

Hagerstown Community College

MASTER SYLLABUS

COURSE: ADJ-104, Corrections in America, 3 credits

SEMESTER/YEAR: Spring/2018

INSTRUCTOR: Andrew Kramer, Assistant Professor & Program Coordinator,
Administration of Justice

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces students to the field of corrections as it relates to the justice system. The course focuses on the history of corrections and the forms of criminal sanctions at the federal, state, and local levels. Total of 45 hours of lecture.

TEXTBOOK: Seiter, Richard P., Corrections: An Introduction 5th Edition Pearson Education, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 2014. ISBN: 10: 0-13-416411-3

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students will be able to:

1. Identify and explain the sentencing goals of corrections.
2. Define the theories of specific and general deterrence
3. Identify how the goals of corrections are challenged by budgets, overcrowding, management issues and legal liabilities.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 37.5 h required	Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required
In-class "lecture"	37.5 h	
Reading chapters		15 h
Quiz/activity for each chapter	Included in lecture time	10 h prep
Research project		10 h
4 lecture exams		30 h exam prep
Cumulative final exam (Academic Testing Center)	Included in lecture time	10 h exam prep
Total Hours	37.5 h	75 h

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.