH to register at <https://arkaive.com/> before the second lecture, and make sure that the location setting on your smart phone is enabled. All appropriate documentation for excused absences should be uploaded on Arkaive the week of the absence. A one percent grade deduction will be made for each absence beyond the two unexcused absences. Attendance is worth 10 percent of the overall course grade.

NOTE: Grades are assigned according to the total points earned; there is no rounding or curving or moving a person to the next letter grade if they are one point away.

Technology Policies

TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS/QUESTIONS

For all technological, hardware, software problems, lost files, and/or questions with Blackboard, as well as difficulties you are having during an exam, contact **Technology Support Help Desk 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. Tech support is set up to specifically address technical questions and problems about Blackboard. Professors are not technical support staff.

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Website: <http://admin.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=74092>

In Person: UTEP Library, Room 300

UTEP Course Drop Policy

If a course drop is necessary, students are responsible for initiating the drop with the Records office and determining how dropping courses may affect financial aid. Students are limited to dropping 6 courses at any/all public colleges or Universities in Texas.

a) Students who drop a course *before the "official census date,"* the course will not appear on the transcript, and doesn't count toward the 6-course drop limit.

- b) Dropping a course *after the official census date, but before the “course drop date”* will generate a “W” in the course—although the drop shows on your transcript, a “W” does not lower your GPA. However, a “W” counts against your 6 drop limit.
- c) If the course is dropped *after the “course drop date”* or if the student just stops participating, taking tests, etc., UTEP requires the instructor to issue an “F” in the course that permanently remains on the transcript.
- d) UTEP also allows instructors to administratively drop any student because of failure to submit discussion questions/exams, or because of disciplinary reasons. In this case, the student will be notified of the course drop through their UTEP student email account. A “W” or an “F” will be issued. A “W” for these reasons counts against the 6 drop limit.

CRIJ 2313: Schedule of Assignments and Deadlines within Each Module
You must sign in each day to receive credit for discussion/participation using this web link: <https://arkaive.com/>.

Week 1- 1/18-1/23/22- Monday, - Class introduction; Read your syllabus; Putting Corrections in Perspective. Required Reading: Chapters 1: The History of Crime and Corrections. Discussion in Class

Week 2- 1/24-1/30/22- Monday, Required Reading: Chapter 2: Sentencing and the Correctional Process. Discussion in Class- Review Questions. Exam 1

Week 3 -1/31-2/06/22- Monday, Required Reading: Chapter 3: Jails Discussion

Week 4- 2/07-2/13/22- Monday, Required Reading: Chapters 4 Probation and Intermediate Sanctions. Discussion

Week 5- 2/14-2/20/22-Monday, Required Reading: Chapter 5 Prison Systems. Discussion Board

Week 6- 2/21-2/27/22- Monday, Required Reading: Chapter 6 Parole and Prisoner Reentry. Discussion. Exam 2

Week 7- 2/28-3/06/22- Monday, Required Reading: Chapter 7: The Clients of Adult Correctional Agencies. Discussion Board

Week 8- 3/07-3/13/22- Monday, Required Reading: Selection Chapter 8: The Juvenile Correctional System. Discussion

Week 9- 3/14-3/20/22- Spring Break

Week 10- 3/21-3/28/22- Monday, Required Reading: Required Reading: Chapters 9: Special Offenders, and Discussion. Chapter 10: The Management of Prisons. Discussion Exam 3

Week 11- 3/29-4/04/22- Monday, Required Reading: Chapters 11: Prison Life for Inmates. Discussion Board.

Week 12- 4/05-4/11/22- Monday, Required Reading: Chapter 12: The World of Prison Staff. Discussion Board

Week 13- 4/12-4/18/22- Monday, Required Reading: Chapter 13 Custody within a Prison. Discussion Board

Week 14- 4/19-4/25/22- Monday, Required Reading: Chapter 14: Treatment and Programs within a Prison. Discussion. Exam 4

Weeks 15- 16 4/26-5/05/22- Monday), Required Reading: Chapter 15 Legal Issues and the Death Penalty, Chapter 16 Current and Future Issues in Corrections, Discussion. Exam 5 Due 5/9/21 by 11:59pm.