

Online Bachelor Completion Program Pre-Syllabus

Class ID/Title and Quarter/Year: SOC366, Sociology of Corrections
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Prerequisites: SOC260 Criminal Justice

Required and Optional Materials:

Text(s): Bartollas, Clemens. *Invitation to Corrections*. 1st ed. Allyn & Bacon, Boston: Pearson Education Company, 2002.

Additional or Optional Materials: Journal articles available on e-reserve via Blackboard

Learning Objectives:

On completing this course, you will be able to:

- Discuss the history of corrections across various societies and eras, with a focus on those who have influenced the American system.
 - Understand, discuss, and apply key corrections theories and philosophies to see how they underlie our policies.
 - Understand the current structure of the American corrections system; discuss and debate some of the major challenges and problems it faces currently.
 - Recognize how the corrections system presents unique challenges and opportunities to people based on group characteristics such as race, sex, and age.
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Course Description:

This course is based on examination of history, operation, and problems of punishment. It examines patterns of prison organization, inmate group structure, personnel organization, and racism. The course also describes purpose and effectiveness of penal institutions and studies prisons, juvenile institutions, parole, halfway houses, and alternatives to punishment.

Exam Requirements:

Number of exams: Two exams and a final. You will also have quizzes, discussions, and short writing assignments.

Proctoring requirements: None