

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 11405 Research Methods in Justice Studies Fall 2020

Course and Contact Information

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E-mail Policy

Feel free to email the instructor at any time (I check several times per day), however, please adhere to the e

Quizzes on Canvas

Students should complete the readings prior to the date by which they appear on the syllabus. Quizzes will be completed online via Canvas and will be available for specific windows of time. Once a student begins a quiz, a limited amount of time will be given to complete it. See the course agenda for more information.

Assignment #1: Outline of Proposed Research Study

This assignment will outline the initial components of your proposed research study, including: (a) statement of a research topic; (b) theoretical proposition(s); (c) term definitions; (d) at least one empirical hypothesis that describes a clear comparison and proposed outcome; and (e) variables (i.e., independent, dependent, and background). [CLO1, CLO2 and CLO3]

Assignment #2: Outline of Research Design, Sampling, Recruitment, and Procedures (Methodology)

This assignment will require you to provide extensive detail regarding (a) your chosen research design; (b) your study sample; (c) the recruitment of subjects; and (d) the procedures that would have to be followed in order to carry out your proposed study. Additionally, you will be required to develop a data collection instrument (e.g., a questionnaire, a list of interview questions, or a coding form) that must be submitted in "ready to use" form. [CLO1, CLO2 and CLO3]

Assignment #3: Outline of Data Analysis Plan

This assignment will outline a data analysis plan that will include all of your proposed variables determined at the beginning of the semester. There will be three required sections: descriptive statistics, bivariate analysis, and test(s) of the hypothesis/hypotheses. [CLO1, CLO2 and CLO3]

Final Research Proposal

The Final Research Proposal will be your culminating project for the course. It will incorporate work from previously completed proposal assignments #1 and #2 plus assignment #3. In order to receive a top grade on the research proposal, attention to detail, corrections of errors from previous assignments, and precise formatting will be required. [CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, and CLO4]

Grading Policy

Assignments/Exam	Exam/Due Date	Weight
Quizzes on Canvas	See schedule	10%
Assignment #1	September 22 nd	15%
Assignment #2	November 5 th	20%
Research Proposal Project (Includes Assignments #1, #2, and #3)	December 10 th	35%
		100%

Grading Policy and Late Submissions

Written assignments will primarily be graded on content; however, poor writing mechanics and APA formatting will result in a moderate point deduction. Assistance with APA can be found at:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

In order to demonstrate comprehension of the course material, one must be able to write in a clear and effective manner. Always carefully proofread your assignments before submitting them. Late assignments will not be accepted.

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The following course schedule is subject to change; advance notice of any change provided via Canvas and/or during class as early as possible.

Table 1 Course Schedule

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
1	08/20/20	Course introduction Review of syllabus Research Proposal Overview Reading for today: Syllabus Research Proposal Overview handout
2	08/25/20	Ch. 1 discussion Reading for today: Ch. 1
2	08/27/20	Assignment #1 Review
3	09/01/20	Ch. 2 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 2
3	09/03/20	Ch. 2 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 2 Ch. 2 Canvas Quiz: Open from 09/03 (12:00 AM) through 09/04 (11:59 PM)
4	09/08/20	Ch. 11 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 11
4	09/10/20	Ch. 11 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 11 Ch 11 Canvas Quiz Open from 09/10 (12:00 AM) through 09/11 (11:59 PM)
5	09/15/20	Ch. 4 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 4
5	09/17/20	Ch. 4 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 4 Ch. 4 Canvas Quiz Open from 09/17 (12:00 AM) through 09/18 (11:59 PM)
6	09/22/20	Ch. 12 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 12 Due today. Assignment #1 (Upload to Canvas by 11:59 PM)

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
6	09/24/20	Ch. 12 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 12 Ch. 12 Canvas Quiz Open from 09/24 (12:00 AM) through 09/25 (11:59 PM)
7	09/29/20	Ch. 14 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 14
7	10/01/20	Ch. 14 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 14 Ch. 14 Canvas Quiz Open from 10/01 (12:00 AM) through 10/02 (11:59 PM)
8	10/06/20	Assignment #2 Review (Part 1)
8	10/08/20	Assignment #2 Review (Part 2)
9	10/13/20	Ch. 15 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 15

9 10/15/20 Ch. 15 discussion (Part 2)
Reading for today: Ch. 15
Ch. 15 Canvas Quiz Open from 10/15 (12:00 AM) through 10/16 (11:59 PM) (12:00 AM

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
12	11/05/20	Finalize Assignment #2 Due today. Assignment #2 (Upload to Canvas by 11:59 PM)
13	11/10/20	Assignment #3 Review (Part 1)
13	11/12/20	Assignment #3 Review (Part 2)
14	11/17/20	Ch. 8 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 8
14	11/19/20	Ch. 8 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 8
15	11/24/20	<i>Instructor Personal Holiday</i>
15	11/26/20	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>
16	12/01/20	