

Suggestions for Student Research Paper Topics

1. Female Offenders
 - Fastest-growing segment of the correctional population
 - Sexual offenses in the prison setting
 - Programs inside the institution
 - Programs for families of inmates
 - Inmates as mothers
 - Pre-release programs
 - Inmate relationships (“families”)
 - General Healthcare/Mental Health

2. Male Offenders
 - Gangs in prison
 - The aging (aka - graying) of the prison population
 - Sexually transmitted diseases in prison
 - Inmate suicides
 - Programs inside the institution
 - Programs for families of inmates
 - Inmates as fathers
 - General Healthcare/Mental Health

3. The Prison “System” and other “Issues”
 - The punishment “philosophy”
 - The “privatization” of prisons
 - Prison or sentencing options
 - Victim / community notification of prisoner release and the responsibilities of prison administration
 - The victimization of correctional staff
 - Co-ed prisons
 - Use of “Supermax” facilities
 - Prison industry/rehabilitation for inmates

4. The Correctional Staff
 - Training/Approach to working with inmates
 - Concerns about shrinking staff numbers (use of volunteers?)