

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 248 - PROBATION, PAROLE AND TREATMENT (3 CR.)

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:

- a) describe the roles and responsibilities of probation and parole officers.
- b) explore the philosophy, history, organizational structure, and functions of probation and parole agencies.
- c) discuss current treatment approaches and techniques in correctional facilities and in community-based treatment programs.

Major Topics to Be Included

- a) discuss the origins and objectives of probation and parole
- b) review the purpose of pre-sentencing investigation
- c) explain classification methods for treatment
- d) discuss problems with probation and parole programs
- e) assess the effectiveness of treatment programs
- f) explain the role of counseling and group interactions
- g) discuss educational and vocational training for offenders
- h) explain the reintegration progress e.g. work release, pre-release etc

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor