San José State University
Justice Studies Department
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JS 114 Research Methods

Contact Information
Instructor

Student Learning Objectives are as follows:

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

SLO 1: Understand why knowledge of research methods is valuable to criminal justice professionals and how to conduct a review of research literature, write a research proposal, design a research project.

SLO 2: Summarize three fundamental features of social science: theory, data collection, and data analysis; describe how theory and public policy can be closely linked.

SLO 3: Recognize how criminal justice research is shaped by ethical considerations.

SLO 4: Understand how the logic of probability sampling makes it possible to represent large populations with small subsets of those populations.

SLO 5:

Required Software:

SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences)

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on.

Requirements: You are required to read all books, book chapters, and articles in advance. Your grade is based on class participation (10 in-class practices), homework, midterm, research paper (see group project guideline), research presentation and final exam.

Homework: Weekly homework assignments will be posted on Canvas.

Total	500 points

Total Points Possible: 500 points (There is no possibility of extra credit)
Percent to Letter Grade Correspondence

A plus = 100-96%	A = 95-93%	A minus = 92-90%