The students will focus on circumstances in confinement and during re-entry. Students will understand basic theoretical constructs about the correctional experience, its literature, subfields, and role as a field of study within criminology, criminal justice and corrections. The student will be exposed to historical and emerging developments in the correctional field with special emphasis on evidence based practices. The student will explore correctional systems to understand strengths, weaknesses, limitations, and potential pitfalls. Special attention is paid to the social environment of prison as a change agent that must be addressed upon re-entry. Failure to effect change is viewed as contributing to failure and additional victimization in society. This course also deals with analysis of contemporary programs and trends in the criminal justice system's response to ex-convicts, their families, victims and society.

Suggested Reading for the Semester:

Hassine, V. Life without parole
Stephen Richards and Jeffrey Ian Ross. Convict Criminology (also visit website)
Understanding Prison policy and population trends pp. 63-120

2/8/11 Week Four: Jails
Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 4
Prisons: Prison suicide and prisoner coping

2/15/11 Week Five: Visit to Jail
Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 4

2/22/11 Week Six: Alternatives to prison
Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 4
Prisons: Adult Correctional treatment pp. 361-426

3/1/11 Week Seven: Community Justice Programs – Restorative justice
Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 5
Prisons: Management Trends, 1975-2025 pp. 163-204
Interpersonal Violence and social order in Prisons pp. 205-282

3/8/11 Week Eight: Community Courts and Drug Court
Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 5

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3/22/11 Week Nine: Mid Term and Research Discussion
One-half of journals due

3/29/11 Week Ten: Community Corrections
Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 5
Book Critique due

4/5/11 Week Eleven: Special Populations
Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 6

4/12/11 Week Twelve: Women in Corrections
Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 6
Prisons: Collateral Consequences of Imprisonment for children, communities, and prisoners pp. 121-162

4/19/11 Week Thirteen: Re-entry
Assignment: The Dilemmas of Corrections Part 6
Prisons: Parole and prisoner re-entry in the United States pp. 479-530

4/26/11 Week Fourteen: Diversion
Review for Final
Journal Due
May 3  Reading Day

May 10  Final Exam

Other Topics: The Prisoner as Victim: Holmsburg, Alabama, California, Arkansas, Washington & Oregon

Evaluation

1. Reaction Journal 15 entries (15 points).
   The final entry: review all previous entries and react to them and to your experiences this semester

2. Book Critique – Due week (25 pts).
   Choose one work from the Autobiographies. Acceptable titles will be identified in class. This should be a critical analysis discussing the impact of prisonization as well as counseling needs and process.
   Responding to Book- Imagine that the main character of your book walks into your office for counseling. What do you do - counsel them or refer them elsewhere - why

3. Application - Research Paper – (20 points) (Due week 5) TO BE DISCUSSED FIRST DAY

4. Mid term and Final Examination – 40 points

Selected Bibliography


Maden, T. Women, Prisons, and Psychiatry: Mental Disorder Behind Bars


Masters, R. Counseling Criminal Justice Offenders ISBN 0803955324


Smith, B. The Legal Aspects of Counseling: Social Problems, Psychology, and Criminal Justice. ASIN 0894210246 out of print

Walsh, A. Understanding, Assessing, and Counseling the Criminal Justice Client ASIN0534086527 out of print


Watts, T. Experiences and Problems of Women in Prison/P3002 1990 out of stock

Williams, B. Counseling in Criminal Justice (Counseling in Context) ISBN0335192408

Zaplin, R. Female Offenders: Critical Perspectives and Effective Interventions 1998
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