

Incarceration in America



This course explores the rise of mass incarceration and criminal justice contact in the United States. Over the course of the quarter, we will delve into the societal, legal, political, economic and historical factors that have lead to an increase in the incarcerated population. In addition, we will uncover the “collateral consequences” of mass incarceration for individuals, their families and communities, including the impact on employment, housing, family formation and stability and health disparities. Finally, we will look at the reforms being proposed and enacted to decrease the prison and jail population and find suitable and sustainable alternatives to incarceration.



Mondays & Wednesdays
3:30pm – 5:20pm
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