



**Purpose:** It is the intention of this Administrative-Master Syllabus to provide a general description of the course, outline the required elements of the course and to lay the foundation for course assessment for the improvement of student learning, as specified by the Faculty of Wharton County Junior College.

**Course Title** – Community Resources in Corrections

**Course Prefix and Number** – CRIJ 2301

**Department** – Criminal Justice  
Sciences

**Division** – Social and Behavioral

**Course Type:** (check one)

- Academic General Education Course (from ACGM – but not in WCJC Core)
- Academic WCJC Core Course
- WECM course (This course is a Special Topics or Unique Needs Course: Y  or N 

**Semester Credit Hours # : Lecture hours# : Lab/other hours #**     3:3:0

**Equated Pay hours for course -** 3

**Course Catalog Description** - Introduction to the role of the community in corrections. Topics include community programs for adults and juveniles, administration of community programs, legal issues, and trends in community treatment. Prerequisites: THEA reading and writing requirements met. Type: Acad.

List Lab/ Other Hours
Lab Hours
Clinical Hours
Practicum Hours
Other (list)

**Prerequisites/Corequisites** - THEA reading and writing requirements met. Type: Acad.

**Approvals** – the contents of this document have been reviewed and are found to be accurate.

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**I. Topical Outline** – Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, clinical or other non lecture instruction):

- A. Community corrections compared with institutional corrections
- B. Probation - attributes, usage, personnel
- C. Parole - attributes, usage, personnel
- D. Intermediate sanctions - attributes, usage, personnel
- E. Special issues in community corrections - gender, drug offenders, sex offenders, age, mental disabilities, health issues
- F. Sentencing
- G. Conviction consequences and options

**II. Course Learning Outcomes**

<b>Course Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Method of Assessment</b>
<p>At the completion of the identified sections the student will be able to:</p> <p>Section I. Probation            Define the goals of community-based correctional programs;            recall the historical and legal foundations of probation;            explain the decision-making process in granting probation;            show the role of the presentence investigation report in probation;            describe the requirements for setting the conditions and length of probation;            identify the organization and administration of probation services;            evaluate the complexities of supervision in probation and parole;            and justify the cause and effect of probation revocation.</p> <p>Section II. Parole            Recall the history and concepts of parole;            identify the function of the parole board and selection for parole;            and assess the purpose of parole conditions and effect of revocation.</p> <p>Section III. Intermediate Sanctions and Special Issues            Analyze the role of intermediate sanctions and their relation to probation and parole;            determine the effect of community-based corrections on juvenile justice and aftercare;            evaluate the effectiveness of community-based corrections;            judge the direct and collateral consequences of conviction;            assess the difficulties in addressing the needs of special populations;</p>	<p>Tests, homework, scenarios, exposure to those employed in community corrections,</p> <p>Tests, homework, scenarios, participation in class discussions,</p> <p>Tour of community facility, tests, homework, participation in class discussions</p>

**III. Required Text(s), Optional Text(s) and/or Materials to be Supplied by Student.**

Cromwell, Paul F., Alarid, Leanne Fiftal, del Carmen, Rolando V., 2005 Community Based Corrections, 6th Edition, Belmont, CA: Thomson/Wadsworth Learning. ISBN 0534628761

Or

A textbook of the department's choosing by reputable authors published by a reputable publisher that contains information on the topics outlined in section I.

And

B. Internet access to social science databases and social science journals

And

C. Computers and printers for preparing assignments.

#### **IV. Suggested Course Maximum - 35**

#### **V. List any specific spatial or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.**

Instructor must have access to all appropriate technology for the ITV and online sections of this course.

#### **VI. Course Requirements/Grading System – Describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course )**

\*\*\*\*\* A 90-100, B 80-89, C 70-79, F 69-0. Students must earn a grade point average of 70% to pass the class.

Research projects/papers assessing community correction facilities and experiences of those employed in community corrections jobs. (30% to 40% of grade)

Reading of course textbook – necessary for successful text performance and participation in many class discussions

Research relevant to course topics – necessary for many class discussions, homework assignments and research paper

Participation in class discussions based on the text and outside research (10% to 20% of final grade)

Comprehensive final (minimum of 10% of final grade)

Periodic testing over assigned reading (minimum of 30% of final grade)

Homework assignments including evaluation of options in real life scenarios– necessary to evaluate reading and research skills (10% to 20% of final grade)

Class attendance – interaction with instructor and other students necessary for success in course and college success in general (5% to 10% of final grade)

#### **VII. Curriculum Checklist**

- **Academic General Education Course** (from ACGM – but not in WCJC Core)  
No additional documentation needed

- **Academic WCJC Core Course**  
Attach the Core Curriculum Checklist, including the following:

- Basic Intellectual Competencies
- Perspectives
- Exemplary Educational Objectives

- **WECM Courses**  
Attach the following:

- Program SCANS Matrix
- Course SCANS Competencies Checklist