

Faculty of Law



ECRI2109 Penology

[30h] 3 credits

Teacher(s): Fabienne Brion
Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

- ° Expose the major theories and fundamental concepts in sociology of punishment
- ° Analyse the inferences that can be drawn from historical or empirical observations of concrete systems of legal punishment
- ° Develop analytical skills, e.g. elementary demographical skills, required for critical evaluation of legal punishment, prison and imprisonment.

Main themes

The course surveys major theoretical approaches to
 (1) the social meanings, functions and effects of legal punishment
 (2) the social meanings, functions and effects of prison and imprisonment.

Content and teaching methods

Content

The theorists receiving most attention are

- (1) Emile Durkheim, Goerg Rusche and Otto Kirchheimer, Michel Foucault
- (2) Donald Clemmer, Gresham Sykes, Erving Goffman, Phil Zimbardo.

Contemporary studies reworking these theorist's legacy will be presented and discussed.

Method :

Lecture course. Attendance at all class sessions is required.

Reading assignments

Study questions.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Evaluation : In-class written exam.

Other credits in programs

CRIM21	Première licence en criminologie	(3 credits)	Mandatory
CRIM21MS	Première année du master en criminologie, à finalité spécialisée	(3 credits)	Mandatory
CRIM22MS	Deuxième année du master en criminologie, à finalité spécialisée	(3 credits)	Mandatory
CRIM3DA	Diplôme d'études approfondies en criminologie	(3 credits)	