

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Intro to Corrections

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** CRI 1520

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will learn the philosophy, history, and development of the American correctional system. Students study contemporary penalties and the various successes and problems associated with those penalties, including prison life, prisoners' rights, community corrections, and the death penalty. For anyone interested in correctional careers.

Prerequisite/Corequisite: CRI 1510.

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Understand the history, philosophy, procedures and institutions of the American Corrections System
  2. Describe the evolution, usage, successes and problems of the various criminal penalties used by the American Corrections System.
  3. Analyze the social, political, personal, and economic costs of the American Corrections system.
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**Topics Covered:**

- Early History of corrections and prisons
  - correction Ideologies
  - sentencing
  - Jails and Detention Facilities
  - Appellate Review
  - Probation
  - Intermediate Sanctions
  - Imprisonment
  - State and Local Prison Systems
  - Federal Prison System
  - Private Sector Systems
  - Custody Functions
  - Management and Treatment Functions
  - Female and Male Offenders
  - Restraints & “Tools of the Trade”: Handcuffing Techniques
  - Stun Shield, etc.
  - Juvenile Offenders
  - Special Category Offenders
  - HIV/AIDS in prison
  - Inmate and Ex-Offender Rights
  - The Death Penalty – The Ultimate Right
  - Parole
  - Community Corrections
  - The Future of Corrections
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - Civility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
  - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)
  - Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity>)
- Disability/Special Services
  - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
- Emergency Closing Procedures (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert>)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2019