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## **CORRECTIONAL MINISTRIES INSTITUTE**



# **CM301: Foundations of Reintegration**

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### **Course Description**

This course provides biblical foundation for reintegration ministry and practical application of reentry research. Topics include issues, barriers, and challenges to successful reintegration of those transitioning from incarceration to society. This course will examine the various natures of individuals, churches, organizations, government entities and the community as it relates to reintegration.

### **Course Objectives**

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- A. Compare and contrast reentry and reintegration.
- B. Summarize the biblical foundation for ministering to those reintegrating back into society from incarceration.
- C. Describe the issues, barriers, and challenges involved with helping people to successfully reintegrate from prison to society.
- D. Identify strategies for individuals, churches, organizations, government entities to assist individuals in successful reintegration.

### **Course Texts**

Readings provided in the module.

### **Academic Honesty**

At CMI, we believe all we do is "as unto the Lord" and we thus hold to a high academic standard of honesty; we do not tolerate plagiarism and cheating. Plagiarism: If a student's work is found to be plagiarized, consequences will vary depending on the nature of the plagiarism. If an offense is deemed unintentional, the student will have an opportunity to resubmit the work. A second offense will result in an automatic score of zero for that assignment, which may also result in failure of that course.

### **Course Requirements**

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This course consists of two virtual meetings, mentor meetings, readings, lecture videos, quizzes, group discussions, and assignments. The information regarding these course components and expectations is as follows:

**Virtual Meetings.** There will be virtual meetings, **Tuesday October 1, 6:00 pm (Central) and October 29, 6:00 pm (Central)**. Links and information will be emailed to you.

**Mentor Meeting.** Meet with your mentor in-person or by phone two times to share what you are learning and hearing from God. This mentor does not have to have correctional ministry experience. Mentor report due at the end of the course.

**Reading.** Reading assignments covered in this course should be read in the context of the module in which they are assigned.

**Lecture/Videos.** Each module includes lectures or videos.

**Quizzes.** Each module includes a multiple-choice quiz over the readings and lectures/videos for that module. Quizzes are open notes/book.

**Discussion Forums.** Discussion questions are provided for each module. The Discussion Forum for each week begins on Monday at 12:01 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST), and your first post is required by Wednesday each week. All posts must be submitted prior to the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m. CST. You are required **to post an initial response and respond to two other posts** (total of 24 posts for the course). The following rubric will be used to assign a grade.

Competency	Criteria Met	Criteria Not Met
Substantive Thoughts Expressed	Ideas and positions explained clearly. Refers back to course content when appropriate. Reply posts extends discussion.	Ideas are not clearly expressed. No reference to course content. Reply post does not provide support for responses. (i.e. Yes, I agree)
Length	Initial post is 100-150 words Reply posts are 50-60 words	Initial post less than 100 words Reply post less than 50 words
Completeness	Answers the question completely.	Some parts of the question are not addressed.

**Discussion Grading Scale.** Number of posts that meet the criteria will be counted.

A	22-24	A-	21	B+	20
B	19	B-	18	C+	17
C	16	C-	15	D+	14
D	13	D-	12	F	0-11

**Assignment. Reintegration Paper.** Select one of the following options. Due week 8.

**Option #1: Interview** an individual about their reintegration experience from a holistic perspective. Include a list of your questions and their responses. What did you learn from the interview that will inform your ministry?

**Option #2: Reintegration ministry.** Create a ministry plan for your church that assists with reintegration including the family. What aspect of reintegration will the church address and how?

**Due Dates.** Each week of the course begins on Monday at 12:01 a.m. CST and ends on Sunday at 11:59 p.m. CST. It is at your professor’s discretion to penalize late work. *Contact the professor prior to the deadline if there is a problem.*

### Course Grading

All coursework must be completed and turned in to your online professor within five days of the end of week eight (8). Grades will be issued within two weeks of the end of the course.

