

The aim of this thesis is to focus on the main patterns of imprisonment and to overview the contemporary approaches in inmate treatment. Based on the principles of humanization of penitentiary system the improvement of the alternatives in inmates treatment must follow the main goal – the optimal come back to the society after release. As introduction to the field there is a general description of a legal frame of penitentiary system and imprisonment, prison environment, person of the criminal offender and the impact of long-term imprisonment on personality changes. The meaning of inmate education is approached as key point in inmate treatment and as a possible key point in setting further life goals after inmate come back to the society. Research part assumes and evaluates the interviews focused on motivation in education given by inmates placed in high and maximum security establishments.