

## 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

#### 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)
(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

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#### **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 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 441 (3) Social Deviance**

Sociological perspective on social deviance; overview of theoretical approaches; emphasis on symbolic interactionism; issues of social control; research examples and policy implications.

Pre: SOC 101

Fall, Spring

**CORR 442 (3) Criminology**

A critical consideration of myths concerning crime, perspectives on crime and their assumptions, current criminology theory, and construction of alternative explanations related to crime.

Pre: SOC 101

Fall, Spring

**CORR 443 (3) Penology**

Addresses the justifications and the historical development of punishment, the legal and policy issues concerning capital punishment, and the use of incarceration as a response to crime.

Pre: CORR 106 and CORR 200

Fall, Spring

**CORR 444 (3) Women in the Criminal Justice System**

This course focuses on the experiences of women in the criminal justice system—as victims, offenders, and professionals. Women's involvement in this system (whether they were a defendant, an attorney, an inmate, a correctional officer or a crime victim) has often been overlooked or devalued. The goal of this course is to bring the special needs and contributions of women in the criminal justice system into sharper focus.

Fall

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**CORR 447 (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

**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 459 (3) Issues in Corrections**

A critical examination of current issues in the correctional field.

Spring

**CORR 465 (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

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## CORRECTIONS

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### **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