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pe·nol·o·gy also **poe·nol·o·gy**  (pē-nŏl ə-jē)

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n.

The study, theory, and practice of prison management and criminal rehabilitation.

[Latin *poena*, penalty (from Greek *poinē*; see **k^wei-¹** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + **-LOGY**.]

pe'no·log i·cal (pē'nə-lŏj ɪ-kəl) *adj.*

pe'no·log i·cal·ly *adv.*

pe·nol o·gist *n.*

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