

North Central **Michigan College**

NCMC CURRICULUM/COURSE OUTLINE FOR YEARS: 2002-2003

DIVISION/AREA: Business and Technology DEPARTMENT: Criminal Justice

AREA DEAN: Timothy Dykstra, Ph.D. ORIGINATOR: Fred Feleppa

TOTAL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION: Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Total Contact Hours:

COURSE NUMBER: CJ 240 CREDIT HOURS: 3

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL ISSUES IN CORRECTIONS

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE(S)/ADVISORY: None.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: A broad overview of legal issues in United States corrections. Designed for students intending to pursue a career in the criminal justice system or those already employed within the system, the course is also relevant for any student pursuing a social science-orientated course of study. Legal conflicts with the rights of the accused, the convicted, society, and those who work within the system will be explored, along with constitutional limitations and the impact of law on correctional practice. Historical developments and philosophy, definitions, concepts and their applications are also covered.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES OR OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Refer to College catalog or specific occupational program outcomes and describe how this course meets those outcomes.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES: To provide understanding of the United State's legal system and its effect on dealing with prisoners. To prepare students for Michigan Civil Service Exam for Corrections Officers.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

Lecture, Guest Speakers, Written Assignments

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METHODS OF EVALUATION:

First Exam	20%
Second Exam	20%
Third Exam/Cumulative Final Exam	30%
Writing Projects	20%
Quizzes and class participation	10%

REQUIRED TEXTS: (Representative List)

Corrections and the Criminal Justice System, Thomas F. Courtless, West/Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1998.

You will be required to retrieve materials from the library.

Handouts containing Michigan specific information will be utilized as well as materials covering topics on the corrections officer exam.

Optional supplementary Materials:

Reasonable accommodations may be provided for students with documented physical, sensory, cognitive, systemic, and/or psychiatric disabilities. Please contact the Education Opportunity Program (EOP) at (231) 348-6687 to arrange services for this course.

TIME ALLOWANCE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION:

Week 1	Orientation/overview
Week 2	Chapters 1 & 2: Overview and Criminal Sanctions.
Week 3	Chapter 3: Sentencing and Sentencing Guidelines
Week 4	Chapters 5 & 6: History of Prisons & Jails
Week 5	Chapter 8: Prisons Today
Week 6	Chapter 9: Women in Prison; Overview of legal research tools
Week 7	Chapter 10: Prisoner Rights
Week 8	Prisoner Rights continued
Week 9	Chapter 11 & 12: Probation & Parole
Week 10	Chapter 13: Community Correction
Week 11	Chapters 14 & 15: Community Correction & Boot Camp
Week 12	Chapter 16: Intermediate Sanctions
Week 13	Chapter 17: Today & Tomorrow
Week 14	Chapter 4: Death Penalty; Other topics not yet covered.
Week 15	Review and Miscellaneous Topics
Week 16	Final Exam/Project/Paper

APPROVED FOR ADOPTION BY THE CRD/AP COMMITTEE ON _____