

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 103, Courts and Society Sec 2 Fall 2019

Course and Contact Information

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Course Description

Structure and functions of the court system. Emphasizes attorneys' and judges' roles and the court process. Examination of federal and state legislative, executive and judicial branch actions, including Supreme Court decisions in civil and criminal cases.

Note: Must achieve a grade of "C" or better to fulfill Justice Studies major requirements.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

CLO1 – the history, purpose and process of the American criminal justice system.

CLO2 – the federal and state courts, their general constitutional structure and function with an emphasis on procedures, including criminal investigations, arrest, arraignment, grand

Other Material

Journal articles, news articles and book excerpts are listed on the Course Schedule below and posted on the CANVAS website.

Campus Resources

CASA Student Success Center

The Student Success Center in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) provides advising for undergraduate students majoring or wanting to major in programs offered in CASA Departments and Schools. All CASA students and students who would like to be in CASA are invited to stop by the Center for general ~~advice~~ advising, help with changing majors, academic policy related questions, meeting with peer advisors, and/or attending various regularly scheduled presentations and workshops. If you are looking for academic advice or even tips about how to navigate ~~yo~~ way around SJSU, check out the CASA Student Success Center. Location: MacQuarrie Hall (MQH) 533~~top~~ floor of MacQuarrie Hall. Contact information: 408.924.2910. Website: <http://www.sjsu.edu/casa/ssc/> The CASA Student Success Center also provides study space and laptops for checkout.

Department's Reading and Writing Philosophy

Classroom Protocol

Attendance- You must attend lecture in order to complete all assignments. Your grade will suffer if you do not attend lecture.

Materials-- Bring your textbook to class. Bring a pencil or pen and a notebook with which to complete inclass assignments and take notes.

Cell phones- Cell phones must be in silent mode and not accessed during the lecture period.

Communication outside of class -- Check your university email account at least once daily for messages related to the course. I encourage regular communication with me over email and in office hours to clarify and enrich your understanding of the course materials.

