

CRJU 134

Probation and Parole

3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

CRJU 134 – Probation and Parole: examines the history, development, use, and value of both probation and parole as part of the criminal justice system. Students examine the Maryland State Division of Parole and Probation, the laws and administrative regulations that govern this agency, and the roles of those who supervise probationers and parolees.

Pre-requisites: ACLT 052

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. relate the role of probation and parole to the other components of the criminal justice system;
2. define the concept of probation as a sentencing alternative in the court system;
3. summarize the supportive functions that probation departments provide to the court;
4. identify the structure and purpose of the presentence investigation;
5. justify the sentence of incarceration as a criminal sanction;
6. define the concept of parole as it relates to the criminal justice system;
7. relate supervision strategies to the supervision of criminal offenders in the community;
8. summarize the responsibilities and functions of the parole and probation officer;
9. evaluate special programs currently being implemented in community corrections; and
10. relate the intermediate sanctions available in the community to the success of probation and supervision.

Major Topics

- I. Probation and parole in the criminal justice system
- II. Probation and the courts
 - a. Court systems
 - b. Probation as a sentence
 - c. Violation of probation
- III. Sentencing and the presentence investigation
- IV. Incarceration as a sentence
 - a. Historical perspective
 - b. Contemporary institutions
- V. Parole as a process
- VI. Treatment theory and practices
 - a. Psychological model for criminal behavior

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- b. Sociological theory
- VII. Probation and parole officers
 - a. Functions, job duties, and roles
 - b. Personnel qualifications
- VIII. Probation and parole supervision
 - a. Assessing risk and needs of offenders
 - b. Ensuring compliance and accountability
- IX. Special programs and intermediate sanctions

Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- Two examinations
- One written research assignment

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

Other Course Information

This course is an elective in the Criminal Justice Studies program, intended for individuals in the Parole and Probation Agent Academy.

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