

CJ 451-90-2: Corrections: Prisons & Community Alternatives
Course Syllabus
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Class Location: Online

Course Prerequisites: CJ 151 or CJ 201.

Course Description:

Analysis of trends in the functions and administration of institutions and community-based corrections programs and processing of the convicted offender. This course provides competencies to meet the program outcome to allow students to demonstrate an understanding of the basic rights guaranteed to each individual by both state and federal constitutions and law.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Explain the effect the three strikes policy had on the corrections system.
2. Recognize the historical development of corrections from ancient times to the 20th century.
3. Contrast societal needs versus offender needs and the ongoing changing social climate of meeting such needs.
4. Analyze the various forms of prisoner punishment and their use as an effective method of behavior modification.
5. Critique the prisoners' rights debate regarding limiting rights of incarcerated individuals.
6. Create a correctional institution reflecting innovative design and treatment options.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the B.S. undergraduate program in Criminology & Criminal Justice, students will be able to:

1. Describe the interrelated institutions and processes of the criminal justice system, including the basic rights guaranteed to each individual by both state and federal constitutions and laws.
2. Apply theories of crime and criminal justice to explain actual and hypothetical scenarios, behaviors, and trends.

3. Evaluate social, cultural, and technological change and its impact on the criminal justice system.
4. Assess social inequities in crime and criminal justice processes by race, social class, gender, region and age.
5. Articulate a working knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods by explaining the various social science methods of inquiry and use these to test specific criminological research questions.
6. Engage the Marianist tradition of education for service, peace, and justice as it pertains to local and national social justice, injustices, and inequities in the criminal justice field

Reading Materials:

Alarid, L., & Reichel, P (2018). *Corrections* (3rd ed.). New York, NY: Pearson.

*Additional reading/viewing materials will be used in supplement to the text.

Course Approach:

Teaching strategies will emphasize the development of student learning objectives on page one based upon application of knowledge and skills which may include; lecture, active class participation/discussions, written examinations, research assignments, videos for assessment and discussions, and learning activities in the classroom. I will regularly call on students for input on issues discussed during class, thus it is important to come to class prepared.

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to be present and be prepared for each class session via completion of reading assignments for each class session. Students are expected to be prepared to critically discuss assigned material and participate in all aspects of classroom learning activities.

Participation in class discussions and projects are essential for understanding and passing this course. The following student activities are required:

- **Design an institution:** You will be teamed up and have to design a correctional institution. *THIS IS A GROUP PROJECT AND NO INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.* Each week you will gain information to add to your institution. A list of requirements will be presented in class (and in the collaborations tab in Canvas). The format (i.e., powerpoint/prezi) will be based on your discretion and available resources. The presentation will be done in zoom - **no exceptions**. Your grade will reflect: content, organization, ingenuity, design, time management, and presentation. More information will be provided in class. This project is worth 35% of your final grade.
- **Two (2) exams.** You will have two non-cumulative examinations for this course. These exams will include only material covered in the specified sections. Items on each exam may come from the text, supplemental reading/viewing materials, classroom lecture and discussions, or other media used throughout the class. Exams may consist of true/false,

multiple choice, fill in the blank, and short answer/essay questions. Each exam will be worth 10% of your final grade. The syllabus outlines the dates of the two major exams. Due to the format of the exams, and in the spirit of teamwork required in the professional field of criminal justice, **there will be no make-up exams given** unless you are able to **document** a medical emergency. Those anticipating missing an exam due to an institutional excuse must take their exam prior to leaving campus. Exams will be given via Canvas. Make sure to bring a laptop, tablet, or smartphone for quizzes.

