Corrections

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The Corrections major is designed to prepare students for entry level professional work in corrections. The major is built upon a foundation of general education, sociological and criminological concepts, and a commitment to understanding and transforming correctional practice. The major achieves its objectives through the melding of academic learning with experiential education. This program is further expected to promote, within corrections and to the community at large, a commitment to the principles of social justice, respect, tolerance, dignity and worth of all persons.

Admission to Major. Students enrolling in 300-400 level courses must be admitted to the program. Admission is granted by the Department. Minimum university admission requirements are:
- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours.
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.

POLICIES/INFORMATION

GPA Policy. To be eligible for field practice or an internship, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 for courses taken in the major is required.

P/N Grading Policy. Courses leading to a major or minor in Corrections may not be taken on a P/N basis, except where P/N grading is mandatory.

CORRECTIONS BS
Degree completion = 120 credits

Required General Education
CORR 106 Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (3)
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Major Common Core
CORR 200 Foundations and Orientation to Corrections (3)
CORR 255 Juvenile Delinquency (3)
CORR 442 Criminology (3)
CORR 443 Penology (3)
CORR 447 Community Corrections (3)
CORR 448 Correctional Law (3)
CORR 449 Correctional Counseling (3)
CORR 496 Field Practice: Corrections (10)
CORR 497 Capstone Seminar (2)

Major Restricted Electives
(choose two courses (6 credits) from the following)
CORR 441 Social Deviance (3)
CORR 451 Law and Justice in Society (3)
CORR 452 Victimology (3)
CORR 453 Treatment Methods in Corrections (3)
CORR 459 Issues in Corrections (3)
CORR 465 Law and Chemical Dependency (3)
SOC 409 Family Violence (3)
(choose one course (3 credits) from Social and Behavioral)
GERO 200 Aging: Interdisciplinary Perspectives (3)
NPL 273 Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector (3)
SOC 351 Social Psychology (3)

Corrections Minor
(choose one course (3 credits) from Methods of Research)
SOC 201 Social Research I (3)
SOC 469 Survey Research (3)
SOC 479 Sociological Ethnography (3)
SOC 480 Qualitative Methods (3)
(choose one course (3 credits) from Inequality, Race, Gender and Ethnicity)
CORR 444 Women in the Criminal Justice System (3)
SOC 446 Race, Culture and Ethnicity (3)
SOC 463 Social Stratification (3)

Required Minor. Yes. Any.

CORRECTIONS MINOR

Required for Minor (Core 9 credits)
CORR 106 Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (3)
(choose at least two courses from the following)
CORR 255 Juvenile Delinquency (3)
CORR 441 Social Deviance (3)
CORR 442 Criminology (3)

Required Electives for Minor (12 credits)
CORR 300-400 Level
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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORR 106 (3) Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems
Examines the making of criminal law, the evolution of policing, the adjudication of persons accused of criminal law violations, and the punishment of adult offenders.
Fall, Spring
GE-5, GE-9
Diverse Cultures - Purple

CORR 200 (3) Foundations and Orientation to Corrections
Introduction to academic concepts and issues in corrections, with emphasis on student professional development. The course includes a 50-hour service learning component to be completed outside of class. Corrections majors should take this course as early as possible
Pre: CORR 106 and SOC 101
Fall, Spring

CORR 255 (3) Juvenile Delinquency
A critical consideration of definitions of juvenile delinquency, emphasis on micro and macro level of struggle in which delinquent behavior takes place, critique of current theories on delinquency, and the juvenile justice response to delinquency.
Fall, Spring
GE-5, GE-9

CORR 291 (4) Exploratory Studies
May be used to explore areas of interest not covered in regular courses. A maximum of three hours applicable toward a major or minor in the department with consent of an advisor.
Pre: Consent
Fall, Spring

CORR 350 (3) JOLT: Joint Opportunities to Learn and Thrive
JOLT is a collaborative effort between the University and several probation offices. Students will mentor delinquents in the community and be mentored by local probation officers. This is a year-long commitment.
Pre: CORR 300
Fall
CORR 355 (3) JOLT: Joint Opportunity to Learn and Thrive, Part II
JOLT-II is a second semester continuation of CORR 350. Can only enroll after completing CORR 350.
Pre: CORR 350
Spring

