

San José State University

Course and Contact Information

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Reading Responses (CLO1, CLO 2, CLO3, CLO4)

Students will write weekly reading responses to the required readings. You will choose one of the discussion questions listed at the end of one of the chapters assigned for the week the assignment is due (not on readings assigned in a past week) to reflect on the reading.

Reading responses are due as listed on the Course Schedule (below) on Canvas. Late work will not be accepted. Reading responses should be no less than one (1) page and no more than two (2) pages long, and must be written in formal English, in Times New Roman, 12pt. font, and double-spaced.

You must cite the chapter at least one (1) time in your reading response and show that you have read and understood the material through informed discussion. All citations and references must be in APA-style formatting.

Please make sure to write the question you chose at the top of the page (this reciting of the question does not count as part of your page requirement) and do not put your name or the class information on the paper.

Midterm (CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4)

The midterm will cover weeks 1-8 and include multiple choice, short and long answer questions. The midterm will cover materials from the textbook, assigned readings, and class activities. The midterm will be taken on Canvas.

Presentation (CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4)

You will sign up to present a topic related to gangs, criminal syndicates & justice by completing a series of tasks, including: (1) summarizing the issue (2) discussing past approaches/attempts to resolve the issue, (3) presenting ideas of policy changes to resolve the issues presented and (4) generating discussion questions. You will create a power point to guide your presentation. Your discussion of the material should be thoughtful and analytical, and invite participation by all students. Further instructions and expectations will be discussed.

Final Examination or Evaluation (CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4)

The final exam will cover weeks 9-16 and include multiple choice, short, and long answer questions. The midterm will cover materials from the textbook, assigned readings, and class activities. The final exam will be taken at the time of the scheduled in-class final on Canvas.

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 practice. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as

Grading Information

Department of Justice Studies Course Grade Determination

Total Points	Grade	Total Points	Grade	Total Points	Grade
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Determination of Grades

Discussions	100 pts / 20%
Reading Responses	100 pts / 20%
Presentation	100 pts / 20%
Midterm	100 pts / 20%
Final	100

