SYLLABUS

University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Institutional Corrections: 44.350

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**Course Description:**
Detailed examination of the U.S. prison and jail systems, highlighting such topics as classification of offenders, crowding, treatment programs, prison violence, and privatization.

**Learning Objectives:** This course introduces students to all aspects of Institutional Corrections. By the end of the course, students will have a clear understanding of the operations and functionality of Institutional Corrections. They will also be able to describe the characteristics of a typical correctional facility and have an understanding of the paramilitary structure and chain of command. Finally, students will gain a detailed understanding of correctional programs, treatment and the reentry process for offenders.

**Required Reading:**

Grading:

Grades will be determined as follows:
1. Three exams (20% each=60%)
2. Paper (30%)
3. Class preparation/participation (10%)

Attendance:  *Attendance to at least ONE of the TWO scheduled prison tours is mandatory.*

0-2 misses = Up ½ grade

3-4 misses = Grade stays the same

5+ misses = Down ½ grade

½ grade increases or decreases go down two steps, i.e. A to B+, B- to C, or C- to C+, B to A-, etc.