COURSE OUTLINE

Date submitted:  
Date approved:  9/27/99

Department and Course Number: CORR 2001

Title of Course: Legal Issues in Corrections

Number of credits: Lecture 3  Lab

Catalog/Course Description:

This course will research and address the legal rights of staff and incarcerated individuals confined in public and private facilities. Constitutional issues such as privacy, search and seizure, correspondence, medical treatment and religious practice will be studied. Agency procedures and existing laws will be used to analyze these issues.

Placement for Success prerequisites: (See instruction sheet)

Reading: Level 1  English/Writing: Level 1  Math:

Recommended course materials and resources, e.g. textbooks, workbooks, study guides, lab manuals, videos, guest lecturers. If applicable.


Local/State/Federal agency regulations; American Corrections Association Code of Conduct; American Jail Association Standards.

Local/State/Federal institution administrators and workers. Private sector administrators and workers.

Relationship of proposed course to the department mission and goals

This course will prepare students for employment in the correctional industry by making them aware of the myriad of legal issues that face correctional staff in the continuum of facilities.
Course goals:
Goal: Identification of the constitutional rights of those incarcerated.
Goal: Identification of the legal rights of staff working with those who are incarcerated.
Goal: Assessment of the impact of current legal issues on institutional management.
Goal: Assessment of the impact of public opinion on agency management.

Learning outcomes: (A minimum of one learning outcome shall be provided for each course goal)

State a minimum of two assessment instruments for each learning outcome.

Outcome: Students will be able to identify Constitutional rights of those incarcerated.

Assessment: Examinations
Assessment: Correctional workbook assignments

Outcome: Students will be able to identify the rights of staff working in an institution.

Assessment: Examinations
Assessment: Correctional workbook assignments

Course content:
(Provide an outline of major topics covered in course)

- Administrative; legal; and constitutional issues confronting staff
- Laws and administrative policies and how they impact the relationship between staff and those incarcerated.
- Inmate rights
  privacy
  correspondence
  medical treatment
  religious practice
- How policies are created and revised
- Inmate discipline procedures
  rules of evidence
  elements of an offense
  standards of proof
- Professional codes of ethics
Placement for Success prerequisite
Check one of each area—English, reading, and math

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