

SYLLABUS

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CIP CODE:	43.0107
SEMESTER:	Departmental Syllabus
COURSE TITLE:	Legal Issues in Corrections
COURSE NUMBER:	CRJS0210
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PREREQUISITE(S):	None

REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS: Please check with KCKCC bookstore, <http://www.kckccbookstores.com/>, for the required texts for your particular class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will investigate the origin, development and classification of criminal law as it applies to the correctional officer. It will review the rules of evidence of particular importance at the operational level, procedures in use of force, and search and seizure law. Additionally, it will discuss the applied correctional law of prisoner rights, legal responsibilities and liabilities of correctional personnel at the local, state, and federal level including juvenile offenders, probation and parole, and female offenders.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on the content area. These include but are not limited to: lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

COURSE OUTLINE:

- I. Introduction to the Law and to Legal Aspects of Corrections Management
 - A. The Law
 - B. Historic Origins
 - C. The Court System

- II. Corrections and the Criminal Justice System
 - A. The Police
 - B. Arrest
 - C. Prosecution
 - D. The Courts
 - E. Sentencing
 - F. Corrections

- III. Habeas, Torts and Section 1983
 - A. Habeas Corpus
 - B. Torts
 - C. Section 1983

- IV. Going to Court
 - A. Summons
 - B. Trial
 - C. Appeal

- V. Prisoners Rights under the Constitution
 - A. Nature of Prisons
 - B. Section 1983 and the Constitution
 - C. Defenses
 - D. Prison Litigation Reform Act
 - E. Prisoners Rights

- VI. Access to Courts
 - A. Ex Parte Hull
 - B. Johnson v. Avery
 - C. Other Prominent Cases
 - D. Frivolous Complaints

- VII. First Amendment – Inmate Mail
 - A. Mail
 - B. Background Cases
 - C. Foreign Languages
 - D. Inmate Postage

- VIII. First Amendment – Association Rights and Visiting
 - A. Freedom of Association
 - B. News Media
 - C. Inmate Visits
 - D. Conjugal Visits

- IX. First Amendment - Religion
 - A. Establishing Religion

- B. Faith-based Initiatives
 - C. Religious Freedom
 - D. Unusual Religious Group
- X. Fourth Amendment – Search and Seizure
- A. Searches in Prison
 - B. Strip Searches
 - C. Pat Searches
- XI. Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment – Due Process
- A. 5th and 14th Amendments
 - B. Inmate Discipline
 - C. Confidential Informants
 - D. Prohibited Acts
 - E. Personal Injury
 - F. Property Loss
 - G. Use of Force
 - H. Equal Protection
 - I. Racial Discrimination
- XII. Eighth Amendment - Punishment
- A. Sentencing
 - B. Death Penalty
 - C. Death Row
 - D. Cruel & Unusual Punishment
 - E. Prison Conditions
 - F. Crowding in Prisons
- XIII. Probation, Parole and Community Corrections
- A. Probation/Parole
 - B. Case Law
 - C. Use of Force
 - D. Community Correction Issues
- XIV. Statutory and Admin Law
- A. Federal Bureau of Prisons
 - B. State and Local Laws
 - C. Accreditation
 - D. Employment Law
 - E. Tort Claims
 - F. Disabilities Act
- XV. Jails
- A. Adult Offenders

- B. Juvenile Offenders
- C. Boot Camps
- D. Prisoners Rights

EXPECTED LEARNER OUTCOMES

- A. The student will be able to discuss the history of the US Court and Corrections System.
- B. The student will be able to describe the Constitutional Safeguards afforded prisoners to include substantive and procedural law.
- C. The student will be able to discuss the procedures, practices and processes used to conduct a legal search and seizure of contraband in a correctional facility.
- D. The student will be able to discuss the use of force, crimes committee in a facility, and ethics, integrity and professionalism of guard personnel.
- E. The student will be able to discuss evidence based practices, verbal and written documentation and the general rules concerning legal procedures within the organizational management of the corrections agency.

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNER OUTCOMES:

Student progress is evaluated by means that include, but are not limited to, exams, written assignments, and class participation.

SPECIAL NOTES:

This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. Material included is intended to provide an outline of the course and rules that the instructor will adhere to in evaluating the student's progress. However, this syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. Questions regarding the syllabus are welcome any time.

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