



CRIM-465 PENOLOGY

COURSE CODE CRIM-465	COURSE TITLE PENOLOGY	ECTS CREDITS 6
DEPARTMENT SOCIAL SCIENCES	SEMESTER FALL	PREREQUISITES
TYPE OF COURSE ELECTIVE	FIELD LAW	LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION ENGLISH
LEVEL OF COURSE UNDERGRADUATE	YEAR OF STUDY 3 ^d	LECTURER (S) TBA
MODE OF DELIVERY FACE TO FACE	WORK PLACEMENT N/A	CO-REQUISITES NONE

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

This course provides an introduction to penology. It considers the growing number and use of prisons across the developed world with an emphasis on different views of punishment, sentencing strategies, the prison community, alternatives to incarceration, and various reform efforts. Community corrections as well as other correctional systems are explored, and various correctional treatment methods and sentencing alternatives are examined. The course aims to give students some insight into the frameworks used by social theorists to analyze imprisonment, with a view to examining contemporary issues such as 'super maximum security' prisons, deaths in custody, immigration detention, and the civil rights of prisoners. It focuses on the wider sociological implications of imprisonment and introduces students to the various perspectives on punishment and the prison system offered by social theorists.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Understand some of the main themes within penology
2. Understand the relationship of penology to criminology
3. Understand the sociological perspectives of punishment and justifications for punishment
3. Appreciate the wider instrumental role of the prison in the criminal justice process
4. Evaluate the worth of imprisonment
4. Evaluate the effectiveness of various correctional strategies such as probation, victim-offender reconciliation programs and electronic monitoring

COURSE CONTENTS

1. Historical overview on corrections
2. Sentencing and the correctional process
3. Community corrections
4. Prisons and correctional institutions
5. Prisoners' rights
6. Correctional programs and the Probation services
7. Parole and community corrections
8. Special prison populations
9. Capital punishment and death row inmates
10. Deterrence, Rehabilitation and Retribution
11. Prison Reform
12. Biases in Criminal Justice System
13. Future Directions

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS

Lectures, Discussions, Assignments

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Homework, Mid-Term, Final Exam

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS / READINGS

Author	Title	Publisher	Date	ISBN
Scott, David	Penology	SAGE publications	2008	ISBN: 978- 1412948111