

**San José State University**  
**Department of Justice Studies**  
**JS10-01, Introduction to Justice Studies, Spring 2020**

**Course and Contact Information**

**Justice Studies Department 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

## **Required Textbook**

Owen, Stephen S. (2015). *Foundations of Criminal Justice* (2nd edition). Oxford University Press ISBN 978-0-19-937433-5

## Grading Policy

Final grades will be evaluated as follows:

Weekly Assignments (7)	30%
Quizzes (7)	30%
Final Examination	30%
Participation	10%

## Grading Scale

A = 90 to 100

B = 80 to 89

C = 70 to 79

D = 60 to 69

F = 59 and below.

**Please Note: Extra credit will not be awarded, late assignments will not be accepted, and no assignment may be submitted via email.**

Students have the right, within a reasonable time, to know their academic scores, to review their grade-dependent work, and to be provided with explanations for the determination of their course grades. **Students are encouraged to review their progress in person no later than Week Eight (Wednesday, March 18th)**





<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines</b>
15	May 4 & 6	Recidivism, Incarceration Rates & Alternatives to Incarceration; Parole, Probation & Expungement; Jails, Prisons, Home Detention & Diversion Programs; Solitary Confinement, Prison Reform, Prop 47 & Realignment; <b>Read Chapter 13: Core Concepts of Correctional Theory and Practice (pgs 362-387); Review Key Terms (p 362); Prepare, Submit and be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment #7: Responses to Questions (pgs 366, 373 &amp; 377); Quiz #7.</b>
16	May 11	Return/Review Quiz #7; Trends, Challenges, & Future of Justice in the United States; <b>Review for Final Examination;</b> In-class exercise; Final Thoughts.
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>MacQuarrie Hall 520 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM</b>