



Colorado State University Pueblo  
Department of Sociology  
**Inside Out Program**

## **Application for Fall 2021 semester**

**Soc // Crim 453: Issues in Crime and Justice (3 credits)**  
**Professor: Dr. Colleen Hackett**  
**Thursdays, 4:15-8:00pm**

The course meets **Thursdays from 4:15-8:00pm** (the class in the prison is from 5:00pm-8:00pm, but because of transportation time and processing time we will meet in a reserved room in the GCB or LARC beforehand). **The prison is less than a 15 minute drive from CSU Pueblo campus.**



The Inside Out Prisoner Exchange Program spans an entire semester and focuses on contemporary issues on crime, prisons, and social justice as it is taught at La Vista Correctional Facility in Pueblo, Colorado. The curriculum covers topics such as theories on why crime happens, the ethics of using prisons to deal with social problems, the ideological structure of prisons and prison life, and alternative methods of dealing with harm.

Inside Out campus based CSU-Pueblo students (outside students) will meet separately on the first and last weeks of class in order to better understand expected behaviors, decorum, and contexts for learning in a prison environment in addition to debriefing the experience once it is over. Throughout the semester, both inside and outside students will engage in discussions, complete academic assignments, and work on a group project.

### ***NOTE:***

\*We will meet in a reserved room in the GCB or LARC before leaving for the prison. Students will be responsible for their own transportation, but we will facilitate carpools every week in order for students to get to know each other better and to discuss the Inside Out class.

\*Students will be responsible for adhering to the prison dress code and acquiring clothing, if necessary. Any facial jewelry should be removed before going to the prison.

\*Inside and outside students will adhere to a policy of semi-anonymity, revealing first names only, to prevent outside contact during or following the semester.

### ***INSTRUCTIONS:***

Please answer each question fully. Applications with blank or incomplete answers will not be considered. Please know that there are NO right/wrong answers. We invite your honest and genuine opinion.

**Applications are due Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020: Email to [colleen.hackett@csupueblo.edu](mailto:colleen.hackett@csupueblo.edu) OR drop off the application to Dr. Hackett's box in the Sociology department (NOW IN GCB, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR)**

**Dr. Hackett will respond to all applications asap.**

Students should enroll in their classes as usual. The selected students can then add the course.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What will be your academic standing in the fall 2019 semester?  
Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your major/minor? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is there anything that will prevent you from attending all 15 classes? (Classes will be held Thursdays from 4:00pm to 8:00pm). Class will not be held during spring break:

Yes (name reason): \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following three questions, no matter the answer, will not necessarily prohibit you from taking the class.**

5. Have you ever been convicted of a felony (*this does not exclude you from acceptance, but I do need to know for clearance purposes*).

Yes (explain): \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been inside a jail or prison (*this does not exclude you from acceptance, but I do need to know for clearance purposes*):

Yes (explain): \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you know anyone who is currently incarcerated in Colorado?

Yes (explain): \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What plans do you have to use your degree?

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9. What has been your favorite class (in college or high school) and why?

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10. List three things that appeal to you about taking a course inside a prison.

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11. In your opinion, what role do prisons play in addressing and/or reducing crime?

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12. In your opinion, what role do police play in addressing/reducing crime?

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13. What is your favorite book and why?

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14. How did you learn about Inside Out Prison Exchange Program?

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15. Is there anything else that you would like the application reviewer(s) to know?