- **Discussions:** On various weeks a discussion question will be posted. You are required to answer the discussion question in full. This includes supporting your assertions with references if applicable. Additionally, you are required to respond to a minimum of two classmates in each discussion post. You are also required to respond to any questions asked of you. If you would like to respond via video and/or audio that is fine. Discussions are less formal than the critical thinking exercises. All original discussion posts are due on Wednesday's with responses due on Sunday's. Discussion and responses are worth 20% of your final grade. Original posts must be in writing, however, responses may be written, audio, and/or video.
- **Assignments:** You will have several critical thinking exercises to be given throughout the term. These assignments are designed to help students be introspective and to apply class materials to real life. Written assignments should be a minimum of 250 words in length and be supported by factual information. Simply stating your opinion is not sufficient. You will need to support your opinion with factual data. All papers must be submitted via Canvas without exception. Assignments are worth 25% of your final grade. **DO NOT USE QUOTES** - rather paraphrase and cite.
 - A rubric is used for grading assignments and will be provided to you in the announcement section of your Canvas course. It should be noted that the rubric will be used **ONLY** to grade the assignment given. You will not receive rubric credit for turning in a paper that has nothing to do with the assignment. For example: if you are given an assignment on prison gangs and you turn in a paper on how to change the oil in your car - you will not receive credit for grammar, spelling, etc. You will receive a zero as you did not complete the assignment.
- **QUOTES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THIS COURSE!**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO PLANNED EXTRA CREDIT FOR THIS CLASS.

Grading System:

Point Distribution & Scoring System:	% of Final Grade
Mid-semester Exam	10%
Final Exam	10%
Discussions	20%
Assignments	25%
Institution Presentation	35%
100%	

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

Late Policy:

No late work will be accepted in this class without a documented emergency. Generally, a valid excuse is a personal medical emergency. Simply not feeling well is not an excuse for late work. You are given a week and a half to work on each assignment. Other absences may be excused with documentation on a case-by case basis at my discretion. I reserve the right to refuse late work.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, essay plagiarism, using unapproved notes/material during quizzes/exams, and assisting others with quizzes/exams.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Dean of the Academic Division. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor and the Dean of the Academic Division and may range from an “F” grade for the work in question to an “F” for the course to suspension or dismissal from the University.

The success of the Honor Code is made possible only with the acceptance and cooperation of every student. Each student is expected to maintain the principles of the Code. Example of Honor Code violations include:

- Giving or receiving information from another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized sources for answers during an examination;
- Illegally obtained test questions before the test;
- Any and all forms of plagiarism – submit all or part of someone else’s work or ideas as your own;
- The destruction and/or confiscation of school and/or personal property.

A violation is reported either to the professor involved, who will report it to the Dean of Students, or directly to the Dean of Students.

Violations of the Honor Code are serious. They harm other students, your professor, and the integrity of the University. Alleged violations will be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs. If found guilty of plagiarism, a student might receive a range of penalties, including failure of an assignment, failure of an assignment, and withholding of the final course grade until a paper is turned in on the topic of plagiarism, failure of the course, or suspension from the University.

Violations of Academic Integrity: Violations of the principle include, but are not limited to:

- Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids, or other devices in any academic exercise.
- Fabrication and Falsification: Intentional and unauthorized alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification is a matter of inventing or counterfeiting information for use in any academic exercise.
- Multiple Submissions: The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work for credit (including oral reports) more than once without authorization.
- Plagiarism: Intentionally or knowingly presenting the work of another as one’s own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source).
- Abuse of Academic Materials: Intentionally or knowingly destroying, stealing, or making inaccessible library or other academic resource materials.
- Complicity in Academic Dishonesty: Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic dishonesty.
- Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:
 1. Copying or borrowing liberally from someone else’s work without his/her knowledge or permission; or with his/her knowledge or permission and turning it in as your own work.
 2. Copying of someone else’s exam or paper.
 3. Allowing someone to turn in your work as his or her own.
 4. Not providing adequate references for cited work.
 5. Copying and pasting large quotes or passages without properly citing them.

A general note on professionalism.

Students are expected to handle themselves professionally during class. Professionalism includes attending and being prepared for class (e.g., reading the required material), arriving to class on time, and being engaged, active participants in the classroom experience. It is my intent to treat each student as an adult, and as such, require standards of professionalism that are highly consistent with the “real world.”

I intend to discuss controversial criminal justice/social issues in a frank and forthright manner because I believe it is important to do so. As professionals, each student must direct comments or responses to the class and to me in a professional manner.

