

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS12-01, Introduction to Legal Studies, Fall 2021

Course and Contact Information

Course Description

The course presents historical and modern perspectives of the theories and structures of law, and provides an overview of the economic and sociological challenges to law making. This course also examines the nexus between law, social change, and dispute resolution. 3 Units.

Course Format

Our class is offered on campus and in-person. Students are encouraged to review questions and subject matter

4. *Understand the various aspects of the legal profession and methods for legal research.*
5. *Students should read, write, and contribute to discussion at a skilled and capable level.*

Required Textbook

M. Lippman (2020). *Law and Society* (3rd edition). Sage Publications. ISBN-13: 978-1-5443-9258-5

Recommended

Jordan, Terry (2010). *The U.S. Constitution And Fascinating Facts About It* (7th edition). Oak Hill Publishing ISBN 978-1-891743-00-9

Students may purchase texts in the bookstore and online.

Other Readings

Additional course materials will be found on Canvas under Files and Modules.

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

Internet, computer, microphone & camera.

Library Liaison

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Participation

Students are invited to participate during class in an informed, professional and respectful manner, check in during office hours at least once throughout the semester, and consistently submit quality work in a timely manner. Participation credit will be rewarded in response to student presence, preparedness and politeness during class sessions. (CLO 1, 2 & 5)

Grading Policy

Final grades will be evaluated as follows:

Weekly Assignments (7)	30%
Quizzes (7)	30%
Final Examination	30%
Participation	10%

Grading Scale

A = 90 to 100

B = 80 to 89

C = 70 to 79

D = 60 to 69

F = 59 and below.

Please Note: Extra credit will not be awarded, late assignments and quizzes will not be accepted for credit without prior agreement.

Students have the right, within a reasonable time, to know their academic scores, to review their grade-dependent work, and to be provided with explanations for the determination of their course grades. **Students are encouraged to review their progress by no later than Week Eight (Thursday, October 14th) and periodically throughout the semester**, during office hours, via email and/or in-person appointment.

Classroom Protocol

Attendance/Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality are encouraged. Students who are routinely inattentive, discourteous or who

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9 (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on Syllabus Information web page (<https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>). Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

Additional Information

All sources of information to support written assertions must be cited in the American Psychological Association (APA) Format. PLEASE NOTE: Detection of plagiarism will result with NO CREDIT

Week 7 October

Week 14	November 22 (No class November 24 Non- Instructional Holiday; Happy Thanksgiving!)	Midterm Review; Read Chapter 12: Privacy and Surveillance (pgs 525-568); Review Terminology (pg 542)
Week 15	November 29 & December 1	Assignment #7 & Quiz #7 (DUE 12/1); Judicial Review; Redressing Grievances & Burdens of Proof; Grand & Trial Juries; Bifurcated Trials; Duties of Prosecution, Defense & Judiciary; Concurrent & Consecutive Sentencing; Appeals & Writs of Certiorari; The Innocence Project; Prepare, Submit and be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment #7: Responses to Chapter Review Questions: 1-6 (p 524), 1-10 (p 568) and Quiz #7
Week 16	December 6	Review Assignment #7/Quiz #7; Review for Final Examination; Final Thoughts.
Final Examination	December 9	MacQuarrie Hall 520 7:15 AM - 9:30 AM