

1. Confidently discuss the historical context of and contemporary issues with gangs and criminal syndicates. (CLO1)
2. Understand and explain theories of gang formation. (CLO2)
3. Make critical assessments of and draw logical conclusions about the influence of socioeconomic factors and political climate on gangs and criminal syndicates. (CLO3)
4. Students should read, write, and contribute to discussion at a skilled and capable level. (CLO4)

Required Texts

Howell, J.C. & Griffiths, E. (2019). *Gangs in Americas Communities (3rd Ed.)*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
(ISBN: 9781544300221)

Other Readings

Additional readings will be posted on [Canvas Learning Management System course login website](http://sjsu.instructure.com) at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>.

Consider investing in an APA style guide, there are many different formats including a pocket size one, that are very affordable (e.g. ISBN: 9781433805608)

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Course Requirements and Assignments

1. Late work will not be accepted. Missing, late, or plagiarized work will receive a grade of zero points.
2. Assignment will be submitted to Canvas unless otherwise directed.
3. E-mailed assignments will not be accepted. Assignments will be submitted to Canvas unless otherwise directed. If you have issues uploading to Canvas, it is your responsibility to contact the IT department and resolve the issue. I will not accept technical issues as an excuse for late or missing assignments.
4. Assignments must include proper APA citation. Students must reference their journal articles in APA-style formatting. Students should refer to an APA style guide or the Online Writing Lab (OWL) from Purdue University at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/> if unclear about APA guidelines

Roman, 12pt. font, and double-spaced. You must cite the assigned readings in your writing to show that you have read and understood the material. This is an informed discussion. All citations and references must be in APA-style formatting. Detailed instructions will be provided on Canvas.

Presentation (CLO1, CLO2, CLO3)

You will sign up to present a topic on gangs, criminal syndicates & justice by completing a series of tasks, including: (1) summarizing the material, (2) discussing past approaches/attempts to resolve the issue, (3) presenting ideas of policy changes to address 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 from your classmates. Further instructions and expectations will be discussed.

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

The final exam is cumulative and will consist of multiple choice, short, and long answer questions. The exam term will cover materials from the textbook, assigned readings, and class activities. T7 645.17 Tm0 0 G[. Y)JTJq0.Ox-5(m)-4()T

