

COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS
CJUS 303 01 074

I. Contact Information

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Office Hours: 0800 to 1000 MWF and 0730 to 0800 & 1100 to 1230 TR

II. Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

CJUS 101, 270, or approval of the program director (department head)

III. Course Description

An in-depth study of correctional programs, practices, and theory within the American community. Survey of community corrections in terms of historical contributions; legal, social, and ethical considerations; professionalism; role of staff, administration, and community resources; and relationships among and within community systems. Prerequisite 101, 270, or program director approval.

IV. Course Objectives and Outcomes

To familiarize the student with corrections programs for clients who are not incarcerated or have been released from incarceration. A distinction is made between probation and parole but also to show similarity between these two types of supervision. The course also shows how clients may be diverted from the criminal justice system by successful completion of a designated treatment program. Measured by examination scores on three or four examinations on subject matter.

V. Course Topics

Why Community Corrections is important
Pretrial Release and Diversion
Sentencing and the Pretrial Investigation Report
History of Probation
Probation Issues
Classification and Supervision/Probation and Parole
Probation Modification and Termination
Residential Sanctions
Nonresidential Sanctions
Restorative Justice Reparations
Parole from It's Origins to the Present
Parole Conditions and Revocation
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare

VI. Instructional Methods and Activities

This class is neither on-line or hybrid. Class attendance is strongly encouraged. Additionally, University policy is that a student's unexcused absences cannot exceed 10% of regularly scheduled classes. This class meets 45 times during the semester. Therefore a student's unexcused absences cannot exceed 4. (See Section VIII-B for more detail on attendance.)

Instructional methods will be focused on classroom activities (See Section IX for a weekly detail of activity). The instructor will utilize lectures, audio/visual aids, outside guest speakers and other types of instructional activities as may be deemed appropriate. There will be no research papers to write. Most research on significant court cases will be limited to those cases discussed in the text.

VII. Evaluation and Grade Assignment

There will be several unit examinations and one final examination in the class. Unit exams will be announced at least one week in advance of the examination. The final examination will be on Friday December 7 at 0800 hours. All exams including the final test will have 100 points. Final grade averages will be posted on-line for students to view via Arrow. Final grade averages and corresponding letter grades will be as follows:

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 – 69	D
Below 60	F

Undergraduate mid-term grades will be posted on-line via Arrow. Mid-term grades indicate a student's status at mid-semester only and do not indicate the final performance outcome of a student.

VIII. Class Policies and Procedures

At a minimum, all policies stated in the current ULM *Student Policy Manual & Organizational Handbook* should be followed (see <http://www.ulm.edu/studentpolicy/>). Additional class policies include:

A. Textbook and materials:

COMMUNITY – BASED CORRECTIONS (7th edition) by Alarid, Cromwell, and Del Carmen. Published by Thomson/Wadsworth. ISBN# 0-495-09482

No other materials are required. Recording devices are permitted during regular class sessions only!

B. Attendance Policy:

Class attendance is required!. Attendance will be taken at each class meeting. Excused absences will be for legitimate and documented purposes only and must be supported by court orders, physician' excuses, military orders, etc. Not sufficient are statements from parents, spouses, room mates, or others attesting to your not feeling well on a particular day.

C. Make-up Policy:

Those who miss examinations due to verifiable, unavoidable reasons will be allowed to take the exam during a time specified by the instructor. The exam may or may not be the same exam that was originally administered.

D. Academic Integrity:

Faculty and students must observe the ULM published policy on Academic Dishonesty (see Page 4 in ULM *Student Policy Manual* -- <http://www.ulm.edu/studentpolicy/>). (Also, include any additional policy information.)

E. Course Evaluation Policy:

At a minimum, students are expected to complete the on-line course evaluation. (Also, include any additional course-specific policies related to evaluation of the course.)

F. Student Services:

Information about ULM student services, such as Student Success Center (<http://www.ulm.edu/cass/>), Counseling Center (<http://www.ulm.edu/counselingcenter/>), Special Needs (<http://www.ulm.edu/counselingcenter/special.htm>), and Student Health Services, is available at the following Student Services web site <http://www.ulm.edu/studentaffairs/>.

G. Emergency Procedures: All students who anticipate any type of emergency should make the instructor aware of any action the instructor should take. For example, any students who may anticipate emergencies associated with a medical condition should indicate what action s/he wishes to be taken. Otherwise medical emergency personnel will be summoned to the scene of the emergency

H. Discipline/Course Specific Policies:

Students who are Criminal Justice majors are reminded that they must have a grade of C or better in all Criminal Justice classes.

VIII. Tentative Course Schedule:

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B. Schedule: The following schedule by week details the topics to be covered in each week.

THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVISE THIS SCHEDULE AS NEEDED!

Week of:	Topic:
August 20	The State of Corrections Today – Why Community Corrections
August 27	Pretrial Release and Diversion
Sept. 4	Sentencing and the PSI
Sept. 10	History of Probation
Sept 17	Probation Issues and court cases
Sept 24	Classification and Supervision in Probation and Parole
October 1	Probation Modification and Termination
October 8	Residential Sanctions
October 15	Nonresidential Sanctions
October 22	Economic and Restorative Justice Reparations
October 29	The History of Parole
November 4	Preparing for Reentry
November 12	Parole Conditions and Revocation
November 19	Juvenile Probation and Aftercare
November 26	Collateral Consequences of Conviction, Pardon, Restoration of Rts
December 7	Final Test