

The Prison Community, JS 158
Spring 2019: Online

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Office Hours: Online via Google Hangouts (done through your SJSU email account); Fridays 12-2pm or by appointment

Prerequisite: Any JS 100W with a grade of "C" or better;
Note: A grade of "C" or better is required for Justice Studies majors.

Catalog Description: Analysis of formal and informal systems of organization and interaction among inmates and staff. Effects of the social structure and external system on the organization of the prison community. =

Course Learning Objectives:

CLO 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).

CLO 2: Identify various penal systems throughout the United States.

CLO 3: Identify and write about the interactions of the correctional system with the larger criminal justice system.

CLO 4: Identify and write about the critical issues facing the American correctional system

CLO 5: Students should read, write, and contribute to discussion at a skilled and capable level.

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging:

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU at <http://my.sjsu.edu> (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor) to learn of any updates.

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 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 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.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADES

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Learning in this online section of JS 158 is accomplished primarily through reading assigned material and PowerPoint presentations, and through course assignments. Everything except the textbook is acquired and/or turned in via the course website on Canvas.

Required Texts/Readings/Computer Software/Website:

J. Pollock (2013). Prisons and Prison Life (2nd Edition). OXFORD ISBN-13: 978-0-19-97832-50

Online readings from the course website

Course website is accessed via Canvas

Canvas Website: This course is located on Canvas—enrolled students automatically have access through their

Final Grade: The final course grade will be based on weighted contributions for each section of grades: Projects, Online discussions, and Exams. The final scale adds to 100 points. **There will be NO other opportunities for extra credit, per Departmental policy.** The course grade is not curved, so it is theoretically possible for everyone to earn an A.

Week	Dates	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines (PPT Lectures Online; Textbook/Readings; Assignments; Exams)
11	3/30-4/3	SPRING BREAK – No Classes –