

Missouri State University
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

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CRM 307-899: Life Behind Bars...Got Time?

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Office Hours: MW 8:45-11:15
(Also Available by Appointment)

Course Description:

Throughout this course, we will attempt to understand the dynamics of interaction that take place between inmates and staff in a prison setting. We will identify the various deprivations inmates face during incarceration, and their methods for compensating for these deprivations by developing networks of interaction that focus on the illegal trade of goods and services. This course will also expose you to the various social roles played by inmates and staff who interact with each other on a daily basis, and help you understand the various levels of interaction that develop to cope with the struggles of life behind bars when all you have to do is “time”.

Learning Objectives:

- To identify how the modern prison institution is organized around the formal and informal structure of operation
- To better understand the various sociological dynamics involved in the study of corrections
- To gain a knowledge of the areas of discretion and power within corrections
- To demonstrate an awareness of the levels of interaction between inmates and prison staff
- To develop critical thinking skills in the analysis of correctional issues

Required Text: There is no textbook required.

Course Requirements:

- *4 Quizzes: 40%* (Multiple Choice Format)
- *Final Test: 40%* (Multiple Choice Format)
- *Forum Activity Posts: 20%*

***please refer to the COURSE INFORMATION tab on the course site in Blackboard for more information about the Final Test and Forum Activity Posts**

Grading:

In order to give students appropriate credit, grades will be reported with plusses and minuses on the basis of the following scale.

90 – 100 = A

80– 89 = B

70 – 79 = C

60 – 69 = D

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To request academic accommodations for a disability, contact the Director of [Disability Services](#), Plaster Student Union, Suite 405, (417) 836-4192 or (417) 836-6792 (TTY), www.missouristate.edu/disability. Students are required to provide documentation of disability to Disability Services prior to receiving accommodations. Disability Services refers some types of accommodation requests to the [Learning Diagnostic Clinic](#), which also provides diagnostic testing for learning and psychological disabilities. For information about testing, contact the Director of the [Learning Diagnostic Clinic](#), (417) 836-4787, <http://psychology.missouristate.edu/lcd>.

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instructors are provided this information specific to their classroom and/or lab assignments in an e-mail prior to the beginning of the fall semester from the Office of the Provost and Safety and Transportation. Students with disabilities impacting mobility should discuss the approved accommodations for emergency situations and additional options when applicable with the instructor. For more information, you can visit the website at <http://www.missouristate.edu/safetran/51597.htm> and <http://www.missouristate.edu/safetran/erp.htm>. Students who require assistance during an emergency evacuation must discuss their needs with their professors and Disability Services. If you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible. For additional information students should contact the *Office of Disability Services*, 836-4192 (PSU 405), or Larry Combs, Interim Assistant Director of *Public Safety and Transportation* at 836-6576. For further information on Missouri State University's Emergency Response Plan, please refer to the following website: www.missouristate.edu/safetran/erp.htm.

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As a member of the learning community, each student has a responsibility to other students who are members of the community. When cell phones or pagers ring and students respond in class or leave class to respond, it disrupts the class. Therefore, the Office of the Provost prohibits the use by students of cell phones, pagers, PDAs, or similar communication devices during scheduled classes. All such devices must be turned off or put in a silent (vibrate) mode and ordinarily should not be taken out during class. Given the fact that these same communication devices are an integral part of the University's emergency notification system, an exception to this policy would occur when numerous devices activate simultaneously. When this occurs, students may consult their devices to determine if a university emergency exists. If that is not the case, the devices should be immediately returned to silent mode and put away. Other exceptions to this policy may be granted at the discretion of the instructor.

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice on Facebook

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<https://www.facebook.com/Criminology-at-Missouri-State-University-135913129764383/>

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