

**San José State University  
CASA/Justice Studies Department  
JS-103, Courts and Society, Spring 2019**

**Course and Contact Information**

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- ◁ Controversy – Changed Forms of “Justice”: Grand Jury, Plea Bargains, Mandatory Sentencing, and Jury Nullification

analyses in the discussion, assignments, and final report. This class is not assessing you on your ability to memorize any particular textbook. Instead, you must be able to analyze each topic using specifically cited examples from course materials to support your opinion.

So this course is reading and writing intensive. But you will notice that not all the reading is to be closely and meticulously reviewed. Each student takes this course with different goals and interests. To cater to the differences, each learning module includes a variety of materials to accommodate learning preferences. There are videos, handouts, and audio recordings.

On Canvas you are given suggestions for how to approach the topics. You will see, though, that you are not expected to memorize or retain all the material in detail. Some materials are labeled as “optional,” which you can review to the extent it is helpful to you. Some materials are “supplemental resources,” which is provided for those personally or professionally curious about the topic. The learning modules are scheduled to account for the complexity of the corresponding reading and subject.

This course is cumulative, so

Class assignments, quizzes, and exams are submitted in Canvas; no email submissions accepted. Submissions must be completely uploaded to Canvas by the due date and time; “late” submissions (meaning one minute or more) are subject to the “Late Policy” reduction below.

**Technical difficulties are your responsibility** (e.g. personal computer glitches, poor internet connection, software compatibility, etc.). So you must have a computer and reliable internet connectivity to run Canvas and its programs.

If a Canvas outage occurs, students must do each of: 1) take a screen shot to document the difficulty 2) submit a request to Canvas for help (keep written request of the request), and 3) immediately send me an email of the issue. I must receive notice of the Canvas outage before the due date and time. This course’s Canvas page has information and links to Canvas guides and tutorials.

See University Policy F13-2 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-2.pdf> for more details.

### **Student Technology Resources**

Computer labs for student use are available in the Academic Success Center located on the 1st floor of Clark Hall and on the 2nd floor of the Student Union. Additional computer labs may be available in your department/college. Computers are also available in the Martin Luther King Library. A wide variety of audio-visual equipment is available for student checkout from Media Services located in IRC 112. For more information on student resources see the course’s module on Canvas has links and information to assist you with this.

### **Justice Studies 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 Jose 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 ameliorate injustice in their personal, professional and civic lives. Indeed, the impact of literacy is evident not only within a specific course, semester, or academic program but also over a lifetime.

### **Credit Hour Requirement**

SJSU classes are designed so to succeed students must spend **at least forty-five hours for each unit of credit**. For this three unit course, you must complete approximately 135 hours of study this semester (approx. 9 hours per week). This

participating in the activities. Failure to login to Canvas, timely and/or meaningfully participate in the activities will result in reduced grade penalty (up to 3%) and even result in being dropped from the class.

## Course Requirements and Assignments

The course consists of 100 total points/percentage. To determine your course progress, you just manually add up the points already earned.

<u>Final grades are based on :</u>	Category Total
Peer Discussions (choose 3 total, 2points each)	6%
Reading Quizzes (choose/take only 6 quizzes)	30%
Brief Assignment Choice (choose 3, 4 points each)	12%
Module Analysis Report (choose 3 total, 7 points each)	21%
Final Analysis Report (due uploaded by Mon. 5/14 10PM)	10%
Final Multiple Choice Exam (due completed by Fri. 5/15 10PM)	20%
Free Point/Percentage	1%
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Total	100 %

**Scores are final and will not be negotiated.** But if Canvas shows an error, you must notify me of any errors on Canvas by **Wed. 5/6 10PM.**

### Grading Scale

The grading scale corresponds to these points:

B+ 88– 86 points	A 100 – 92 points	A- 91– 89 points
C+ 78– 76 points	B 85– 82 points	B- 81– 79 points
D+ 68– 66 points	C 75– 72 points	C- 71– 69 points
F 58 points or below	D 65– 62 points	D- 61– 59 points









Academic misconduct occurs according to University policy. Academic misconduct includes cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, violating course rules, and facilitating academic dishonesty. Violations can be unintentional or inadvertent.

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### Add and Drop:

class without a “W” grade. Students must know of the deadlines and penalties for dropping classes. **For the Winter Session it is Thurs. 1/3.**

More information can be found at: Refer to the current semester’s Catalog Policies section at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>.

Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic year calendars document on the Academic Calendars webpage at [http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic\\_calendars/](http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/). The Late Drop Policy is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/>.

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