Course Description

Surveys the philosophy, history, organization, personnel and functioning of traditional and innovative probation and parole programs; considers major treatment models for clients, both in correctional facilities and in community based programs. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a fundamental knowledge of the principles and practices of probation and parole with the application of these techniques, and to provide the student with basic knowledge of theories, practices, and problems in the treatment of the offender in correctional facilities and in community based correctional programs.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student should:

- Have a basic knowledge of the philosophy, history, organization, personnel and functioning of probation and parole
- Have a basic knowledge of current treatment approaches and techniques in correctional facilities and in community based correctional programs

Major Topics To Be Included

- Origins and objectives of probation and parole
- Probation and the court
- Pre-sentencing investigation
- Probation and parole supervision in the community
- Records and case recording
- Development of the parole plan
- Major problems in conducting treatment programs in correctional facilities
- Role of classification in treatment
- Counseling and group interaction
- Educational programs, academic and vocational
- Reintegration programs, e.g., work release, furlough, pre-release centers, etc
- Treatment programs for special groups alcohol, drugs, etc
- Assessment of the effectiveness of treatment programs

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor