

Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: CJS 104

Course Title: Introduction to Corrections

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 43.0104

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Overview of the U.S. correctional system and its processes including its history, evolution of philosophy of sentencing, operation and administration, community corrections, and issues in correctional law.

General Course Objectives

To provide the student with a general understanding of the historic and current approaches to the correctional process within the United States.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
None	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

4-6 examinations, 10-14 quizzes, 10-13 scenario-based short written assignments, 1 application-based written assignment, class participation, and attendance.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Corrections Today, by Larry J. Siegel. 978-0357763506

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction to Corrections in the United States	1. Describe the development of corrections in America.	5	0	0
Correctional Systems and Processes	1. Identify and compare the levels of local, state, and federal systems of correctional institutions. 2. Define levels of security in correctional institutions and systems.	12	0	0
Inmates and Legal Processes in Corrections	1. Demonstrate an understanding of the ideologies of corrections affecting the various levels of security within the correctional agencies. 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental principles, theories, and laws concerned with correctional facilities.	14	0	0
Inmate Rights	1. Examine ideologies and solutions to address issues that confront correctional systems.	5	0	0
The Corrections Profession and Its Future	1. Identify professional career opportunities in corrections. 2. Identify changing ideologies and examine solutions for the future issues of corrections in America.	9	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0