Community Corrections and Sentencing

Criminal Justice 460

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**Meeting times: Friday 12:30**

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# Course Purpose: Despite the unprecedented expansion of imprisonment in the United States during the past three decades, community corrections, such as probation and parole, are the largest components of the criminal justice system. Because conditions of probation and parole are normally designed to be offender specific, these community corrections options offer courts and corrections personnel the widest range of discretion available in the criminal justice system. However, the development and application of community corrections remains one of the least understood and underutilized approaches to issues of crime, punishment, and rehabilitation. This course will introduce students to the history and practice of community corrections and its application to criminal justice policy. The course will cover this historical development of community corrections and the emerging trends within the field.

# Course Description: The course explores the origins of community corrections and its role in the American criminal justice system. The course covers the major issues and topics associated with community corrections programs within probation and parole. These issues and topics includes:

* History and overview of sentencing and sentencing law
* The evolutions of probation and parole
* Philosophical foundations of community corrections
* Sentencing processes and their impact on community corrections
* Community programming for specific offender populations
* The future of sentencing policy and community corrections

The impact of changes in sentencing policy on community corrections will be examined to determine future directions and historical patterns

# Format: The primary instructional method is lecture and discussion. Students are expected to read and consider assigned readings prior to each class. Students are encouraged to express their views during class discussions.

# Required Reading:The following are required readings for the class

* Latessa, and Smith Corrections in the Community
* Hanser, Robert. Special Needs Offenders in the Community. Pearson/Prentice Hall

Additional readings will be provided by the instructor.

# Schedule of Readings: The last section of this syllabus contains the reading assignments and topics by date. Please read the assigned materials prior to the class.

# Grading: Grades are based on three exams and an optional extra credit paper.

***AS OF August 6, 2018***

***THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

**College of Health & Social Sciences**

**Fall 2018**

**From: Dean Alvin Alvarez and Associate Dean John Elia**

**CHSS Policy**

*Syllabi are to incorporate the Academic Senate Policy regarding finals week, the deadlines or withdrawals, late adds, CR/NC option and information related to course registration and Disability Programs and Resource Center. A sample listing of the required College policies are shown below:*

Welcome to the College of Health & Social Sciences,

This section is to inform you of the College and University policies that may affect you. Knowledge of these deadlines (viewed at <http://registrar.sfsu.edu/>) and policies will help you to navigate the bureaucracy of the University while helping you succeed and graduate in a timely manner. Policies can be intimidating sometimes, but they ensure an equitable, consistent and reliable process for each student. Please review this information and refer to <http://chss.sfsu.edu/content/petitions-information> for more detail on these policies. Approval of a petition from the instructor and/or Department Chair does not constitute automatic approval from the Associate Dean so please continue attending class until a decision is made. If you have any questions about how these policies specifically apply to your situation, please contact the Associate Dean’s Office at assocdean@sfsu.edu or in HSS 239.

**When is the deadline to drop a class?**

The last day to drop a class without a W grade is September 17, 2018 by 11:59 PM.

**What if I wish to withdraw from a course after the drop deadline?**

Withdrawal from a course is allowed from September 18, 2018 until November 17, 2018 only if you have **serious and compelling reasons with current, relevant supporting documentation**. The following are examples of **non-serious and non-compelling reasons** and would be denied:

* Changing major
* Poor academic performance in class
* Course no longer needed
* Missing pre-requisite(s)
* Instructor forgot to drop
* More time needed for other classes

Unexpected changes in work schedule or serious accident, protracted illness, or family emergencies may be considered serious and compelling if appropriate supporting documentation is attached. The petition must be submitted within a reasonable timeframe (e.g., within 2 weeks of an illness or change in work hours) and must include your unofficial transcripts. From November 20, 2018 until December 17, 2018,you may not withdraw from a class or the University, except only in the case of a **documented** serious illness or verified accident.

Withdrawals cannot be initiated electronically and must be submitted using a paper application. A maximum of 18 units can be withdrawn, and a course can only be repeated once with a failing grade.

**How do I take a course for Credit or No Credit (CR/NC) Grade?**

Please check the course description in the Bulletin to determine if the class can be taken CR/NC. If it is permitted, then you may change your grading option via your SF State Gateway until October 22, 2018 by 11:59 PM. The Associate Dean will not approve requests for changes if you miss this deadline.

**What if I want to add a class after registration closes?**

The period to add classes via permission numbers is August 27, 2018 through September 17, 2018 until 11:59 PM**.** It is your responsibility to obtain a late permission number from your instructor and add the class. Faculty cannot add you into a class. Starting September 18, 2018**,** a Waiver of College Regulations form must be submitted. This will only be approved if there was an administrative error.

**How do I know if any changes in my registration went through?**

Always check your registration on your SF State Gateway after making any changes and before deadlines to ensure you are registered properly for your classes. It is always your responsibility to ensure your schedule is correct, even if the instructor indicates they will drop you**.** All deadlines will be strictly adhered to by the instructor, the Department Chair, and the CHSS Associate Dean.

**When are finals?**

According to Academic Senate policy F76-12 a time period is set aside at the end of each semester for a formal examination period. All classes are expected to meet during the final examination period whether an examination is given or not.

Please review your class schedule for final examination conflicts and contact your instructor for exam options. The final examination schedule is located at:

<https://academicresources.sfsu.edu/cal/final_exams_fall_2018>.

**Where do I go if I have a concern or complaint?**

For matters to be handled in a timely manner, it is important to follow the proper channels by first connecting with the instructor or department involved. If you are uncertain of what steps to take, you can also contact the Associate Dean’s Office for a consultation prior to taking action. If the issue has not been resolved at the department level, please contact the Associate Dean’s Office by emailing assocdean@sfsu.edu, calling (415) 405-3533, or stopping by HSS 239.

**What resources are available to me on campus?**

**Disability access**

Students with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations are encouraged to contact the instructor.  The Disability Programs and Resource Center (DPRC) is available to facilitate the reasonable accommodations process. The DPRC is located in the Student Service Building and can be reached by telephone (voice/415-338-2472, video phone/415-335-7210) or by email (dprc@sfsu.edu).

**Student disclosures of sexual violence**

SF State fosters a campus free of sexual violence including sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and/or any form of sex or gender discrimination.  If you disclose a personal experience as an SF State student, the course instructor is required to notify the Title IX Coordinator by completing the report form available at [http://titleix.sfsu.edu](http://titleix.sfsu.edu/), emailing vpsaem@sfsu.edu or calling 338-2032.

**To disclose any such violence confidentially, contact:**

·         The SAFE Place - (415) 338-2208; <http://www.sfsu.edu/~safe_plc/>

·         Counseling and Psychological Services Center - (415) 338-2208; <http://psyservs.sfsu.edu/>

·         For more information on your rights and available resources: [http://titleix.sfsu.edu](http://titleix.sfsu.edu/)

**CHSS Student Resource Center (HSS 254):** Provides academic advising and support to all students with a CHSS major. For more information and to book advising appointment: <http://chss.sfsu.edu/src> or call (415) 405-3740.

**Undergraduate Advising Center (ADM 211)**: Provides academic advising and support to all students. For more information: <https://advising.sfsu.edu/>.