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**General Syllabus**

**CJ 2313 Correctional Systems and Practices**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite or corequisite: CJ 1013 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

**I. Course Information**

**A. Catalog Description**

Analysis and evaluation of contemporary correctional systems and discussion of recent research concerning the correctional institution and the various field services.

**B. Additional Information - None**

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the history of corrections.
2. Discuss alternatives to imprisonment.
3. Explain the nature of institutional corrections.
4. Examine the nature of correctional clients.

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Analytical Skills**

**Critical Thinking Skills:** Students will use critical thinking skills to identify correctional systems problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will use essay format for written presentation of research projects and discuss particular aspects of various topics.

**Ethical Decision Making**

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will examine ethical dilemmas within the criminal justice field and develop ethical frameworks to resolve specific ethical issues.

**Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

**III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Overview of corrections at the state and federal level
- B. History of corrections
- C. Alternate sanctions