



I will post a PDF version of the course reader on Canvas for those who have free printing or wish to arrange their own printing. I strongly recommend having a hard copy so you can take notes during class.

### **Course website:**

Course materials including the syllabus, readings, class notes, resources and other materials are found on the course website on Canvas. Log in at [one.sjsu.edu](http://one.sjsu.edu) using your nine digit SJSU student ID number. Your password is the same one you use for your SJSU One account. All your courses will appear once you log in, click on JS 103 for this course.

The course is organized into “**Modules**.” Click on each Module for the readings for the specific unit.

### **Classroom Protocol**

Students are expected to attend and participate in all classes, complete all reading and writing assignments (text and website), and take assigned quizzes and a final exam. See the Tentative Course Calendar, following, for more detail and due dates. If you have to miss a class, please ask a classmate or check the website if you are missing information.

Check the course website at least once a week for updates. Make sure you are receiving updates from Canvas via email. (If you are not, check the email you have listed on your SJSUOne account and adjust to make sure you get notifications of announcements, schedule changes, guest speakers, etc.)

### **Assignments and Grading Policy**

Grading is based on a point system, as outlined in the following table.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>CLO</b>	<b># per semester</b>	<b>pts for each</b>	<b>total pts</b>	<b>%</b>
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a B, 70 – 79 percent likely will get a C, 60 – 69 percent likely will get a D and those below 60 percent likely will get an F. However, at the end of the class I will adjust grades, depending on how the class does as a whole. Additionally, upon occasion I adjust grades upward for consistent, meaningful classroom participation to acknowledge the added value to our educational endeavor.

Written assignments. There are four written assignments due in this class: two reports on an issue related to courts and society in the news and two court observations. A separate memo is posted on the website in the “Course Description” module on the Canvas website regarding the requirements for these written assignments and information about finding courtrooms to observe. Some samples are posted as well.

Please turn in written assignments via email by the end of the day that they are due. Please submit to me via email at [Margaret.stevenson@sjsu.edu](mailto:Margaret.stevenson@sjsu.edu). Do not turn in assignments via Canvas. Keep a copy of all your work in case of loss.

I cannot individually confirm receipt of your assignments. Periodically I will post an announcement on Canvas stating that I believe that I am caught up in grading. At that point, if you have turned in an assignment but not received credit for it on the class website, please send me the document you previously submitted, stating when you turned it in, within one week from the time I post the announcement that I am caught up.

Quizzes and final exam: Quizzes and the final exam are on-line. They are open book, within a limited timeframe, but must be your own, individual work. The format for quizzes and final will be multiple choice, matching, brief answers and short essays. The brief answer questions ask students to comment on a topic and to supply facts, examples or explanations of the answer. Essays ask students to analyze a topic related to something we have covered in class or readings. A separate memo posted on the website in the “Background” module discusses quizzes and the final exam in greater depth.

Late / missed work, quizzes or exam: The syllabus (following) and the website list the dates that work is due. All work is expected to be completed on time so that lectures are more meaningful, class sessions can be based on common knowledge (and consequently be more interesting and informed), and so that no one benefits from additional time that others did not have.

While I expect that assignments will be turned in by the due dates posted on the schedule, these are unusual times and I understand people are facing unusual challenges, beyond the ordinary ones. So, if you have good cause for missing the assigned due date (e.g., illness, serious family emergency), please let me know as soon as possible if you are unable to turn an assignment in on time because of an emergency.

During the semester we will have guest speakers. Please be particularly conscientious of being

## **Tentative Course Calendar and Assignments**

Background documents regarding the course and many reading assignments are posted on the [course website](#). Look at the Modules to find files sorted into course units.

## University Policies

The Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs maintains university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. All syllabus-related University Policies and resources information are listed on GUP's Syllabus Information web page at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>.

An additional note about **academic integrity**: Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development (see [http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial\\_affairs/index.html](http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html).) Academic dishonesty -- cheating and plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) – is unacceptable. I report every suspected instance of cheating or plagiarism to the Academic Integrity office for resolution. Violations of the academic integrity policy can result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. Violations of academic integrity rules may affect your graduation and career plans. Please scrupulously observe all academic integrity requirements.

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