

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 25, Introduction to Human Rights and Justice

The schedule is subject to change with fair notice.

Students will be notified of changes to the schedule or assigned readings via announcements in Canvas/email.

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	Online
GE Category:	D3 Social Issues

Class Overview

The expectation is that you will spend **4-6 hours on each module**. **First you should** complete the readings, then work through the module deck, watching videos and completing the assignments which include class participation and reflections. You will need to complete work every week.

All quizzes and tests are cumulative and may include material from any point in the course preceding that assessment. All need to be completed by Sunday at midnight and are available as of Thursday evening.

Please send all communication via Canvas. This is where you will complete quizzes and submit assignments, as well.

Preparing for success

Course Schedule

Module	Topics and Readings	Assignments	Due Date for all readings and assignments
	<p>Introduction to the Course</p> <p>Review the full syllabus in depth. Read the excerpt from the Human Rights Toolkit</p>	<p>Class participation #1</p> <p>Introductions</p>	<p>8/23</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Overview of Human Rights</p> <p>Readings:</p> <p><i>Goodhart - The Universalism of Human Rights, pg. 19-24</i> <i>Reichert Chap 2 - Beginnings of Human Rights</i> Bios on: Eleanor Roosevelt Desmond Tutu</p>		

	Then complete working through the week's slide deck with additional required videos and resources.		
3	<p>Human Rights in International Law</p> <p>Case Study: The Israel-Palestine Conflict</p> <p>Readings:</p> <p><i>Goodhart Chap 2 - Human Rights in International Law</i></p> <p><i>Reichert Chap 3 - Building the Foundation</i></p> <p>Bios on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother Teresa Aung Sun Suu Kyi Nawal El Saadawi <p>Then complete working through the week's slide deck with additional required videos and resources.</p>		9/13
		<p>Review and Quiz #1</p> <p>Study guide: Use this week to review in preparation for the quiz.</p> <p>It is important that you've mastered this material in order to be successful in this rest of the course.</p> <p>Review the full HR Learning Module 1 in depth. This includes material from modules 1-3. The Human Rights Toolkit is also an excellent tool for review.</p>	9/20

		Quiz #1	
4	Social and Cultural Rights: <i>Looking at “The Covenants”:</i> the ICCPR and ICESCR Cultural rights: The Maya and Indigenous rights in the U.		

6	<p>Racial Discrimination and Community Organizing for Social Change</p> <p>Readings: Ella Baker and Models of Social Change <i>Online:</i> Malcolm X: The Ballot or the Bullet PICO Principles Race and Discrimination Glossary Handout Matrix of oppression Bios on: MLK Nelson Mandela</p>		

	<p><i>Read Reichert Chap 5 on Vulnerable Groups</i></p> <p>Amnesty International CEDAW Fact Sheet</p> <p><i>Online resource: GENDER: For U.S., Lessons in CEDAW From San Francisco</i></p> <p><i>Online: Asian Americans Crowdsourc Open Letter to Families: ‘Black Lives Matter To Us, Too’</i></p> <p><i>Online: Read the letter</i></p> <p>Bios on: Malala Yousafzai Dolores Huerta</p>		
		<p>Reflection #2 - The reflection should cover Module 8 material and be submitted via Canvas.</p> <p>Reflection instructions</p>	11/22
	Thanksgiving		11/29
	<i>Review for final exam</i>		12/6
	Final Exam (Summative - Will cover material from the entire course, especially focusing on Modules 5-8)		12/13

Course Description

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