

TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Official Course Outline

- I. Course Prefix/Number/Title:** ADJ 140 Introduction to Corrections
- Credit Hours:** 3 **Lecture Hours:** 3 **Lab Hours:** 0 **Total Contact Hours:** 3
- II. Pre-requisite:** None **Co-requisite:** None
- III. Course Description:** Focuses on societal responses to the offender. Traces the evolution of practices based on philosophies of retribution, deterrence, and rehabilitation. Reviews contemporary correctional activities and their relationships to other aspects of the criminal justice system.
- IV. Course Objectives:** To assist the student to
- Trace the evolution of correctional history, including the importance of the European reformers
 - Understand and identify the institutions that made up the corrections system
 - Understand contrasting models of American penitentiaries and the development of alternatives, as well as the reasons for the changing nature of treatment, jail designs, and sentencing patterns
 - Understand the most important ideologies shaping public policies in contemporary corrections
 - Understand the importance of domestic violence, sexual abuse of children, white-collar and misdemeanor offenses to the crime problem and their effect on crime statistics
 - Understand principal issues in prison litigation, including contact with the outside world, religion, access to the courts, and medical care
- V. Course Content:**
- Early history of corrections
 - Prisons and ideologies from the 1800's to the present
 - The justice process
 - The court process, including sentencing and appeals
 - Alternatives to imprisonment
 - Correctional systems: private, city, state, and federal
 - Correctional custody and staff functions
- VI. Textbooks:** Allen, Harry E. and Clifford E. Simonsen. Corrections in America: An Introduction, 10th ed. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2004.
- VII. Additional Information:**