

**San José State University**  
**Justice Studies**  
**JS 10-06 (46675): Introduction to Justice Studies**  
**Fall 2020**

**Course and Contact Information**

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Classroom:	Online
Prerequisites:	JS 10, JS 11, JS 25, or FS 11

**Course Description**

Introduction to Justice Studies examines the historical and philosophical development of the justice system; description, analysis and evaluation of criminal justice agencies, and explores the relationship between theory and practice in the United States. Note: Students must achieve a grade of "C" or better (not C-) to fulfill Justice Studies major requirements.

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Provide an introduction of the characteristics, structure, and processes of justice system operations in the United States.
2. Explain criminology, criminal law, criminal statistics, and constitutional criminal procedure as it relates to practices within the justice system.
3. Describe and discuss the purpose, functions, critical issues, and societal interactions of the three major components of the justice system, which includes the police, courts, and corrections.

**Required Texts/Readings**

- Owen, Stephen S. (2015). *Foundations of Criminal Justice* (2nd edition). Oxford University Press ISBN 978-0-19-937433-5

Other Readings Supplied electronically via Canvas; *Elements of Style* (EOS).

**Library Liaison**

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**Course Requirements and Assignments**

*In-Class Discussion (20%)*: Participation in class discussion requires being present and prepared to critically discuss the implications of key issues of the topic. This requires completing the weekly readings and other assignments prior to participating in online discussions. Your grade will reflect the importance of being active in this course, which relies in great part on the reflections, discussions, and exercises in class. Attendance is encouraged in order to receive maximum points.

*Midterm and Final Examination (40%):* You will be administered a midterm and final examination, each worth 20% of your final grade. Each exam will cover material from lectures (including all media presented) and assigned readings. The midterm will be held during regularly scheduled class time while the final will be held during the final exam period. Each exam will be non-cumulative and comprised of multiple choice and short answer questions.

### **Papers**

*Criminal Justice Reimagined (20%):* Students must write a minimum five-page research paper (APA/EOS) on Criminal Justice Reimagined. Detailed assignment guidelines will be provided via Canvas.

### **Special Projects**

*Criminal Justice Reimagined (20%):* Students will leverage web-based technologies or multi-media platforms to create their own special project. These projects can include a website, short video, slideshow presentation, creative poster, or something you believe deserves consideration. Special Projects must be approved by the instructor in order to receive full credit. Each student will be evaluated by their peers and the instructor. Students will be provided a rubric for the special project.

### **Grading Information**

A plus = 98.0 to 100.0	A = 94.0 to less than 98.0	A minus = 90.0 to less than 94.0
B plus = 85.0 to less than 90.0	B = 80.0 to less than 85.0	B minus = 75.0 to less than 80.0
C plus = 70.0 to less than 75.0	C = 65.0 to less than 70.0	C minus = 60.0 to less than 65.0
F = less than 60.0		

- To receive a grade for this course, all course requirements must be met, and every assignment must be completed. Failure to complete any one assignment may result in a failing grade for this course.
- Late assignments or papers will not be accepted unless specifically announced at the time of the assignment. You may lose a minimum of 10% for late assignments/papers.
- Extra credit opportunities will be assigned after the midterm. Extra credit points will be added to your final grade (after your final examination).

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend a minimum of 65 hours over the length of the course for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

### **University Policies**

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

## **JS 10-06: Introduction to Justice Studies Fall 2020 Course Schedule**

*This course schedule is subject to change with fair notice, at the instructor's discretion. Changes will be communicated via Canvas. All reading assignments listed should be completed prior to class meeting. Additional readings may be assigned.*

<b>Week/Lesson</b>	<b>Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines</b>

1	Introductions/Course overview; Syllabus, Class, Assignment, Quiz & Final Examination formats; Reimagining the Criminal Justice System.
2	Relationships between Law Enforcement, Courts & Correctional Systems; The Study of Criminology, & Criminal Justice; Reporting & Measuring Criminal Behavior; Uniform Crime Report, National Crime Victim Survey & Law Enforcement Education Program; Read Chapter 1: Introducing Crime and Criminal Justice; Review Key Terms; Prepare, Submit and be ready to discuss Module Quiz.
3	Return/Review Assignment; Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility; The Golden Rule & Doing the Right Thing; Hobbs, Locke & Social Contract Theory; Read Chapter 2: Concepts of Law and Morality Prepare and be ready to discuss. Module Quiz.
4	Natural Law; Legislative Solutions to Society's Problems; Constitutional Fidelity & Access to Justice; Read Chapter 3: Concepts of Legal Philosophy. Review Key Terms. Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
5	Socialization, Subcultures & Stratification; Insanity, Obscenity, Prurient Behavior, Drugs & Evolving Community Standards; Sobriety Checkpoints & Gun Control; Read Chapter 4: Deviance and Social Control. Review Key Terms. Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
6	Conflict, Consensus & Labeling; Rational Choice, Routine Activity & Differential Association; Penal Codes & Proportionate Criminal Liability; Read Chapter 5: Deviance and Criminal Behavior Review Key Terms. Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
7	Retributive & Restorative Models of Justice; Balancing Individual & Community Demands; Expectations of Equal Protection, Procedural & Substantive Due Process; Black Lives Matter & Officer Involved Shootings; Read Chapter 6: Concepts of Justice. Review Key Terms. Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
8	Delinquency & Approaches to Juvenile Justice; School Bullying & Status Offenses; Read Chapter 7: Concepts of Justice Policy Review Key Terms. Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
	MIDTERM

9	Habeas Corpus & Key Constitutional Rights of the 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th & 14th Amendments; Reasonable Suspicion & Probable Cause; Stop & Frisk; Search & Seizure; Valid Warrants; Custodial Interrogation; Read Chapter 8: Concepts of Criminal Procedure Review Key Terms. Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
10	Malum In Se & Malum Prohibitum; Person, Property & Inchoate Crimes; Concurrences of Act & Intent; Actual & Legal Causation; Implied & Expressed Malice; Infractions, Misdemeanors & Inherently Dangerous Felonies, Felony Murder Rule; Read Chapter 9: Criminal Law Review Key Terms. Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz. APPROVAL OF FINAL CAPSTONE PROJECT
11	Retribution, Deterrence, Incapacitation & Rehabilitation; Mandatory Minimum Sentencing; Proportionality; Corporal & Capital Punishment; Unusually Cruel Punishment; Restitution & Restoration; Read Chapter 10: Criminal Punishment Review Key Terms. Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
12	Community Engagement; Escalation & De-escalations of Force; Alternatives to Lethal Force; Broken Windows, Predictive Policing, Crime Mapping, Body Cameras & Crisis Intervention Training; Read Chapter 11: Core Concepts of Policing. Review Key Terms. Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
13	REVIEW OF FINAL CAPSTONE PROJECT - DRAFT
14	Duties of Prosecution, Defense & Judiciary; Concurrent & Consecutive Sentencing; Appeals & Writs of Certiorari; The Innocence Project; Read Chapter 12: Core Concepts of Court Systems Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
15	Recidivism, Incarceration Rates & Alternatives to Incarceration; Parole, Probation & Expungement; Jails, Prisons, Home Detention & Diversion Programs; Solitary Confinement, Prison Reform, Prop 47 & Realignment; Read Chapter 13: Core Concepts of Correctional Theory and Practice Be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment. Module Quiz.
16	Criminal Justice Reimagined. Review for Final Examination; Final Thoughts.
Final Exam	TBD; Final Capstone project is due.