

Introduction to Criminology  
Fall 2017  
Assignment #1

A hardcopy of the assignment is due: **September 7, 2017 by the end of class**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this short essay is for students to demonstrate their understanding of penology and its related parts. Specifically, I want to gauge how well you: a) understand what penology is; b) can differentiate between the different forms of corrections; and c) can formulate an argument on behalf of the form of corrections you support most and why.

**Content:**

There are three parts to this short essay. The first part consists of the students defining and describing what penology is. The second part calls for students to outline the various forms of corrections. The last part requires students to make a knowledgeable argument about the form of corrections they support and why.

To summarize, these are the questions you need to answer in your essay:

- 1) What is penology?
- 2) Compare and contrast the various forms of corrections. Make sure you provide details about each form of corrections, as well as characteristics that they share and those that differentiate them.
- 3) Identify the form of corrections you support most and clearly outline the reasons for your support.

**Format:**

Your short essay must be double-spaced with 12-point font and no longer than 3 pages.

**Grading Rubric:**

Your short essay will be graded on the following elements:

- Answered all parts of the question (5 points)
- Well-founded argument (5 points)
- Use of Content (5 points)
- Clarity (5 points)
- Quality of writing (5 points)

This assignment is worth **25** points.