

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 352  
INTRODUCTION TO MODERN CORRECTIONS  
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**CLASS SCHEDULE:** MWF 11:00-11:50  
**CLASSROOM:** CH 100  
**REQUIRED TEXT:** "Essentials of Corrections" (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)  
G. Larry Mays/L. Thomas Winfree, Jr.

**COARSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

This course is designed to introduce and familiarize students with the correctional component of the criminal justice system in America. It will include an overview of the history of corrections, current correctional issues and practices, correctional management and philosophies, unique correctional populations, and comparative examples from international counterparts.

**CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE**

Students should attend each scheduled class meeting since test performance and course grade depend greatly on lecture material, class discussions, guest speakers, special assignments, and assigned readings from the text. Role will be taken at the beginning of each class. If you are late for class it is your responsibility to let me know you were in attendance and to sign the seating chart. *YOU ARE ALLOWED FIVE (5) EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES IN THIS CLASS.* Five points will be deducted from your class total for each additional absence. There is no need to contact me beforehand about an intended absence nor to provide excuses afterward.

**CLASSROOM RULES**

NO cellular phones/pagers/IPods, iPhones, Blacberries or similar devices  
NO recording devices/computers  
NO food, drinks, or tobacco products  
No caps/hats

**THE OPERATION OF CELL PHONES (INCLUDING TEXTING), PAGERS, Ipods, iPhone, AND BLACKBERRIES WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE CLASSROOM AND A GRADE OF "F" IN THE COURSE. ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A FORM ACKNOWLEDGING THIS POLICY AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.**

## **GRADING**

A student's grade in this course will be computed using a combination of test scores and any in-class work. Some extra credit might be possible by attending drug court and/or special activities.

## **EXAMS**

There will be four (4) equally weighted exams given throughout the semester. Each exam will contain a variety of objective/subjective items. The test material will come from class lectures, the text, and classroom discussions. "Pop" tests are also a possibility.

**MAKE UP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE FINAL WEEK OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES AND ONLY FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

## **GRADING SCALE**

**TOTAL POINTS IN COURSE = 400\***

**A = 90-100% (360-400)**

**B = 80-89% (320-359)**

**C = 70-79% (280-319)**

**D = 60-69% (240-279)**

**F = Under 60 % (239 or less)**

**\*Total points could vary if "pop" tests are given. However, the grading scale will remain the same: A = 90%, B = 80%, etc. of the total points.**

## **CHEATING/PLAGIARISM**

Cheating on exams or in association with other class assignments will NOT be tolerated. Cheating is unacceptable under any circumstance, but especially so for those aspiring to careers in criminal justice. When it occurs, no points or credit will be given.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities, or chronic health disorders. Students can contact ODA if they are not certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies.

**Mailing Address: The University of Southern Mississippi  
Office for Disability Accommodations  
118 College Drive #8586  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001**

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**Individuals with hearing impairments can contact ODA using the Mississippi Relay Service at 1-800-582-2233 (TTY) or email Suzy Hebert at [Suzanne.Hebert@usm.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Hebert@usm.edu)**

## TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

### UNIT 1: CORRECTIONS: AN OVERVIEW

Chapter 1: Introduction to Corrections

Chapter 2: A Brief History of Punishments and Corrections

Chapter 3: Sentencing and Criminal Sanctions

**EXAM#1:** September 14

### UNIT 2: PROBATION, JAIL, AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Chapter 4: Probation and Community Corrections

Chapter 5: Jails and Detention Facilities

Chapter 7: Jail and Prison Inmates (pp. 185-187, 211-213)

**EXAM #2:** October 5

### UNIT 3: INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE WALLS

Chapter 6: Institutional Corrections

Chapter 7: Jail and Prison Inmates (pp. 187-211)

Chapter 8: Parole and Prisoner Reentry

Chapter 11: Corrections Law and Inmate Litigation

**EXAM #3:** November 9

### UNIT 4: CORRECTIONS: ISSUES AND THE FUTURE

Chapter 12: Gender Issues in Corrections

Chapter 13: Race, Ethnicity, and Corrections

Chapter 14: The Future of Corrections

**FINAL EXAM: MONDAY DECEMBER 7 10:45-1:15**

## IMPORTANT DATES

September 1 : Last day to drop without financial penalty

September 7 : Labor Day

September 30: Last day to drop without academic penalty

October 8-9 : Fall Break

November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break

December 7: Final Exam 10:45-1:15

	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>
August		19	21
	24	26	28
	31		
September		2	4
	7	9	11
	14	16	18
	21	23	25
	28	30	
October			2
	5	7	9
	12	14	16
	19	21	23
	26	28	30
November	2	4	6
	9	11	13
	16	18	20
	23	25	27
	30		
December		2	

