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General Syllabus

CRJU 30473 Community Corrections

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: CRJU 23173 Correctional Systems and Practices

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

An examination of non-institutional correctional agencies and techniques including probation, parole, diversion, pretrial release, community service, restitution, halfway house, and similar programs.

B. Additional Information -None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Interpret the history of community corrections in the United States.
2. Evaluate the origins and administration of probation and parole.
3. Evaluate the origins and administration of other intermediate sanctions.
4. Identify and interpret the duties and responsibilities of probation/parole officers.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will identify non-institutional correctional agencies 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 in a seminar setting.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will examine ethical dilemmas within the non-institutional correctional agencies 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. Survey of Community Corrections
- B. Role of probation and parole
- C. Alternative sentencing strategies
- D. Diversion programs
- E. Community re-entry issues
- F. Factors affecting recidivism