Your grade for the course will be determined as follows:

Virtual Meetings and Discussion Forum	30% of Course Grade
Reintegration Paper	30% of Course Grade
Quizzes	30% of Course Grade
Mentor Meetings	10% of Course Grade

Grading scale will be as follows:

A	92-100	A-	90-91	B+	88-89
B	82-87	B-	80-81	C+	78-79
C	72-77	C-	70-71	D+	68-69
D	62-67	D-	60-61	F	0-59

## Weekly Topics and Assignments

### Module 1: The Landscape of Reintegration

**DUE: October 6**

**VIRTUAL MEETING Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 pm Central**

Welcome, Syllabus, Introduction

#### LISTEN

1.1 Introduction

1.2 Biblical View of Reintegration

1.3 Mass Reentry, Supervision, and Recidivism

#### READ

1.1 Introduction

- 1.2 Biblical View Reintegration
- 1.3 Mass Reentry, Supervision, and Recidivism

**DISCUSS**

What is your experience with reentry/reintegration ministry?

**QUIZ**

Readings and lectures (open notes)

**Module 2: Who is coming home?**

**DUE: October 15**

**LISTEN**

- 2.1m, 2.1w 2.1y Profiles
- 2.2 Post Incarceration Syndrome (PICS)
- 2.3 Interview with Tony on PICS

**READ**

- 2.1 Profiles
- 2.2 Post Incarceration Syndrome (PICS)
- 2.3 Transcript of Interview with Tony

**DISCUSS**

What are characteristics of people you work with in reentry? What was their incarceration experience?

**QUIZ**

Readings and lectures (open notes)

**Module 3: Reentry Challenges I**

**DUE: October 22**

**LISTEN**

- 3.1 Collateral sanctions and disenfranchisement
- 3.2 Identification, food, clothing, housing, transportation
- 3.3 Employment and finances

**READ**

- 3.1 Collateral sanctions and disenfranchisement
- 3.2 Identification, food, clothing, housing, transportation
- 3.3 Employment and finances

**DISCUSS**

What support is available in your county to overcome reentry challenges?

**QUIZ**

Readings and lectures (open notes)

**Module 4: Reentry Challenges II**

**DUE: October 29**

**LISTEN**

- 4.1 Family reunification
- 4.2 Recovery, mental health and trauma healing
- 4.3 Self-perceptions and social support

**READ**

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- 4.1 Family reunification
- 4.2 Recovery, health, trauma healing
- 4.3 Social support

**DISCUSS**

How can the church address these challenges?

**QUIZ**

Readings and lectures (open notes)

**Module 5: Programming Theories and Principles**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 pm Central**

**DUE: November 5**

**LISTEN**

- 5.1 Reentry Theories
- 5.2 Criminogenic risks and needs, and gender responsible principles
- 5.3 Evidence-based practices, and trauma informed principles

**READ**

- 5.1 Reentry Theories
- 5.2 Criminogenic risks and needs, and gender responsible principles
- 5.3 Evidence-based practices, and trauma informed principles

**DISCUSS**

NONE

**QUIZ**

Readings and lectures (open notes)

**Module 6: Reintegration**

**DUE: November 12**

**LISTEN**

- 6.1 Phases of Reintegration
- 6.2 Desistance
- 6.3 Communities

**READ**

- 6.1 Phases of Reintegration
- 6.2 Desistance
- 6.3 Communities

**DISCUSS**

Based on what you have learned so far in this course, share an application you can make to your ministry?

**QUIZ**

Readings and lectures (open notes)

**Module 7: Faith-Based Programs and Models**

**DUE: November 19**

**LISTEN**

- 7.1 Faith-Based program models
- 7.2 Funding
- 7.3 Collaboration

**READ**

7.1 Faith-Based program models

7.2 Funding

7.3 Collaboration

**DISCUSS**

Describe your reentry model or one you are aware of and provide a critique.

**QUIZ**

Readings and lectures (open notes)

**Module 8: Special Pop, Restorative Justice, Legal****DUE: November 29****LISTEN**

8.1 Special populations

8.2 Restorative justice

8.3 Legal issues

**READ**

8.1 Special populations

8.2 Restorative justice

8.3 Legal issues

**DISCUSS**

Ask a reentry/reintegration question of the group that you are interested in hearing their advice.

**QUIZ**

Readings and lectures (open notes)

**ASSIGNMENT**

Reintegration Assignment

**MENTOR MEETING REPORT**

Submit your completed mentor meeting report using the form provided.