



CRIM-336 CORRECTIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE CRIM-336	COURSE TITLE CORRECTIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	ECTS CREDITS 6
DEPARTMENT SOCIAL SCIENCES	SEMESTER FALL	PREREQUISITES
TYPE OF COURSE CORE / ELECTIVE	FIELD PSYCHOLOGY	LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION ENGLISH
LEVEL OF COURSE UNDERGRADUATE	YEAR OF STUDY 3 ^d	LECTURER (S) Dr STAVROULA SOUKARA
MODE OF DELIVERY FACE TO FACE	WORK PLACEMENT N/A	CO-REQUISITES NONE

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

This course offers an overview of the trends and developments in all elements of contemporary correctional systems for the treatment of adult and juvenile offenders. It focuses on the study of major topics in prison psychology, and the investigation of principal psychological issues and problems in the rehabilitation process of offenders. It also examines the main psycho-social factors associated with criminal behavior and possible intervention methods applied by correctional psychology.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Appreciate the consequences of incarceration on one's personality
2. Demonstrate an understanding of relevant issues such as risk assessment among offenders
3. Evaluate the "challenges" faced by psychologists working in prisons
4. Comprehend the difficulties faced by prison officers, and the impact of their work on their personality and health
5. Recognize the causes of violent and suicidal behavior in prison, and ways to handle such incidents
6. Assess the various strategies on how to handle different categories of offenders / prisoners
7. Understand various levels of security and the inmate cultures that develop within secure facilities
8. Appreciate basic differences between male, female, and juvenile offenders within correctional contexts

COURSE CONTENTS

1. The Development of Criminal Behavior
2. Categorization of Offenders, Psychological Evaluation and Risk assessments
3. The Trauma of Incarceration and the Consequences of the Deprivation of Liberty on Prisoners' Personality
4. The Needs of Prisoners and the Needs of Prison staff
5. Sexual and Violent Criminals
6. Violence in Prison and Ways on how to handle such incidents
7. Suicide, Attempted Suicide and Suicidal Behavior
8. The Relationship between Prisoners and Correctional Officers
9. Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Prisoners
10. Therapeutic Interventions in Prison
11. The "Gate Fever" and "Cell-Breakage" Syndrome
12. Alternative Measures of Corrections
13. Dealing with Vulnerable Population (women and juveniles) in Prison
14. Problems of Mental Disorders in Prison Life

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS

Lectures, Discussions, Assignments

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Homework, Mid-Term, Final Exam

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS / READINGS

Συγγραφέας	Τίτλος	Εκδόσεις	Χρονολογία	ISBN
Crighton, D.E. and Towl, G.J.	Psychology in Prisons	Blackwell Publishing	2009	ISBN: 978-1405160100