NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 140 - INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS (3 CR.)

Course Description

Focuses on societal responses to the offender. Traces the evolution of practices based on philosophies of retribution, deterrence, and rehabilitation. Reviews contemporary correctional activities and their relationships to other elements of the criminal justice system. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an awareness of the occupational opportunities in the field of corrections as well as to impart a broad understanding of the role of corrections in the administration of justice system.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

None

Course Objectives

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

- recognize occupational opportunities available in corrections
- apply for career in corrections
- describe the challenges to corrections in a dynamic society
- list trends in correctional philosophies and practices
- describe the procedures relative to custody, security and control of inmates

Major Topics to be Included

- History and development of corrections
- Interrelationship between corrections and the other elements of the criminal justice system
- Career opportunities and orientation
- Trends in correctional philosophies and practices
- Organization of corrections institutions
- Custody, security and control of inmates
- Community corrections
- Treatment and rehabilitation processes
- Training for correctional employees

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related subjects at the discretion of the instructor