

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ADJ 140

Credits: 3

Course Title: Introduction to Corrections

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. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course will be an ADJ elective for those students who are interested in a career path into the field of corrections. It will serve as a foundation course for those students not only already looking into the corrections field but for those students who are seeking guidance into areas of criminal justice professions. This course will serve students already in the Administration of Justice curriculum as well as those with an interest in the program.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

None

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Demonstrate knowledge of the purpose and place of institutional corrections in the criminal justice process in the United States;
- b. Trace the development of punishment from corporal and capital punishment through the use of community-based alternative programs;
- c. Identify and discuss the roles of corrections and its employees in the criminal justice system; and
- d. Identify the variety of correctional programs that may be applicable to specific offender groups.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. History of Corrections
- b. Correctional Process
- c. Correctional Clients
- d. Probation and Parole
- e. Alternatives to Incarceration

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Spring 2017