

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CRJ 113S INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS AND JAIL OPERATIONS
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An overview of the legal processing of offenders and the agencies and programs which are responsible for correcting offenders. Topics covered include the components of the correctional system from arrest to case disposition, including jails, detention centers, probation and intermediate sanctions. Correction functions, institutional clients, the rights of those clients, and reintegration systems are also covered.
Prerequisite: CRJ 111S

COURSE GOALS:

The student will:

1. Describe how the history of corrections has impacted correctional ideology.
2. Identify the processes by which offenders are placed in the major components of corrections and describe how sentencing practices influence correctional practices, programs and facilities.
3. Explain how jails and detention facilities, probation, or court sanctions handle offenders.
4. Describe federal, state and local correctional systems and the role of the private sector.
5. Identify the basic minimal functions that must be performed in every adult correctional facility.
6. Compare and contrast the challenges of dealing with female, male, juvenile and special category offenders.
7. Explain the rights of the correctional clients.
8. Describe how the clients are reintroduced to society through parole and community corrections.

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles which guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Historical Perspectives
2. The Court Process
3. Alternatives to Imprisonment
4. Correctional Systems
5. Corrections Functions
6. Institutional Clients
7. Rights of Correctional Clients
8. Reintegration Systems
9. The Future