

CORRECTIONS SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES

CRIJ 2313

NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SPRING 2019

INDEPENDENT STUDY

NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CORRECTIONS SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES

Course Number: CRIJ 2313 **Course Title:** Corrections Systems and Practices

Course Credit Hours: 3 **Lecture Hours:** 3 **Lab Hours:** None **Clinical/Recitation Hours:** None

Prerequisite: None **Co-requisite:** None

Instructor's Name: Bob Hedges **Office Location:** IT 106 **Office Hours:** Posted on front classroom window.

Contact Information:

Mail: Bob Hedges; NTCC; P.O. Box 1307; Mount Pleasant, TX 75456

Telephone: Office (903) 434-8266 Home (903) 572-2724

E-mail: bhedges@ntcc.edu

Instructor Website: <http://faculty.ntcc.edu/bhedges/default.htm>

In case of emergency contact: Charla Hunt (903) 434-8207

Textbook: Allen, H.E., Simonsen, C.E. *Corrections In America: an Introduction*. Prentice Hall. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. 2001. Ninth edition. Note: textbook is optional.

Supplies: Notepaper, writing tools (pencil, pen), highlighter, a stapler, access to a computer and the internet.

Course Description: This course shall include instruction regarding the corrections area of the criminal justice system; organization of the correctional systems; correctional role; institutional operations; alternatives to institutionalization; treatment and rehabilitation; current and future issues.

Course Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this course students will understand the latest theories regarding the corrections system in the United States, identify problems facing the system, and understand the different service programs found within the system. Students will successfully complete a research project using primarily EBSCO data bases and produce a written paper in MLA format reporting their research findings.

Course Requirements: Students must do the following:

1. Meet face to face with Mr. Hedges when scheduled.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of all learning objectives as determined and approved by the instructor.
3. Read all assigned outside materials.
4. Take responsibility for the learning process.
5. Complete all exams and assigned coursework.

Course Format: Lecture, class discussion, outside research, research project.

Method of Evaluation: Test scores, class participation, attendance, term papers (when assigned), projects (when assigned) Tests can include questions requiring fill in the blank, listing, matching, true/false, short-answer, and, or essay. Any essay questions will be graded on the quantity and quality of the content. Spelling and sentence structure will be considered during grading. There will be a review before any test. All tests have equal grade weight. A final will not be comprehensive. Any tests missed should be made-up immediately and will be subject to penalties during scoring. Students who miss a test will be expected to complete a required make-up test the next class period they return. The instructor reserves the right to give make-up tests in an alternative format. Class participation will be evaluated by the instructor according to the student's willingness and ability to participate in discussion, question/answer sessions, any required oral presentations, and their contributions during group work assignments. A research paper in correct MLA format will be required in this class.

Grade weights:	Term paper, project	50%
	Class participation	20%
	Attendance	30%
	(See attendance policy below.)	

Score/Grade range: A 90+ B 80-89 C 70-79 D 60-69F 59 and below

Attendance Policy: ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. The class roll will be called and recorded each day. Day class students can have 3 absences without a grade penalty. Night class students or classes that meet one time per week can have 1 absence without a grade penalty. Summer session students can have 2 absences without a grade penalty. In any class, two tardies equal an absence. Tardies will be recorded when a student arrives late or leaves early. **IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TOO ADVISE MR. HEDGES OF A "TARDY" IMMEDIATELY AT THE END OF THAT DAY'S CLASS OR THE RECORDED ABSENCE REMAINS THE OFFICIAL ROLL RECORD.** Beyond these allowances, students lose 10 points from their attendance grade for each additional absence. Students can contact Mr. Hedges during conference hours to possibly arrange "make-up" work if the absences are not too severe. Students must do this on their own initiative. Discuss attendance problems with your instructor. The instructor reserves the right to withdraw a student from class. However, it is the student's responsibility to withdraw from class by contacting the registrar's office prior to the last day to withdraw during each semester. Independent study students must meet with the instructor face to face on dates assigned. **Please see the schedule of classes for the last day to withdraw.**

Religious Holy Days: please refer to the current Northeast Texas Community College Student Handbook

ADA Statement: It is the policy of Northeast Texas Community College to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, State and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to arrange an appointment with a College counselor to obtain a Request for Accommodations form. For more information, please refer to the Northeast Texas Community College Catalog or Student Handbook.

Academic Ethics: The College expects all students to engage in academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete academic honesty and integrity in their academic pursuit. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. Refer to the student handbook for more information on this subject. Northeast Texas Community College may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts, or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission as one's own work material that is not one's own. Scholastic dishonesty may involve, but is not limited to, one or more of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion, use of annotated texts or teacher's editions, and/or falsifying academic records.

Plagiarism is defined as the appropriation of any person's work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one's own work offered for credit.

Cheating is defined to include the following: copying from another student's paper; using materials during a test not authorized by the person giving the test; collaborating with any other person during the test without permission; knowingly obtaining, using, buying, selling, transporting, or soliciting in whole or in part the content of test not yet administered; substituting for another student or permitting any other person to substitute for oneself; copying computer or Internet files, using someone else's work for assignments as if it were one's own, or any other dishonest means of attempting to fulfill the requirements of a course.

Collusion is defined as the unauthorized collaboration with any person in preparing work offered for credit.

Honesty Statement: Students are expected to complete course work in an honest manner, using their intellects and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty policy stated in the Student Handbook. Students are expected to complete course work in an honest manner, using their intellects and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. **NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty policy stated in the Student Handbook.**

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.

NTCC Tobacco Use Policy: The use of tobacco products including smokeless tobacco, smoking tobacco, and any legal smoking preparation is prohibited in all College buildings, enclosed facilities, inner campus, and College owned vehicles.

Tobacco use is **prohibited in:**

1. All enclosed buildings and facilities, including but not limited to, classrooms, offices, food service areas, lavatories and residence halls.
2. All exterior areas in the inner campus and parking lots.
3. All college owned vehicles.

Tobacco use is **permitted in:**

1. Personal vehicles.
2. Designated smoking huts on the west side of campus.

Please, do not bring children to class. Obtain prior permission from your instructor before bringing adult visitors to class.

Please **do not bring cell phones** into the classroom.