

San José State University

College of Social Sciences / Department of Justice Studies JS 25-01, Introduction to Human Rights and Justice, Fall 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	M/W 1:30 – 2:45PM
Classroom:	Canvas/Zoom
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	D3

Technology Intensive, Hybrid, and Online Courses

This course adopts a synchronous online delivery format, with a T/R meeting pattern. **You must have access to a webcam during scheduled class times.** All course work will take place on [Canvas Learning Management System course login website](http://sjsu.instructure.com) at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. See [University Policy F13-2](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-2.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-2.pdf> for more details.

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](http://sjsu.instructure.com) at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through [MySJSU](http://one.sjsu.edu) on [Spartan App Portal](http://one.sjsu.edu) <http://one.sjsu.edu> to learn of any updates.

Course Description

This course is a lower division introduction to the history of human rights as a concept and body of international law, and to the complicated role of human rights in contemporary social justice campaigns.

GE Area: D3

Note: A grade of "C" or better is required for graduation.

GE Learning Outcomes (GELO)

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

1. Place contemporary social issues in cultural, historical, environmental, and spatial contexts.
2. Evaluate social science information, draw on different points of view, and formulate applications appropriate to contemporary social issues.

3. Apply multidisciplinary material to a topic relevant to policy and social action at the local, national, and international levels.
4. Examine and discuss forces that shape individuals and modern society.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

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

1. Confidently discuss contemporary issues and change in human rights and justice.
2. Understand the historical context, definition and conti

