

**CORRECTIONAL SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES
FALL 2023
COURSE SYLLABUS**

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Course Description

This course will introduce the student to a study of the role of corrections in the criminal justice system. Topics include organization and theory of correctional systems, institutional operations, management, alternatives to institutionalization, treatments and rehabilitation, and current and future issues.

Student Learning Objectives:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to understand organizational, practical and theoretical functions of correctional systems.

Required Textbook.

TEXTBOOK OR COURSE MATERIAL INFORMATION

Seiter, Richard. (2014). *Corrections: An Introduction 6th ed.* Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall.

ISBN: 0-13-518619-6

A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college bookstore. The same textbook is/may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Required course materials are available at the Brazosport College bookstore, on campus or online at <http://www.brazosport.edu/bookstore>

In addition to the textbook, students may be required to locate specific articles, videos, and reports on the Internet.

Internet Readings.

Internet readings may be required for each chapter assigned. Click on the URL to locate the assigned readings. We strongly suggest you save the readings electronically or print them and

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organize them in a three-ring binder or folder. Exam questions may be derived from internet readings.

Examinations.

There will be two (2) exams, a final exam, and quizzes throughout the semester.

The first exam will cover chapters 1 thru 5; the second exam will cover chapters 6 thru 11; and the final exam will cover chapters 12 thru 16. The exams will consist of multiple-choice, true-false and essay questions.

Any extra credit work will be in the form of a research paper. Papers will be graded on organization, content, grammar, and currency (recent sources). Observe the minimal requirements above.

Student Exercises.

Exercises may be required for this course. They are to be submitted to your instructor when you finish. In your written answer, be sure to speak directly to the question and use the format indicated.

Grading.

The exams will account for 60% of your final grade. The quizzes will account for 20%; and student discussion participation will account for 20%.

Academic Honesty:

Brazosport College assumes that students eligible to perform on the college level are familiar with the ordinary rules governing proper conduct including academic honesty. The principle of academic honesty is that all work presented by you is yours alone. Academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion shall be treated appropriately. Please refer to the Brazosport College Student Guide for more information. This is available online at <http://www.brazosport.edu>. Academic dishonesty violates both the policies of this course and the Student Code of Conduct. In this class, any occurrence of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Dean of Student Services for prompt adjudication, and may, at a minimum, result in a grade of "F" in this course. Sanctions may be imposed beyond your grade in this course by the Dean of Student Services.

Students with Disabilities:

Brazosport College is committed to providing equal education opportunities to every student. BC offers services for individuals with special needs and capabilities including counseling, tutoring,

equipment, and software to assist students with special needs. Please contact Phil Robertson, Special Populations Counselor, 979-230-3236 for further information.

Student Conduct Statement:

Faculty have the authority to enforce these rules. Please include the following statement in your syllabus, even if you're not teaching a course that meets on campus. Students are expected to be aware of and follow the Brazosport College Student Code of Conduct. Students have violated the Code if they "fail to comply with any lawful directions, verbal or written, of any official at BC." Lawful directions include precautions and requirements taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at Brazosport College. Students who do not follow safety requirements, including the wearing of a mask, may be removed from class by their instructor and referred to the Dean of Student Services. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is impermissible.

Campus Closure Statement:

Brazosport College is committed to the health and safety of all students, staff, and faculty and adheres to all federal and state guidelines. The College intends to stay open for the duration of the semester, and provide access to classes and support services on campus in the safest way possible. The College will also comply with lawful orders given by applicable authorities, including the Governor of Texas, up to and including campus closure. It is possible that on campus activities may be moved online and/or postpone if such orders are given.

Title IX Statement:

Brazosport College faculty and staff are committed to supporting students and upholding the College District's non-discrimination policy. Under Title IX and Brazosport College's policy FFDA (Local), discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is prohibited. If you experience an incident of discrimination, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty or staff member at BC, please understand that they are "Responsible Employees" and must report what you tell them to college officials. You can also contact the Title IX Coordinators directly by using the contact information below. Additional information is found on the Sexual Misconduct webpage at www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct. Alex Crouse, Director of Student Life and Title IX Coordinator; 979-230-3355; alex.crouse@brazosport.edu; Mareille Rolon, HR Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator; 979-230-3303; mareille.rolon@brazosport.edu

ABSENCES:

Any unexcused or excessive absences (More than three (3)) may result in points deducted from your final grade.

Note: If absences are related to a conflict with work schedules, court subpoenas, jury duty, or personal/family emergencies etc... documentation may be required. Failure to make-up missed exams or quizzes will result in a grade of zero.

GRADING POLICY

Course grade will be determined by the student's performance on the following objectives:

Exams	60%
Quizzes	20%
Discussion Participation	20%
Total:	100%

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

Assignments.

<u>CHAP.</u> <u>Topic</u>	<u>Textbook</u> <u>Reading Assig.</u>	<u>Additional</u> <u>Readings/Assign.</u>
1. The History of Crime and Corrections	Chapter 1	As Assigned
2. Sentencing and the Correctional Process	Chapter 2	As assigned
3. Jails	Chapter 3	As assigned
4. Probation and Intermediate Sanctions	Chapter 4	As assigned
5. Prison Systems	Chapter 5	As assigned

Exam #1 (Chapters 1 thru 5)

6. Parole and Prisoner Reentry	Chapter 6	As assigned
7. The Clients of Adult Correctional Agencies	Chapter 7	As assigned
8. The Juvenile Correctional System	Chapter 8	As assigned
9. Special Offenders	Chapter 9	As assigned
10. The Management of Prisons	Chapter 10	As assigned
11. Prison Life for Inmates	Chapter 11	As assigned

Exam #2 (Chapters 6 thru 11)

12. The World of Prison Staff	Chapter 12	As assigned
13. Custody within a Prison	Chapter 13	As assigned
14. Treatment and Programs within a Prison	Chapter 14	As assigned
15. Legal Issues and the Death Penalty	Chapter 15	As assigned
16. Current and Future Issues in Corrections	Chapter 16	As assigned

Final Exam (Chapters 12 thru 16)