

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS151 Criminological Theory, Section 01, Spring 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Prerequisites:	Upper division standing; JS 10, 12, 25 or FS 11 Pre/Co-requisite: JS100W

Course Format

The mode of instruction for this course is in person with online supplements. Reliable access to a computer and the internet will be required. All written assignments will be submitted via Canvas, and must be in Microsoft Word (*.doc or *.docx). If you do not currently own Microsoft Word, the software (both PC and Mac) is available for free to students: <http://its.sjsu.edu/services/software/microsoft-students/index.html>

Canvas Course Page and e-mail

Copies of course materials will be posted on Canvas. You are responsible for regularly checking your e-mail and Canvas (multiple times per week is recommended) regarding announcements, reminders, and any additional course materials. The majority of course materials will be posted in Adobe PDF format; if you choose to download them, you will need Adobe Reader to view the documents. There is no cost to download Adobe Reader (<http://get.adobe.com/reader/otherversions/>). Some course materials may need to be accessed via the internet (i.e., web sites).

Course Description

Analysis of the nature and extent of crime, including causation and prevention. Descriptions of offenses, criminal typologies and victim surveys. Evaluation of various control and prevention strategies.

Note: A grade of "C" or better is required for Justice Studies majors.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

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

1. Demonstrate substantive knowledge about the measurement of crime and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of major sources of crime data (including official statistics, victim surveys, and self report surveys)
2. Demonstrate substantive knowledge about the extent and severity of formal and informal responses to various types of crime and offenders.
3. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the prevalence of various types of crime, and the characteristics of likely offenders and victims.
4. Demonstrate an ability to integrate and apply different theoretical perspectives to explain a range of specific criminal offenses, and be able to compare and contrast the strengths and weaknesses of those theories.
5. Students should read, write, and contribute to discussion at a skilled and capable level.

Required Texts/Readings

Required Textbook (Available at the Spartan Bookstore and as an e-book at:

<https://www.cengage.com/crime-justice/crime-theory-and-research/>)

Quizzes on Canvas [Participation]

Students should complete the readings prior to the date by which they appear on the syllabus. Quizzes will be completed online via Canvas, and will be available for specific windows of time. Once a student begins a quiz, a limited amount of time will be given to complete it. Timely completion of quizzes will count towards course participation. See the course agenda for more information. [CLO 3]

Exams

Students will be required to complete (2) essay-format exams administered on Canvas covering assigned course readings. [CLO 1 - 5]

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

Grading Information

Written assignments will primarily be graded on content; however, poor writing mechanics and APA formatting will result in a moderate point deduction. Assistance with APA can be found at:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/> In order to demonstrate comprehension of the course material, one must be able to write in a clear and effective manner. Always carefully proofread your assignments before submitting them. Late submissions will not be accepted unless a valid, documented, and verifiable reason is provided.

Department of Justice Studies Course Grade Determination

Total Points	Grade	Total Points	Grade	Total Points	Grade
98.0 to 100	A plus	80.0 to 82.99	B minus	63 to 67.99	D
93.0 to 97.99	A	78 to 79.99	C plus	00.0 to 62.99	F
90.0 to 92.99	A minus	73.0 to 77.99	C		
88.0 to 89.99	B plus	70 .0 to 72.99	C minus		
83 to 87.99					

Classroom Protocol

1. Students are expected to: attend all class meetings, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the class period, complete all readings and assignments in accordance with the dates on the course schedule.
2. Students are responsible for all missed notes, materials and announcements due to absence. You are encouraged to exchange contact information with someone in class just in case.
3. As neither a laptop nor tablet is required for the course, use of them is strictly limited to note taking or accommodation purposes. Students caught using such items for other non-class purposes may be prohibited from bringing them back to class, and will likely be dismissed from class for the day. At the instructor's discretion, students may be dismissed from class for cell phone use of any kind during class time, unless expressly permitted by the instructor.

E-mail Policy

Feel free to e-mail the instructor at any time (I (-)Tj0.002 T4 Tw 0.53h.1 -2. (s)1 (tr)]TJ-a (ct)-6 wo fr 0 Td[(m)-5 (a)2 (i

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The following course schedule is subject to change; advance notice of any changes will be provided via an announcement on Canvas as early as possible.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	01/27/20	Course introduction and overview Assignments and expectations Reading for today: Syllabus
1	01/29/20	Ch. 1 An Overview of Crime and Criminology Reading for today: Ch. 1
2	02/03/20	Ch. 1 An Overview of Crime and Criminology
2	02/05/19	Ch. 2 Measuring Crime and Criminal Behavior Reading for today: Ch. 2
3	02/10/20	Ch. 2 Measuring Crime and Criminal Behavior Canvas Quiz #1 (Ch. 1 and 2): Open from 02/10/20 (12:00 AM) through 02/11/20 10//

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
7	03/11/20	Ch. 7 Social Process Theories Reading for today: Ch. 7
8	03/16/20	Ch. 7 Social Process Theories CTA #2 (Ch. 7): Available from 03/16/20 (12:00 AM) through 03/17/20 (11:59 PM)
8	03/18/20	Ch. 8 Critical and Feminist Theories Reading for today: Ch. 8
9	03/23/20	Ch. 8 Critical and Feminist Theories
9	03/25/20	Exam 1 (Ch. 1-7) on Canvas: Open from 03/25/20 (12:00 AM) through 03/26/20 (11:59 PM)
10	03/30/20	Spring Break - No Class
10	04/01/20	
11	04/06/20	Ch. 9 Psychosocial Theories: Individual Traits and Criminal Behavior Reading for today: Ch. 9
11	04/08/20	Ch. 9 Psychosocial Theories: Individual Traits and Criminal Behavior Canvas Quiz #4 (Ch. 8 and 9): Open from 04/08/20 (12:00 AM) through 04/09/20 (11:59 PM)
12	04/13/20	Ch. 10 Biosocial Approaches Reading for today: Ch. 10
12	04/15/20	Ch. 10 Biosocial Approaches
13	04/20/20	Ch. 11 Developmental Theories: From Delinquency to Crime to Desistance Reading for today: CJP Ch. 11
13	04/22/20	Ch. 11 Developmental Theories: From Delinquency to Crime to Desistance Canvas Quiz #5 (Ch. 10 and 11): Open from 04/22/20 (12:00 AM) through 04/23/20 (11:59 PM)
14	04/27/20	Ch. 12 Crimes of Violence Reading for today: CJP Ch. 12 CTA #3 (Ch. 11): Available from 04/27/20 (12:00 AM) through 04/28/19 (11:59 PM)
14	04/29/20	Ch. 12 Crimes of Violence Canvas Quiz #6 (Ch. 12): Open from 04/29/20 (12:00 AM) through 04/30/20 (11:59 PM)

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
15	05/04/20	Ch. 14 Property Crime Reading for today: Ch. 14
15	05/06/20	Ch. 14 Property Crime; Ch. 15 Public Order Crime Reading for today: Ch. 14 and 15
16	05/11/20	Ch. 15 Public Order Crime Reading for today: Ch.15

Exam 2 05/13/20 Ch. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15 on Canvas: Open from 12:15 PM –