

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## SOC 304: Community Corrections

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

CJ 200 - Introduction to Criminal Justice; OR

SOC 110 - Introduction to Sociology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Sociological analysis of community corrections, emphasizing probation and parole.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 02/02/2000 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Principles of community corrections, diversion, and sentencing.
2. Probation: History and current issues.
3. Specialized caseloads and intermediate programs.
4. Prisoner reentry.
5. Special issues in community corrections.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand how community corrections functions as an alternative to traditional incarceration.
2. Understand how community corrections can both punish and attempt to rehabilitate the criminal offender.
3. Gain insight into the many problems of criminal behavior, such as substance abuse, educational and vocational deficiencies, criminal thinking and mental health issues that community corrections staffs encounter.
4. Learn the functions and operations of community corrections programs, including maintaining public safety and correctional agency integrity.
5. Understand the challenges facing community corrections staff.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted