**SYLLABUS**

**Code:** CRJU 127  
**Title:** Introduction to Corrections

**Institute:** Business and Social Science  
**Department:** Criminal Justice

**Course Description:** The student will gain an understanding of historical and contemporary correctional practices. Theoretical concepts of the criminal sanction will be discussed, along with institutional rehabilitation and community-based corrections. This course is to follow up to CRJU 101.

**Prerequisites:**

**Corequisites:**

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**Credits:** 3  
**Lecture Hours:** 3  
**Lab/Studio Hours:** 0

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK/MATERIALS:**
See WebAdvisor and College Bookstore for book information.

**ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS:**

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Analyze the four goals of corrections.
- Differentiate the different types of sentencing systems.
- Formulate a position on the application of the death penalty.
- Examine the history and development of prisons in America.
- Distinguish the differences between jails and prisons.
- Classify the different levels of incarceration.
- Conduct a field observation visit to a jail and prison and assess the agency experience.
- Discriminate between different forms of community-based corrections.
- Examine the issues of professional responsibility and ethical standards as they relate to the subject matter of this course.

**GRADING STANDARD:**

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**COURSE CONTENT:**

Penology:
- The four goals of punishment
- Sentencing
- Mandatory sentencing, truth in sentencing and three crimes and you are out
- Death Penalty

Prisons and Jails
- History of the penitentiary
- From Big House to Warehouse
- Life in Prison
- Prison subculture and violence in prison
- Jails

Corrections
- Correctional law and social justice
- Custodial Programs
- Probation and Parole
- Community programs
- Community justice

**DEPARTMENT POLICIES:**

- Attendance is required and absences may necessitate student dropping the course.
- Students are required to complete tests and assignments.
- Class will begin and end on time. Lateness and early departure are not accepted.
- Instructors may limit the number of absences allowed.
- Cell phone use in class is not allowed.

**COLLEGE POLICIES:**

For information regarding:
- Brookdale’s Academic Integrity Code
- Student Conduct Code
- Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [BCC STUDENT HANDBOOK](#) and [BCC CATALOG](#).

**NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Disabilities Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability, and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT/LABS:**

Trips: The instructor will arrange two trips during the semester. Students are strongly urged to attend the planned visits.