CORR 398 (0) CPT: Co-Operative Experience
Curricular Practical Training: Co-Operative Experience is a zero-credit full-time practical training experience for one summer and on adjacent fall or spring term. Special rules apply to preserve full-time student status. Please contact an advisor in your program for complete information.
Pre: At least 60 credits earned; in good standing; instructor permission; co-op contract; other prerequisites may also apply.
Fall, Spring, Summer

CORR 417 (3) Program Administration
Implications of Sociological Knowledge for the administration of Human Services programs. Theoretical and practical aspects of administration with the Social Service systems.
Pre: SOC 101
Spring

CORR 447W (3) Community Corrections
Addresses theoretical roots, historical developments, and current practices of probation, parole, and other community corrections programs. Special attention is given to innovative, future approaches to community corrections.
Pre: SOC 101 and CORR 106
Fall, Spring

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Pre: SOC 101 and CORR 106
Fall, Spring

CORR 448 (3) Correctional Law
Examines the rights of inmates, probationers, and parolees.
Pre: CORR 106 and CORR 200
Fall, Spring

CORR 449 (3) Correctional Counseling
Principles and methods of individual and group counseling with juvenile and adult offenders; development of interpersonal helping skills, negotiation, and mediation skills.
Fall, Spring

CORR 451 (3) Law and Justice in Society
A critical look at the construction of the concepts of law and justice as it operates in the United States and an application of the principles of justice to community issues.
Pre: SOC 101 and CORR 106
Variable

CORR 452 (3) Victimology
Overview of characteristics of victims, victim offender relationships, societal victimization, victim’s rights and services, and restorative justice.
Pre: SOC 101 and CORR 106
Fall

CORR 453 (3) Treatment Methods in Corrections
Examination of major correctional treatment models, e.g., individual and group counseling approaches, behavior modifications, reality therapy and transactional analysis. Considerations in planning, implementation and evaluating juvenile and adult treatment programs. Critical evaluation of research on the effectiveness of various treatment methods.
Spring

CORR 454 (3) Issues in Corrections
A critical examination of current issues in the correctional field.
Spring

CORR 455 (3) Law & Chemical Dependency
Addresses aspects of criminal and civil law pertinent to substance abuse.
Fall

CORR 471 (3) New Directions in Correctional Policy: Transforming Practice
A comprehensive historical and cross-cultural study of social policy analysis, the transforming role correctional policy formation plays in correctional practice, and the process of policy change and the mechanisms leaders can employ to encourage effective and ethical social policy.
Summer

CORR 485 (2-6) Selected Topics
Topics vary as announced in class schedule. May be retaken for credit if topic varies.
Pre: SOC 101
Variable

CORR 491 (1-6) In-Service
Topics vary as arranged by students and instructor. May be retaken for credit.
Variable

CORR 492 (1) Honors Reading
For Honors students only.
Variable

CORR 496 (10) Field Practicum: Corrections
Full time experience in a corrections agency with an emphasis on the development of skills. For Corrections majors only. Required for major. Formal application required.
Pre: Consent
Fall, Spring
CORR 497 (2) Capstone Seminar
Capstone is an evaluative course which allows students to document their learning and provide an assessment of their personal learning and the effectiveness of the Corrections Program. To be taken concurrently with CORR 496.
Pre: Completion of all other required CORR courses.
Fall, Spring

CORR 498 (1-12) Internship: Corrections
The internship in Corrections is designed to provide opportunities to apply classroom learning, to practice and enhance skills, to experience professional socialization, and to explore a career. It also serves as a vehicle for the student to become more aware of personal strengths and to identify areas in which further growth is needed.
Pre: Consent
Fall, Spring

CORR 499 (1-6) Individual Study
A maximum of six credits is applicable toward a single major in the department; three credits toward a minor.
Pre: Consent