



THE PRISON INDUSTRY: THE CURRICULUM

Syllabus

Summary

[*The Prison Industry: The Curriculum*](#) is a 15-week free, public, self-study course based on Worth Rises' report, [*The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms*](#). Each week, you will have access to a suite of course materials and opportunities to engage on various platforms. Participants will walk away with a strong understanding of the prison industry and a framework to imagine a world without it.

Required Textbooks

- [*The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms*](#)
 - Optional: Buy a hard copy of the textbook [here!](#)
- [*The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms – Discussion Guide*](#)

Other course Materials

- [*Punishment + Profit*](#) webinar series
- Segment on *The Brian Lehrer Show* on New York Public Radio
- *5 Quick Facts About the Prison Industry* video series

Study Group Options

- Join the ongoing live conversation on Twitter using the hashtag #PunishmentProfit
- Create a study group of your own!

Week 1

INTRODUCTION

Assignment:

- Read [*The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms*](#) – Introduction (pg. 1)
- Create your study plan and build your study group

Week 2 ARCHITECTURE + CONSTRUCTION

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 1: Architecture + Construction (pgs. 2 - 8)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 1: Architecture + Construction (pg. 1)
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Week 3 OPERATIONS + MANAGEMENT

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 2: Operations + Management (pgs. 9 - 16)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 2: Operations + Management (pg. 2)
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Week 4 PERSONNEL

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 3: Personnel (pgs. 17 - 22)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 3: Personnel (pg. 3)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Personnel
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Week 5 PROGRAMS + LABOR

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 4: Programs + Labor (pgs. 23 - 31)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 4: Programs + Labor (pg. 4)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Programs + Labor

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Week 6 EQUIPMENT

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 5: Equipment (pgs. 32 - 38)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 5: Equipment (pg. 5)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Equipment
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Week 7 DATA + INFORMATION

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 6: Data + Information (pgs. 39 - 47)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 6: Data + Information (pg. 6)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Data + Information
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Week 8 TELECOM

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 7: Telecom (pgs. 48 - 58)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 7: Telecom (pg. 7)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Telecom
- Watch and share this week's [5 Quick Facts](#) video on social media
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Week 9

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 8: Financial Services (pgs. 59 - 65)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 8: Financial Services (pg. 8)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Financial Services
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Week 10:

FOOD + COMMISSARY

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 9: Food + Commissary (pgs. 66 - 74)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 9: Food + Commissary (pg. 9)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Food + Commissary
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Week 11:

HEALTHCARE

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 10: Healthcare (pgs. 75 - 82)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 10: Healthcare (pg. 10)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Healthcare
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Week 12

TRANSPORTATION

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 11: Transportation (pgs. 83 - 88)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 11: Transportation (pg. 11)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Transportation
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Week 13

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Chapter 12: Community Corrections (pgs. 89 - 99)
- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Chapter 12: Community Corrections (pg. 12)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Community Corrections
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Week 14

INVESTORS

Assignment:

- Answer questions from [Discussion Guide](#) – Bonus Chapter: Investors (pg. 13)
- Watch the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinar on Investors
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Week 15

CONCLUSION

Assignment:

- Read [The Prison Industry: How it Started, How it Works, How it Harms](#) – Conclusion (pg. 100)
- Reflect on the [Punishment + Profit](#) webinars with our end-of-course [Highlight Reel](#)
- Take the [Final Exam](#) to test your knowledge
- Share your feedback with our [Course Review](#)
- Claim your sticker and post on social media using the hashtag #PunishmentProfit!

