

McLennan C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS AND INSTRUCTOR PLAN

LEGAL ASPECTS OF CORRECTIONS

CJCR 2325 F1

Dr. Shannon Hankhouse

NOTE: This is an 8-week Online course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals. We are also concerned for your safety. We are working through COVID-19 guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. This will include smaller class sizes to manage social distancing and proper cleaning techniques. You will have the advantage of a physical classroom experience but may also need to work part of the time online as we adjust to limited classroom capacity. This will also allow us the flexibility to move online if so directed by federal, state and/or local COVID 19 guidelines. Faculty and staff are preparing now to ensure that you have the best experience in the midst of these uncertain times.

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Course Description:

A study of the operation, management, and legal issues affecting corrections. Analysis of constitutional issues involving rights of the convicted, as well as civil liability of correctional agencies and staff. (This course will serve as the Capstone for the A.A.S. and Certificate in Corrections.) Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

None

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Dr. Shannon Hankhouse

E-mail: hankhouse@tarleton.edu

Office Phone Number: 254-299-8316

Office Location: MAC 102

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: By Appointment Only

Other Instruction Information: Call 254-299-8322 to schedule an appointment

Required Text & Materials:

Title: Correctional Law for the Correctional Officer

Author: William C. Collins

Edition: 5th

ISBN: 9781569913215

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Online course has weekly readings and PowerPoint presentations. Learning is assessed through discussion board groups and unit exams.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

The student will develop competency by comprehending and analyzing the positions of those who are regarded as experts and well studies on correctional issues. It is important to consider every variety of opinion in an attempt to determine the truth. Opinions from the mainstream of society will be examined. Also considered are opinions that may be radical, reactionary or minority as well as those stigmatized by some other uncomplimentary label.

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Students will approach this course with their own opinions on the issues. To have a good grasp of one's own viewpoint, it is necessary to understand the arguments of those with whom one disagrees. It can be said that those who do not completely understand their adversary's opinion do not fully understand their own. Through classroom debate students can develop critical thinking skills as a way to attain higher-level thinking and reading skills essential in a culture of diverse and contradictory opinions.

Course Outline or Schedule:

Week 1 – Orientation, Unit 1

Week 2 - Unit 2 & 3

Week 3 - Unit 4 & 5

Week 4 - Unit 5 & 6

Week 5 - Unit 7 & 8

Week 6 - Unit 9 & 10

Week 7 - Unit 11 & 12

Week 8 - Unit 13 & 14

Schedule is subject to change. Any changes will be announced via Brightspace Announcements.

Course Grading Information:

Information Quiz Grade:

The information quiz will be the first test you will take. The quiz questions will come from information you have read in three links. The three links are the Faculty Information Link, the Syllabus Link, and the Course Information Link. "Read Each Carefully"

I. The information quiz will consist of 25 questions worth 4 point each for a total of 100 points.

II. The information quiz will count as a test grade.

III. The information quiz will be taken within the first week of class.

Chapter Exam Grades:

All course evaluation requirements must be completed no later than the due date for each exam.

All exams will be taken online by logging into the course. Each chapter exam will be posted in the Course Exam link. Each exam will be timed and can only be taken once (1). The deadline for submitting each exam will be found on the Assignment link, the Course Exam link, and in the Class Calendar link. If for any reason you are unable to complete the exam online and on time, you must contact the instructor via a message (email) before the exam time. Arrangements will be made for you to take the exam on campus or if a student is unable to come to the MCC campus, at another location.

I. You will have fourteen (14) unit exams, one over each selected chapter(s) in the textbook. Each chapter exam will be worth up to a total of 100 points toward your final grade.

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II. Each exam will consist of essay questions. For essay questions, please be sure to write in complete, grammatically correct sentences. Essay questions will need to be answered in detail to receive full credit.

If a student gets locked out of an exam:

I. The student must send the instructor a message in the communication link explaining why they were locked out of the exam.

II. I will only unlock one exam or quiz for a student during the semester. (Please do not ask a second time).

Discussion Board Posting Grades:

All discussion board posting be completed no later than the due date for each assignment. All postings will be done online by logging into the course. Each chapter discussion board question will be found on the Discussion Board Link. If for any reason you are unable to complete a discussion board posting online and on time, you must contact the instructor as soon as possible. Arrangements will be made to help the student post to the board on campus or if the student is unable to come to MCC campus, at another location.

I. You will have one discussion board posting for each of the selected fourteen (14) chapters/units in the textbook. Each chapter posting will be worth six (6) points of the total discussion board grade. Each week students will need to post in the online discussion board. These posts will account for 100 points of the final grade. The initial post should be a comprehensive response to the question. Students will also be required to read and respond to two other students' responses each week.

Remember to read the question closely and answer it completely.

Grading Chart:

I. The maximum number of points that can be earned on the Information quiz is 100 points which will count as a test grade.

II. The maximum number of points that can be earned on the 14 chapter exams is 100 points for each chapter, for a total of 1400 points toward the student's final grade.

III. The maximum number of points that can be earned on the discussion board postings is 100 points. Points are awarded as follows: 6 points total for each Unit Discussion Board question (4 for the initial and 1 point each for the 2 responses = 6), 6 points for the Introduction posted in the Coffee House), and 10 points for the Course Wrap-up Posting.

The following grading guidelines will prevail.

I. The total number of points earned (1600 maximum) will be divided by 16. The total points earned will come from the fourteen chapter/unit assignment exams, the information quiz, and the discussion board postings.

90 to 100 = A 80 to 89 = B 70 to 79 = C 60 to 69 = D 0 to 59 = F

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Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

**ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE ON THE ASSIGNED DATE. I DO NOT ACCEPT
LATE ASSIGNMENTS! NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXCUSES!**

Late assignments will not be accepted and will receive a grade of "0". In addition, there is absolutely no allowance for make-up work.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular attendance, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the education opportunity.

*** [Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)**

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The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

*** [Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)**

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

** You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Mozilla Firefox, Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Safari) to print each link's information.*

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a success coach by calling (254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a success coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be contacted/notified through your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

* [Click Here for the Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace](https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html)
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Click on the link above for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with her/his students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails.

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward the emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may become lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

Accommodations/ADA Statement

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

* [Click Here for more information about Title IX](http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix)
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We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at

titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting the following website: <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

McLennan's Title IX webpage (<http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/>) contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

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