

Quizzes: All quizzes will be posted in Canvas Modules. Quizzes may include multiple-choice, true/false, short answer, and essay questions.

Midterm essay: The midterm essay question will ask you to apply two criminological theories to a crime related movie. You are expected to elaborate on how the chosen criminological theories can explain the movie. Your essay should be double-spaced, with one-inch margins using a 12-point font Times New Roman. The essay should be three pages at a minimum without counting the reference page. You should put your word count at the bottom of your answer (do not count the words in the question itself). Please incorporate information from the Textbook Readings, discussion questions, and other Resources or Content covered in your discussion. More details will be provided in Canvas.

Final Examination: Final exam is scheduled on Thursday, December 9, 5:15-7:30 PM. The final exam will be comprehensive, and it incorporate materials discussed and presented in class with the assigned readings. The format of the Final Exam will be multiple choice, true/false, and essay.

Grading Information

You will not be able to drop the class after the official DROP Day except when you have make-ups for your missed exams.

There will be only one exception to this policy. Those students who have a documented medical condition may be eligible for a medical withdrawal. For more information, please contact the Registrar's Office at (508) 548-2222.

Justice Studies Department 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.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and [Syllabus Information web page](#) at

Tentative Class Schedule

Topic	Readings / Resources
Introduction Overview of syllabus and course material	Class Orientation
Theory and empiricism What Is Criminology? Understanding Crime	Bernard et al. Chapter 1 Schmallegger Chapter 1