



**SAN JOSÉ STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**The Prison Community, JS 158  
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**Office Hours:** Online via Google Hangouts (done through your SJSU email account); Monday 1-2pm or by appointment

*Prerequisite:* Any JS 100W with a grade of "C" or better;  
Note: A grade of "C" or better is required for Justice Studies majors.

*Catalog Description:* Analysis of formal and informal systems of organization and interaction among inmates and staff. Effects of the social structure and external system on the organization of the prison community. =

*Course Learning Objectives:*

CLO 1: Demonstrate substantive knowledge about the measurement of crime and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of major sources of crime data (including official statistics, victim surveys, and self report surveys).

CLO 2: Identify various penal systems throughout the United States.

CLO 3: Identify and write about the interactions of the correctional system with the larger criminal justice system.

CLO 4: Identify and write about the critical issues facing the American correctional system

CLO 5: Students should read, write, and contribute to discussion at a skilled and capable level.

*Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging:*

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU at <http://my.sjsu.edu> (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor) to learn of any updates.

**JUSTICE STUDIES READING AND WRITING PHILOSOPHY**

The Department of Justice Studies is committed to scholarly excellence. Therefore, the Department promotes academic, critical, and creative engagement with language (i.e., reading and writing) throughout its curriculum. A sustained and intensive exploration of language prepares students to think critically and to act meaningfully in interrelated areas of their lives—personal, professional, economic, social, political, ethical, and cultural. Graduates of the Department of Justice Studies leave San José State University prepared to enter a range of careers and for advanced study in a variety of fields; they are prepared to more effectively identify and

ameliorate injustice in their personal, professional and civic lives. Indeed, the impact of literacy is evident not only within the span of a specific course, semester, or academic program but also over the span of a lifetime.

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## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADES**





semester at SJSU, and other college success related topics. A computer lab is also available for student use in Room 600 of the Student Services Center (SSC).

Locations: They are located in SSC 600 (the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Garage on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and San Fernando St.), at the 1<sup>st</sup>

Week	Dates	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines ( <b>PPT Lectures Online;</b> <b>Textbook/Readings; Assignments; Exams</b> )
10	3/25-3/29	Meetings with Professor for Final Projects (to be scheduled by students if needed); please use this week to work