Minnesota State University Moorhead

CJ 303: Punishment and Prisons

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This class traces the origins and development of incarceration as the principle response to crime in the U.S. It explores changing punishment practices, reasons offered to justify punishment, and the social organization of contemporary U.S. prisons

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/15/2011 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Historical Overview of Punishment
2. Rehabilitation Ideal and Prison Subculture
3. The Imprisonment Binge and Its Implications
4. Prisons Today

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will understand the connections between structural change and subsequent changes in correctional policy.
2. Students will gain an understanding of the history of punishment and penology and connect historical movements to current trends.
3. Students will be able to articulate current issues in punishment policies and recommend potential solutions.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted