

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 114 Research Methods in Justice Studies, Section 02, Spring 2021

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM
Classroom:	Online via Zoom (see Canvas course page)
Prerequisites:	Upper division standing; JS 10, 12, 25, or FS 11; JS100W with a grade of "C" or better; JS 15 or Stat 95 or equivalent with a "C" or better

Course Format

The mode of instruction for this course is completely online. Reliable access to a computer and the internet will be required. All written assignments will be submitted via Canvas, and must be in Microsoft Word (*.doc or *.docx). If you do not currently own Microsoft Word, the software (both PC and Mac) is available for free to students: <http://www.sjsu.edu/it/services/collaboration/software/instructions.php>

Canvas Course Page and E-mail

Course materials will be posted on Canvas. You are responsible for regularly checking your e-mail and Canvas regarding announcements, reminders, and any additional course materials. The majority of course materials will be posted in Adobe PDF format; if you choose to download them, you will need Adobe Reader to view the documents. There is no cost to download Adobe Reader (<http://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/teaching-tools/adobe/students/index.html>). Some course materials may need to be accessed via the internet (t6w-5 (s)w/b-5 (s)m/

E-mail Policy

Feel free to e-mail the instructor at any time (I check several times per day); however, please adhere to the e-mail guidelines below:

1. Please include in the “subject line” the course number, your name, and a specific description of your inquiry or comment (e.g., JS114, Your Name, subject). The instructor **will not** respond to “**no subject**” e-mails, or any e-mail where the student is not identified in either the subject line or body of the e-mail.
2. E-mailed inquiries should be relatively short in nature. Students should utilize Zoom office hours to discuss more extensive inquiries. Students will be referred to the course syllabus with respect to questions that are addressed by simply reading the syllabus.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to [CLO1-4]:

1. demonstrate a detailed understanding of the quantitative research methods commonly utilized to conduct empirical research in the areas of social and criminal justice.
2. write a research report in the area of social or criminal justice that applies proper research methodology.
3. understand core concepts and competencies in criminological and justice research including ethical research, empiricism, problem identification, hypothesis formation and testing, sampling, observation, measurement, data analysis, causality, and report writing.
4. Students should read, write, and contribute to discussion at a skilled and capable level.

Required Texts/Readings

Required Textbook (Available from the Spartan Bookstore; ISBN: 978-1-4522-7640-3)

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The following course schedule is subject to change; advance notice of any changes will be provided via Canvas and/or during class as early as possible.

Table 1 Course Schedule

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
1	01/27/21	Course introduction Review of syllabus

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