We must all respect the opinions of one another. I would also request that if you are offended by the comments of a fellow class member or myself that you come to me during office hours to discuss the problem with me personally. In many cases these instances can be used as valuable learning experiences and I will do my best to rectify any problems.

Classroom Etiquette

A general note on classroom behavior: Disrespectful, rude, and unprofessional behavior will not be permitted in this classroom. Sleeping, side conversations, text messaging, doing work or studying for another class, repeated tardiness, or other disrespectful behavior is unacceptable. If you present a pattern of problem behavior, you will be asked to leave the classroom.

Student Expectations Disability Access

Chaminade University of Honolulu is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Any student who believes that they may need accommodations must first register with the Counseling Center. Registration with the Counseling Center begins the process of determining whether the student meets the requirements for a documented disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), even if accommodations may not be needed for this particular class. The contact information for the Counseling Center is (808) 735-4845, 739-4603, or by email at counselingcenter@chaminade.edu. It is important for students to contact the Counseling Center as soon as possible so that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion and to allow your instructor(s) to plan accordingly. Students will be required to provide written documentation to the Counseling Center in order for a determination to be made as to whether the requirements for a documented disability under the ADA are met.

Failure to provide written documentation through the Counseling Center will prevent your instructor from making the necessary accommodations. Instructors cannot provide accommodations unless they have been prescribed by the Counseling Center. Once you have received an official notice of accommodations from the Counseling Center, it is also very important to discuss these accommodations directly with your instructor so that they can better support your needs. If you have specific questions regarding your individualized accommodations you may speak directly with your instructor and/or you may contact the Counseling Center.

Academic Conduct Policy

From the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Academic Catalog (p. 42):

Any community must have a set of rules and standards of conduct by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values.

Students should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals of the University. This includes knowing and respecting the intent of rules, regulations, and/or policies presented in the Student Handbook, and realizing that students are subject to the University's jurisdiction from the time of their admission until their enrollment has been formally terminated. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details. A copy of the Student Handbook is available on the Chaminade website.

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Incomplete Grades:

The current university policy concerning incomplete grades will be followed in this course. Incomplete grades are given only in situations where unexpected emergencies prevent a student from completing the course and the remaining work can be completed the next semester. Your instructor is the final authority on whether you qualify for an incomplete. Incomplete work must be finished by the end of the subsequent semester or the "I" will automatically be recorded as an "F" on your transcript.

Title IX Statement:

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources by visiting Campus Ministry, the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, or the Office for Compliance and Personnel Services.

Religious Observances: Students are expected to notify their instructor one week in advance if they intend to miss class to observe a holy day of their religious faith.

MARIANIST EDUCATIONAL VALUES

The five characteristics of a Marianist Education are:

- Educate for Formation in Faith
- Provide an Excellent Education
 - Educate in Family Spirit
- Educate for Service, Justice, and Peace
- Educate for Adaptation to Change

Week/ Module	Date (Week Of)	General Topic	SLO/PLO	Read Chapter/s
1	1/11-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductions ● Net widening 	3/3	1
2	1/18-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chemical castration ● Solitary confinement ● Prison design 	4/1,4 4/1,4 2/1	2 & 3
3	1/25-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 strikes ● Drug offenses 	1/1,2,4 3/3	4 & 5
4	2/1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mega Jails 	2,3/3	6
5	2/8-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Black market subculture ● Riots 	0/3 5/0	7 & 8
6	2/15-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Midterm 		
7	2/22-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harsh treatment of sex offenders ● Condoms. Yes or No? ● IFI 	3,5/3 2/1 3/1	9 & 10
8	3/1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prisoner's rights ● Public executions 	5/1 4/3	11 & 12
9	3/8-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Slenderman 	3/4	13
10	3/15-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Institution Presentation ● Final 	6/6	

NOTE:

It is the discretion of the instructor to follow this schedule strictly or with the autonomy of spending more time on relevant topical areas. Chapters may also be covered out of order if there are extenuating circumstances. Students are responsible for assigned chapters in the text, outside reading assignments, and relevant topics discussed.