

# Principles of Corrections

Justice 210

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 2:30– 3:45  
SSB 251

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## I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide a general introduction to the field of corrections. The selected topics span a broad range of issues including philosophies of punishment, history of the prison, prison policy and inmate rights, sentencing reform, the death penalty, and community corrections. Throughout the course I will integrate current issues relevant to the field of corrections including discussion of current problems and future prospects.

## II. REQUIRED TEXT

Essentials of Corrections. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition 2009. G. Larry Mays and L. Thomas Winfree. Wadsworth Publishing Company.

Inside: Life Behind Bars in America. 2006. Santos, Michael, G. New York: St. Martin's Griffin.

## III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### A. Examinations

There are three required examinations, two during the semester and a final examination. Each examination will consist of multiple choice, short answer and/or definition and one or more essay questions.

## **B. Class Attendance and Participation**

I encourage students to actively participate in this course and thereby help direct their learning experience. Several of the necessary conditions for this to occur are preparation prior to class and, of course, class attendance. Almost without exception frequent and informed student participation makes for a more exciting and enjoyable course. To help stimulate this process various exercises, including group discussion, questions from the assigned reading material, and analysis of current events, are completed during class.

## **C. Final Grade Calculation**

Examination One	25%
Examination Two	30%
Final Examination	30%
Discussion Study Guide Questions	15%

## **IV. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **A. Academic Honor Code**

Academic integrity is a basic principle that requires students take credit for ideas and efforts that are their own. Cheating is defined as any means by which a student uses unauthorized assistance to prepare materials submitted as his/her own. Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please review the current catalog and student handbook for additional information on academic dishonesty and disciplinary procedures.

### **B. Make-up Examinations**

No make-up examinations will be given absent extraordinary and documented circumstances beyond the student's control. In such cases it is your responsibility to notify me within 12 hours of the scheduled examination time.

### **C. Classroom Etiquette**

Please make all efforts to arrive at class on time and prepared. There are times when this will not be possible so if you must enter late do so quietly and do not disturb your classmates and the flow of the moment. Please turn off your cell phone and any other hand held electronic devices before entering the classroom. Obviously do not talk on your cell phone, text message or explore cyberspace during class time. In general you should refrain from gazing toward, handling,

fondling or in any way interacting with your personal electronic devices during class time. Of course using a laptop computer to take notes is acceptable, but you must discipline yourself not to stray from this task and succumb to the temptation to play games or peruse your favorite internet sites.

**D.                   Campus Safety**

Although relatively safe, our campus is not a sanctuary from crime and accidents still occur no matter how hard we try to prevent them. You are encouraged to be responsible for your own safety and to bring safety concerns to the attention of UAA faculty or staff, or to contact the Campus Police at 786-1120 when necessary.

**E.                   Accommodations for Disabilities**

I am happy to provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities. If you require accommodations please contact Disability Support Services and then speak with me so we can make the necessary provisions.

**V.           TOPIC AREAS AND REQUIRED READINGS**

Week 1: August 25

Introduction and Overview. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 1 pages 1-26.

Week 2: September 3

Brief History of Punishment. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 2 pages 28-54.

Week 3: September 8

Brief History of the Prison

Week 4: September 15

Sentencing and Criminal Sanctions. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 3 pages 56-83; Inside, Chapters 1-4.

Week 5: September 22

Probation and Community Corrections. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 4 pages 84-118.

\*\*\* EXAMINATION ONE\*\*\*

Week 6: September 29

Jails and Detention Facilities. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 5 pages 120-147; Inside, Chapters 5-8.

Week 7: October 6

Institutional Corrections. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 6 pages 148-182.

Week 8: October 13

Jail and Prison Inmates. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 7 pages 184-215; Inside, Chapters 9-11

Week 9: October 20

Parole and Prisoner Reentry. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 8 pages 216-241.

\*\*\*EXAMINATION TWO\*\*\*

Week 10: October 27

Careers in Corrections. Reading Mays and Winfree, Chapter 9 pages 242-270; Inside, Chapters 12-16.

Week 11: November 3

Corrections Law and Inmate Litigation. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 11 pages 300-323.

Week 12: November 10

Gender Issues in Corrections. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 12 pages 324-355.

Week 13: November 17

Race, Ethnicity, and Corrections. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 13 pages 356-382; Inside, Chapters 17-21.

Week 14: November 24

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week 15: December 1

The future of Corrections. Reading: Mays and Winfree, Chapter 14 pages 384-418.

**FINAL EXAMINATION DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY FROM 1:00 – 3:45PM**