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4.00 credits	30.0 h	Q1
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Teacher(s)	Brion Fabienne ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
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.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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.
Evaluation methods	In-class written exam.
Teaching methods	Ex cathedra courses; where appropriate, invitations to guest speakers
Content	The course is organized into two parts, one dedicated to sociological theories of punishment, and the other to sociological theories of prison. The authors studied in the first part are (1) Emile Durkheim (revisited by Harold Garfinkel), (2) Georg Rusche/Otto Kirchheimer (revisited by Thorsten Sellin, Dario Melossi, Alessandro De Giorgi), and (3) Michel Foucault (revisited by Malcolm Feeley and Jonathan Simon). The authors studied in the second part are: (1) Donald Clemmer (revisited by Donald Lawrence Wieder), (2) Gresham Sykes (revisited by Axel Honneth, Alison Liebling), and (3) Erving Goffman (revisited by Anselm Strauss, Jim Thomas). Contemporary studies reworking the works left by these theorists will be presented and discussed.
Inline resources	Slides and reading portfolios on moodle
Faculty or entity in charge	ECRI

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Anthropology	ANTR2M	4		
Master [120] in Sociology	SOC2M	5		
Master [120] in Criminology	CRIM2M	4		
Master [60] in Sociology and Anthropology	SOCA2M1	5		