

CJS 200 Contemporary Corrections



The United States has entered an age of mass incarceration, where more than 1 out of every 100 adults is in prison or jail, and 1 out of 32 adults are under some form of correctional supervision. The purpose of this course is to provide students with an introduction to the sanctions used to punish those convicted of crimes and to understand.

In this course, students will examine the history and theories of punishment, the politics and reasons for mass incarceration, the use and functions of jails, prisons, and community-corrections facilities, the prison subculture and how it impacts inmate experiences, the issues inmates deal with re-integrating into society, and the most effective ways of reducing recidivism.

Pre-requisites: CJS101



CJS 200: Contemporary Corrections

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What happens when offenders enter our justice system?

Contemporary Corrections (CJS 200) focuses on the history and evolution of the correctional process. Students will examine aspects of institutional and community based corrections taking both a theoretical and applied approach. The examination of trends, alternatives, and controversies currently occurring in the correctional field will be emphasized throughout the course. Additionally, we'll take an optional tour of a correctional facility!

A preview of exciting topics include:

- The history of punishment
- Goals of correctional policy
- Sentencing
- Jails
- Intermediate sanctions
- Prisons
- Parole
- Convict Society
- Special Populations
- Re-entry
- Careers in Corrections