

# CRJ, SOC, & WGST Students

Learn about the Criminal Justice System from the

## *INSIDE OUT*

“Examining Social Issues through the Prism of Prison”

**SOC/CRJ/WGST 476:**

**Inside-Out Prison Exchange**

Mondays from 6:10-9:00 pm

Winter 2010

This course offers a unique opportunity for 15 “outside” students from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and 15 “inside” students from the Ryan Correctional Facility in Detroit to meet on a weekly basis and explore issues of vital concern to society. **In this edition of the class we shall consider the case of American ghettos and American prisons, both as social and historical realities in themselves, and as reflections or products of broader tendencies within our society.** We will examine the **function** or **purpose** of prisons and ghettos, their relationship to other social institutions, their internal cultures and hierarchies, as well as their **effects** on their inhabitants and on the society as a whole. Finally, we will consider the question of *how* segregation and confinement in society may be overcome, and whether or not they *should*. In other words, we will ask if *change* is needed, and if so, what kind?

The course encourages “outside” students to contextualize and to think deeply about what they have learned about crime, criminals and the social contexts that surround them, and to help them pursue the work of creating a restorative criminal justice system; it challenges “inside” students to place their life experiences into larger social contexts and to rekindle their intellectual self-confidence and interest in further education.

Enrollment is by Permission of Instructor:

Professor Paul Draus

Application forms are available in the Behavioral Sciences Office  
(4012 CB) and online at:

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