

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 158, The Prison Community, Sec 01, Fall 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Prerequisites: Any 100W
JS Competency Area: Local, Transnational, and Historical Analyses (D)

Course CANVAS Page

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, lecture notes, assignments, etc. <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/6570524029>

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

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

CLO 1: Identify the various penal systems throughout the United States.

CLO 2: Analyze the effects of the external social structure on the history of prisons and on the organization of the prison community.

CLO 3: Analyze formal and informal systems of organization and interaction among inmates and staff.

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

Required Texts/Readings

Textbooks

Simon, J. (2014) Mass Incarceration on Trial: A Remarkable Court Decision and the Future of Prisons in America. The New Press. ISBN: 9871595587695

Sykes, G. (2007) The Society of Captives. Princeton University Press. ISBN: 9780691130644

Journal Articles, News Articles, and Book Excerpts

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Presentation (1) On one date in the semester you will give a 30-minute presentation to the class that expands

Midterm There is a midterm at the end of Unit 2 that is a combination of multiple choice and essay questions. (CLOs 1 & 2)

Final Exam (1) The final exam covers units 3 & 4. It is a combination of multiple choice and essay questions that reflect on the nature of incarceration as a response to crime. (CLOs 3 & 4)

Extra Credit: Extra credit assignments may be offered during the semester. I will take into consideration

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < <i>California Moves Inmates Out of State</i> (2 mins) < <i>Life in Prison</i> (27 mins) < (9 mins) <p>HW3</p>
6	Sept 22 & Sept 24	UNIT 2: THE PRISON AS A SOCIETY
		<p>Power, Roles, and the Prison as a Social System</p> <p>CANVAS Videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < <i>The Stanford Prison Experiment</i> <p>Sykes: Introduction - Ch. 1</p> <p>HW4</p>
7	Sept 29 & Oct 1	<p>The Custodial Regime</p> <p>Sykes: Ch. 2 & 3</p> <p>HW5</p>
8	Oct 6 & Oct 8	<p>Adaptations</p> <p>Sykes Ch. 4 6</p> <p>CANVAS Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < (Jamal) < <p>HW6</p>
9	Oct 13 & Oct 15	<p>Race, Gender, and the Social Order in Contemporary Prisons</p> <p>CANVAS Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < (Wood) < <p>CANVAS Videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < <i>Part 1</i> (3 mins) < <i>Part 2</i> (3 mins) < <p>HW7</p>
10	Oct 20 & Oct 22	<p>**No Lecture All Week – Self-Study**</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNIT 3: REGULATING EXTREME PRISON CONDITIONS</p> <p>Solitary Confinement & Control Units</p> <p>MIOT: Ch. 2</p> <p>CANVAS Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < < <p>CANVAS Video: <i>Frontline: Solitary Nation</i> (53 mins)</p> <p>Due: HW8</p> <p>MIDTERM (Oct 19)</p>
11	Oct 27 & Oct 29	<p>Chronic Overcrowding & Health Deterioration</p> <p>MIOT: Chs. 3 5</p> <p>Due: HW9</p>
12	Nov 3	<p>Brown v. Plata & Realignment</p> <p>MIOT: Chs. 6 & 7</p>

