

# CJS 310 Correctional Institutions



What comes to mind when you hear the word corrections? Corrections is intriguing. It is likely the component of the criminal justice system most filled with stereotypes and misinformation. Although many different components make up our broad system of corrections, prisons and jails are arguably the most visible forms, even though they account for only 1/5 of all convicted criminals! Incarceration in the United States is a social phenomenon that spans all levels of society.

This course will focus on the history and evolution of institutional corrections by providing an intensive analysis of correctional institutions and jails focusing on management issues, inmate subcultures, and prisonization. Students will examine aspects of institutional corrections taking both a theoretical and applied approach focusing on current trends, alternatives, and controversies occurring in the field of institutional corrections. Highlights of the course will include opportunities to visit several prisons throughout the semester.

Pre-requisites: CJS 200; 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.