CHANGE A PRISONER’S LIFE ● CHANGE YOUR OWN LIFE

Enroll in LIT 270, Topics in Literature:
The Utopian Tradition in Western Literature

Held at Northern State Prison
A joint course for TCNJ students and NSP Students

Thursdays, 5:30-8:30 pm
(Departing TCNJ at 3:00 pm; returning approximately 9:30 pm)

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Department of English

“A map of the world that does not include Utopia is not worth even glancing at.”
– Oscar Wilde

This course provides an opportunity to investigate whether Oscar Wilde’s statement is true. We will study major utopian fictions from Thomas More’s *Utopia* (1516) to Ursula LeGuin’s science fiction masterpiece *The Dispossessed* (1974), as well as nonfiction from Plato to the nineteenth-century utopian socialists.

Twelve of the classes will be held inside Northern State Prison in Newark, where inmates will take the course alongside you. You will learn firsthand about life in prisons from people enduring that life every day. Transportation provided.

This interdisciplinary course is open to students of all majors. It counts toward the major in English, History, and Criminology. **Liberal Learning categories:** – “Literary, Visual, Performing Arts” or “Social Change in Historical Perspective” and “Gender.”

Enrollment is limited and by permission of the instructor. If you are interested in taking this course, please email Prof. Robertson (mroberts@tcnj.edu), explaining your interest in and hopes for this course.