

Common Course Outline
CRJU 136
Correctional Services and the Community
3 semester hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Correctional Services and the Community

Introduces the role of the community in assisting the inmates in the post-release experience; discusses methods to improve relations between the correctional system and the community including resources available in Maryland with recommended additional services.

Prerequisites: ENGL 052 and RDNG 052 or ESOL 052

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- relate the components of the criminal justice system to community corrections
- distinguish between court and corrections-based release
- identify components of sentencing that impact community corrections and prisons
- recall the historical development of probation and parole in America
- compare juvenile probation with the adult system
- state the roles of probation and parole officers in the community
- examine strategies for classifying, managing and servicing offenders
- discuss the intermediate sanctions available in the community
- evaluate the effectiveness of supervision in the community
- analyze the future of corrections in the community
- define the concept of restorative justice

Major Topics

- I. The criminal justice system
- II. Sentencing and community corrections
- III. Sentencing and the jail
- IV. The prison institution
- V. Historical development of probation
- VI. Juvenile probation
- VII. Development of parole in America
- VIII. Granting probation
- IX. Granting parole
- X. Roles of probation and parole officers
- XI. Strategies for classifying, managing and servicing offenders
- XII. Intermediate sanctions,
 - A. Intensive supervision
 - B. Electronic monitoring
 - C. Day reporting

- D. House arrest
- XIII. Community residential correctional programs
- XIV. Effectiveness of supervision in the community
- XV. The future of corrections in the community
 - A. Developing partnerships
 - B. Restorative justice

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- Written assignments
- Tests/Quizzes
- Attendance and participation

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments.

Other Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice elective. It is taught in the classroom using a variety of instructional techniques which are intended to meet the varied learning styles of our diverse student population. These strategies rely on positive interdependence in a cooperative learning environment. Individual accountability is a key outcome of these strategies. They include:

- Guided teaching and lecture
- Large group discussion
- Small group interaction and activities
- Case studies
- Read/watch and discuss