

Prison Law

Code: 100458
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500257 Criminology	OB	3	2

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Use of languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Other comments on languages

Should the course be attended by international students, the course will be in Spanish

Prerequisites

Do not apply.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The main objective of the course consists in providing the student with the basic knowledge to be able to draft any report aimed to the Prison's Administration or to the Judge responsible for the enforcement of judgments relating to the situation of incarcerated people and, especially, about their access to prison privileges; to prison day-release permits or permissions to leave the prison; the disciplinary procedure or about the penitentiary classification.

On the other hand, other important objectives pursued by the course are to offer the student the necessary skills to be able to inform any incarcerated person about his situation as well as to know the reality of our prisons.

Skills

- Ability to analyse and summarise.
- Clearly explaining and arguing a carried out analysis about a conflict or crime problem and its responses in front of specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Drawing up an academic text.
- Identifying the most appropriate and effective penal intervention for each particular case.
- Properly using the legal, psychological, pedagogical and sociological language.
- Respectfully interacting with other people.
- Students must demonstrate they know the legal framework and operating model of the crime control agents.
- Students must demonstrate they know the legal/penal response framework to criminality (constitutional law, police law, procedural law and criminal law).

- Using non-discriminatory and respectful language when referring to the several parties involved in conflict and criminality.
- Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
- Working autonomously.

Learning outcomes

1. Ability to analyse and summarise.
2. Applying effectiveness criteria when using law in the field of criminology.
3. Applying the constitutional law in the criminological field.
4. Arguing criminality arguments in a verbal and polite way and without bias.
5. Arguing with accuracy legal concepts at a forum.
6. Drawing up an academic text.
7. Effectively communicating by using specific law terms.
8. Respectfully interacting with other people.
9. Using the legislation and its means of implementation to the criminal act.
10. Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
11. Working autonomously.

Content

I: SPANISH PENITENTIARY LAW

1. Overview
2. Origin and evolution of the Spanish penitentiary law
3. The prison judge.

II. EVOLUTION OF THE PRISON

1. The birth of the prison as a punishment
2. Penitentiary systems
3. The Spanish progressive model

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE PRISON

1. Overview
2. Types of prisons
3. Main aspects: admission and transfers, rights and duties, security and control

IV CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT

1. General overview
2. Assessment and classification. Risk assessment (Riscanvi). Individual treatment plan.
3. Types of classification: closed regime, ordinary regime and open regime

V. MANAGEMENT OF PRISONS

1. Distribution of functions
2. Prison director, rehabilitation board and disciplinary board

3. Rehabilitation and surveillance staff

4. Reports of the prison staff.

VI. PRISONERS RIGHTS AND DUTIES

1. The status of prisoner

2. Rights

3. Duties

4. Responsibility of the Prison Administration

VII: PRISON CONDITIONS

1. Overview

2. Hygiene and nutrition

3. Healthcare assistance

4. Instruction, education and recreational activities

VIII WORK AND TRAINING

1. Overview

2. Prison work

3. Vocational training

4. The Agency for prison training and job settlement

IX: CONTACTS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD

1. Overview

2. Accompanied exits and leaves

3. Communications

4. Packages

XI DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

1. Overview

2. Disciplinary infractions

3. Disciplinary sanctions

4. Procedure

XI. RELEASE FROM PRISON

1. Overview

2. Parole

3. Indult

4. Rewards

XII WOMEN AND FOREIGNERS IN PRISON

1. Overview

2. The Spanish and the International Rules regarding the contacts between incarcerated parents and their children.

3. The exercise of motherhood in prison.

4. The rights of the children of incarcerated parents

5. The situation of foreigners in Spanish's prisons.

Methodology

Classes of the "Prison Law" will combine theory and practice. The first part of the class will be devoted mainly to the theoretical study of the Prison Law based on the professor's explanation. Previously, the student will need to study in detail the subject in question. Sometimes, when this theoretical part ended, the student will be tested in order to verify his knowledge of the subject.

The second part of the class will be dedicated to the correction and commentary of the works presented by the students as well as to doubts and questions about the topic raised by students. Finally, it will be possible to discuss the news appeared along the week into the media regarding the reality of our prisons.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	22.5	0.9	2, 3, 5, 1
revision ok students tasks	10	0.4	5, 4, 7, 8, 1, 10
Seminars	22.5	0.9	5, 7, 6, 8, 1, 10
Type: Supervised			
Discussion and resolution of cases studies	10	0.4	5, 4, 7, 8, 10
Practical cases	40	1.6	5, 4, 7, 6, 1, 11
Type: Autonomous			
Study of the subject	45	1.8	2, 3, 7, 6, 11, 9

Evaluation

There is only one evaluation model: the "continuous evaluation", that requires a minimum attendance of 80% of the classes. The final grade for the course will be the average grade of the different works that the student has to present along the course (50%) as well as of the grades of two multiple choice exams that the student will do (50%).

A minimum mark of 5 in the two items of assessment is required. In the case of failure of one of the two items of assessment (works and exams) with at least a mark of 4, a second chance will be given.

The student that cheat or attempt to cheat in the exam will fail it and will lose the right to a second chance. Plagiarism will conduct to a fail the essay. In the case of recidivism, the student will receive a fail mark.

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Exams	50	0	0	2, 3, 5, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11
Individual and group works	50	0	0	2, 3, 7, 6, 1, 11, 9

Bibliography

COMPULSORY READINGS

Students must read some chapters of the following handbooks:

* Coyle, A. (2009) La Administración Penitenciaria en el contexto de los derechos humanos. Manual para el personal penitenciario., Segunda Edicion, Londres, Centro Internacional del Estudios Penitenciarios.

* Navarro Villanueva Carmen (2002), La ejecución de la pena privativa de libertad. Garantías procesales, Barcelona, J.M. Bosch editor.

* Tamarit Sumalla, JM (coord) (2005); Curso de derecho penitenciario, València, Tirant lo blanch.

OTHER RECCOMENDED HANDBOOKS

* Cervelló Donderis, Vicenta, (2012) Derecho penitenciario, 3ª ed., València Tirant lo Blanch.

* Jewkes & Johnston (2006); Prison readings: a critical introduction to prisons and imprisonment, Willan, Cullompton.

* Juanatey Dorado, Carmen (2011), Manual de derecho penitenciario, Iustel.

* Mir Puig, C (2012), Derecho Penitenciario; el cumplimiento de la pena privativa de libertad, Barcelona, 2ª ed., Atelier.

* Navarro Villanueva Carmen (2002), Suspension y modificación del título ejecutivo, Barcelona, J.M. Bosch editor, Barcelona.

* Nistal Burón, J (2016), El sistema penitenciario español "de un vistazo", Grupo Criminología y Justicia.