



CRIJ 4313: Institutional Corrections

Term: Fall 2026

Course Dates: 08/24/2026 – 12/12/2026

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Course Times: Online

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Office Hours: Online Only, by appointment (just send me a quick email and we can set up a time to meet!)

Course Description:

A study of the concepts of punishment and rehabilitation and of the corrections process from conviction to release: sentencing, incarceration, treatment, and loss and restoration of rights. Focus of course is on institutional corrections.

Course Materials:

- 1) Behan, C. & Stark, A. (2023). *Prisons and imprisonment: An introduction*. Palgrave Macmillan. (ISBN: 9783031093005 eBook: 9783031093012). Required.

Library access: <https://research.ebsco.com/plink/bb80865c-92e4-3b2a-8609-52e52f874995>

- 2) You must have a reliable Internet connection. If you do not have reliable Internet at home, you may be required to come to campus (computer lab), or visit a secondary location in order to connect to the course. For an online class, it is unacceptable to not have reliable Internet.

- 3) We may also read a variety of journal articles for this course. They will be posted online for your convenience.

Course Objectives:

There are several learning objectives that we will work toward. By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- 1) Describe the history and field of the American institutional correctional system
- 2) Apply and evaluate different models or philosophies of corrections
- 3) Describe and assess the theory and practice of contemporary correctional systems

4) Identify the different components of the correctional system to see what works and what doesn't work

University Policies & Student Resources:

University policies and student resources are available on the University website and in Canvas under "Syllabus."

- University Policy: https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQXRlbySwSUh3-Ow_8tVR0BoV9Ck3bKN1yTVExKtxygUWZgQ1c1LGtItTyN6DpgDVN_ucMP9O12M50G/pub
- Student Resources: https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRaJGg-hPnk5QtIIdWceH5NwY94GijJFgVdtXwE1kjs_UGwXlv-cMpfErK84xN9kZLT21Co_GcBYfg7/pub

Important class policies:

- Cheating, plagiarism (even the tiniest bit), or the use of AI on your exams or assignments will not be tolerated and will result in a zero on the entire assignment or exam in question.
- **Communication** is essential in an Online course. Perhaps more-so than an in-person course. Please do not ever hesitate to reach out to me with questions or concerns. Even the smallest question!! Email is the best way to get ahold of me (twulf@uttyler.edu). That said, I can't fix problems I don't know exist. If you're struggling, or frustrated, or don't understand something, you have to tell me! Let me help!!! I will also do my best to communicate clearly and consistently to you all. I'll do this via announcements, email, assignment instructions, grading, feedback, etc.
- Classroom Conduct: In my classes, we treat each other with respect and dignity. You must be respectful in all interactions with your peers and with me. I hold myself to the same standard. Further, you are welcome to disagree with your peers, or with me, but you must do so respectfully.
- Make sure you read all assignment and exam instructions carefully! Or you may very well lose easy points! And they really add up.
- Late assignments and exams will not be graded.
 - If you have a documented emergency (death in the family, serious illness, car accident, etc...), you must inform me of your situation within 2 days of the missed assignment and it is mandatory for you to provide documentation to me in order to be eligible for a make-up. Please note that having to work is not an excused absence. While I am sympathetic and understanding to your work schedule, you have made a choice to enroll in this class and it must be considered a priority. Religious holiday are always accepted as exemptions, but not emergencies. You would need to turn assignments in early. Pregnant and

parenting student policies also apply here as per state law, so long as the student is on record with the university. Planned events are not emergencies; you must complete your work in advance.

Assignments: You will complete weekly assignments. Some will take the form of Discussion Boards. While detailed grading criteria and instructions will be provided in a separate document, in short, you will comment on and ask meaningful questions about your peers' posts. These will need to be substantive and thoughtful in order to earn points. Other assignments may include brief papers, responses to critical thinking questions and brief activities. I will, of course, be there to support you if you have any questions or problems. These will be worth 10 points each week.

Exams: You will have one Midterm Exam and one Final Exam. Each will be worth 100 points. Each will consist of a variety of questions including True/False, Multiple Choice, Short answer, or even Matching.

Grading:

Exams: 2 x 100 points each = 200 points

Assignments: 12 x 10 points each = 120 points

Intro Discussion Board: 1 x 10 points = 10 points

Intro Quiz: 1 x 10 points = 10 points

Total = 340 points

Overall Course % Grade:

A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72
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A	93-96	B	83-86	C	73-76
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A+	97-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79
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D-	60-62	F	Below 69
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D	63-66
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D+	67-69
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Course Schedule*:

*I may make changes as necessary. Any changes will be announced on the course page.

Week 1: Aug. 24-29

- Read: Syllabus, Chapters 1

- Introductory Lecture
- Intro Quiz and Discussion Board: Final Due Date Aug 29

Week 2: Aug. 30-Sept 5

- Read: Chapters 2&3
- Lecture 1
- Assignment 1: Due Sept 5

Week 3: Sept. 6-12

- Sept. 7: Labor Day
- Read Chapter 4
- Lecture 2
- Assignment 2: Due Sept 12

Week 4: Sept. 13-19

- Read Chapter 5
- Lecture 3
- Assignment 3: Due Sept 19

Week 5: Sept. 20-26

- Read Chapter 6
- Lecture 4
- Assignment 4: Due Sept 26

Week 6: Sept. 27-Oct 3

- Read Chapters 7 and 8
- Lecture 5
- Assignment 5: Due Oct 3

Week 7: Oct. 4-10

- Study for your Exam!!!
- Midterm Due Oct. 10 by 11:59 pm EST

Week 8: Oct. 11-17

- Read Chapter 9
- Lecture 6
- Assignment 6: Due Oct 17

Week 9: Oct. 18-24

- Read Chapter 10
- Lecture 7
- Assignment 7: Due Oct 24

Week 10: Oct. 25-31

- Read Chapter 11
- Lecture 8
- Assignment 8: Due Oct 31

Week 11: Nov. 1-7

- Read Chapter 12
- Lecture 9
- Assignment 9: Due Nov 7

Week 12: Nov. 8-14

- Read Chapter 13
- Lecture 10
- Assignment 10: Due Nov 14

Week 13: Nov. 15-21

- Read Chapter 14
- Lecture 11
- Assignment 11: Due Nov 21

Week 14: Nov. 22-28

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 15: Nov. 29-Dec 5

- Read Chapter 15
- Lecture 12
- Assignment 12: Due Dec 5

Finals: Dec. 6-11

- Final Due: Dec 11, by 11:59 pm, CST