



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
PSY-336	Correctional Psychology	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
PSY-110	Social Sciences	Fall
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Psychology	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dr Stavroula Soukara	3 rd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face-to-Face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- To 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 Content:

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:

Exams, Assignments

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Psychology in Prisons	Crighton, D.E. and Towl, G.J.	Blackwell Publishing	2009	978-1405160100

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Current Perspectives in Forensic Psychology and Criminal Behavior	Bartol, C.R. & Bartol, A.M.	Sage	2008	978-1412958318
Correctional Theory: Context and Consequences	Francis T. Cullen & Cheryl L. Johnson	Sage	2011	978-1412981804