Course Outline for: SOC 2134 Corrections

A.   Course Description:
1. Number of credits: 3
2. Lecture hours per week: 3
3. Prerequisites: None
4. Corequisites: None
5. MnTC Goals: None

This course is a sociological analysis of corrections and punishment in modern society. The course content explores the prison system, community-based corrections, and alternatives to incarceration.

B.   Date last reviewed/updated: January 2023

C.   Outline of Major Content Areas:
1. Overview of Corrections in the United States
2. Relationship of Corrections to the Criminal Justice System
3. History of Corrections
4. Theories of Corrections
5. Correctional Systems: Local, State, and Federal
6. Community Based Corrections and Restorative Justice Models
7. Probation and Parole
8. What role does racism play in Corrections?
9. Determinate and Indeterminate sentences
10. State and Federal sentencing guidelines
11. Correctional Administration and the Law
12. Effects of Incarceration
13. Recidivism Rates
14. Prison Life
15. Violence and Drugs in Prison
16. Female Correctional System
17. Juvenile Correctional System
18. Capital Punishment

D.   Course Learning Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:
1. Describe the historical and philosophical foundation of corrections.
2. Analyze how the correctional system works.
3. Explain the difference between probation and parole.
4. Compare state and federal prison systems.
5. Describe prison social structure and problems of racism, violence and drugs.

6. Assess the treatment of females in the correctional system.
7. Examine the philosophy and programs of the Juvenile Correctional System.
8. Discuss capital punishment issues.

E.   Methods for Assessing Student Learning:
Assessment methods may include, but are not limited to: exams, quizzes, journals, research papers, oral presentations, written assignments, essays, group work and/or any other assessment measures based on the discretion of the instructor.

F.   Special Information:
None