

San José State University

covered previously. Thus, it is in your best interest to stay current on the readings, follow power-point slides, and ask questions through email if you are unsure about a topic.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) (Required)

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

SLO 1: Understand why knowledge of research methods is valuable to criminal justice professionals and how to conduct a review of research literature, write a research proposal, design a research project.

SLO 2: Identify and frame a meaningful research question.

SLO 3: Understand causality as opposed to correlation.

SLO 4: Summarize three fundamental features of social science: theory, data collection, and data analysis; describe how theory and public policy can be closely linked.

SLO 5: Recognize how criminal justice research is shaped by ethical considerations.

SLO 6: Understand how the logic of probability sampling makes it possible to represent large populations with small subsets of those populations.

SLO 7: Recognize that public organizations produce statistics and data that are often useful for criminal justice researchers.

SLO 8: Understand the differences between descriptive and inferential statistics. For example, descriptive statistics are used to summarize data under study.

Required Texts/Readings (Required)

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Bachman, R., & Schutt, R.K. (2011). *The practice of research in criminology and criminal justice*. Los Angeles, CA: Sage. ISBN: 978-1-4129-7875-0.

Other Readings

Other required readings will be posted on Canvas. The readings are subject to change by instructor.

Course Requirements and Assignments (Required)

Homework: There will be about 6-7 homework assignments to be posted on Canvas. Completed homework must be submitted online. You will get the weekends (Saturday and Sunday) to complete the assignments. These assignments are based on previous week's readings. No late submission will be accepted.

Participation.

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

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
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