

# AJ 131: INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS

## Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2024
Credits:	3
Total Contact Hours:	54
Lecture Hours :	54
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	108
Total Student Learning Hours:	162
Strongly Recommended:	ENGL 101.
Transferable to CSU:	Yes
Transferable to UC:	No
Grading Method:	Standard Letter

## Catalog Course Description

This course provides a history and critical analysis of punishment, the various types of punishment, alternatives to punishment, and the impact of punishment on the Criminal Justice System, corrections, a critical examination of the types of correctional institutions and the clients housed in each institution, and an examination of contemporary correctional issues. 54 lecture hours.

## Course Objectives

- Identify and describe the evolving philosophy of punishment within the corrections sub-system of the criminal justice system.
- Identify and differentiate clients in each of the types of correctional institutions and the issues and challenges each type of client presents to a correctional institution.
- Identify alternatives to punishment and describe their impact on the criminal justice system and society at large.
- Identify the innovative programs designed for specific correctional institutions and describe their impact on the corrections client and society at large.

## Major Course Content

- The Corrections System
- The Early History of Correctional Thought and Practice
- The History of Corrections in America
- Contemporary Punishment
- The Law of Corrections
- The Correctional Client
- Jails: Detention and Short-Term Incarceration
- Probation: The History and Development of Probation
- Intermediate Sanctions and Community Corrections

- Incarceration
- The Prison Experience
- The Incarceration of Women
- Institutional Management
- Institutional Programs
- Release from Incarceration
- Making It: Supervision in the Community
- Incarceration for Juveniles
- Incarceration Trends
- Race, Ethnicity, and Corrections
- The Death Penalty
- Immigration and Justice
- Community Justice
- American Corrections: Looking Forward

## Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

Review of designated web sites  
Current Events in printed or electronic versions of regional newspapers

## Examples of Required Writing Assignments

Prepare a five to seven page research paper in APA format regarding selected or assigned topics related to correctional institutions, programs and/or clients.

## Examples of Outside Assignments

Read required materials  
Conduct research regarding clients in the correctional system, contemporary issues and challenges in corrections, and impact of alternatives to incarceration on the client and the community.  
Complete Extra Credit assignments on-line when available  
Prepare audio visual presentations using PowerPoint, digital photography, or other technology for online posting or use in the classroom

## Instruction Type(s)

Lecture, Online Education Lecture