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Criminal Justice Administration (CJA) 2131 Control and Supervision in Corrections (3) CSU [formerly Criminal Justice Administration 31]

Prerequisite or Co-requisite: None

Advisory: Successful completion of English 1500 strongly recommended

Total Hours: 48 hours lecture

Catalog Description: This course offers an overview of the supervision of inmates in local, state and federal correctional institutions. The issues of control and supervision in a correctional environment will emphasize the role played by the correctional employee and incarcerated persons. Topics will include inmate sub-culture, gangs, substance abuse, violence, legal considerations, effects of overcrowding on inmates and staff, and coping techniques for correctional officers in a prison environment. The causes and effects of abusive behavior by correctional staff and inmates will also be discussed.

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit

Text: Muraskin, Roslyn. Key Correctional Issues 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Prentice, 2010. Print.

Additional Required Materials: None

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:

- 1. Examine and describe processing of inmates into and out of prison (receiving, discharge, classification process),
- 2. Evaluate and analyze methods used by correctional employees to maintain control of incarcerated persons (inmate accountability, searches, special housing, inmate discipline and use-of-force issues),
- 3. Identify and assess procedures and regulations regarding inmate entitlements (inmate telephone use, correspondence, visiting regulations, grievance procedures and legal activities),
- 4. Examine inmate programs and services and evaluate the effectiveness regarding inmate employment, education, vocational training, recreation activities, religious activities and organizations, and
- 5. Examine and analyze medical and psychological issues in relation to inmate control and supervision (infectious disease management, suicide prevention, sexual assault prevention).

Course Scope and Content:

- Unit I Processing Inmates into and out of Prison.
  - A. Receiving and discharge operations



- B. Admission and orientation program
- C. Pretrial inmates
- D. Classification (according to crimes, age, criminal sophistication, etc.)
- E. Inmate files

Unit II Supervision and Security Procedures within the Facility

- A. Inmate accountability (headcounts, security checks, etc.)
- B. Searches (detection of contraband, weapons, etc.)
- C. Special housing (disruptive inmates, protective custody, suicidal inmates)
- D. Inmate discipline (policy, degrees of sanctions, investigation and reports)

Unit III Inmate Entitlements

- A. Inmate telephone regulations
- B. Inmate correspondence
- C. Visiting regulations
- D. Inmate grievance procedures
- E. Inmate legal activities
- F. News media contacts (news media policy, public information officer)

Unit IV Programs and Services

- A. Inmate employment, educational programs, and vocational training
- B. Recreational activities
- C. Religious activities
- D. Inmate organizations (recreational, social, civic, benevolent)
- E. Halfway house placement (supervision, counseling, community corrections)
- F. Furloughs (types, expense, justification, and eligibility)

Unit V Medical and Psychological Issues

- A. Infectious disease management
- B. Suicide prevention programs
- C. Food from outside sources (commissary, special event purchases)
- D. Inmate hunger strikes (medical evaluation, forced feeding)
- E. Sexual assault prevention and intervention (including investigation and prosecution)
- F. Inmates with special needs, medical issues, and mental health concerns

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class:

The students in this class will spend a minimum of 6 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

- 1. Studying textbook (s)
- 2. Completing required reading including case studies
- 3. Completing required written exercises
- 4. Library research
- 5. Internet research

## Methods of Instruction:

- 1. Lectures
- 2. Class discussions
- 3. Audio/Visual presentations
- 4. In- class scenarios
- 5. Group discussion
- 6. Research and study of materials



Methods of Evaluation:

- 1. Substantial writing assignments including:
  - a. Essays or research paper using APA or other generally accepted social science format
  - b. Objective and subjective examinations/quizzes
  - c. Case analysis
  - d. Projects
  - e. Homework assignments
  - f. In class exercises/presentations
  - g. Forum responses and interaction with other students based on assigned readings from criminal justice literature/or internet sites

Supplemental Data:

| TOP Code:                    | 210510- Corrections  |
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| SAM Priority Code:           | C: Clearly Occupational                                    |
| Funding Agency:              | Y: Not Applicable  |
| Program Status:              | 1: Program Applicable                                      |
| Noncredit Category:          | Y: Not Applicable  |
| Special Class Status:        | N: Course is not a special class                           |
| Basic Skills Status:         | N: Not Applicable  |
| Prior to College Level:      | Y: Not Applicable  |
| Cooperative Work Experience: | N: Course is not a part of a cooperative education program |
| Eligible for Credit by Exam: | Yes  |
| Eligible for Pass/No Pass:   | Yes  |