

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 114; Sec 04: Research Methods (Spring 2021)

Course and Contact Information

Instructor(s): Janella Tolbert

E-mail Policy

Feel free to e-mail the instructor at any time; however, please adhere to the email guidelines below:

inquiry or comment (e.g., JS11 mails, or any e-mail where the student is not identified in either the subject line or body of the e-mail. E-mailed inquiries should be relatively short in nature. Students should request a time to chat (via Canvas) with me 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 (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO 1: Understand why knowledge of research methods is valuable to criminal justice professionals and how to conduct a review of research literature, write a research proposal, design a research project.
CLO 2: Summarize three fundamental features of social science: theory, data collection, and data analysis; describe how theory and public policy can be closely linked.
CLO 3: Understand that survey research involves the administration of questionnaires in a systematic way to a sample of respondents selected from some population

Required Texts/Readings (Required)

Textbook

Rennison, Callie M. & Hart, Timothy C. (2018). Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

ISBN: 9781506347813

Other Readings

Will be provided throughout the course by the instructor via canvas.

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

Computer and reliable internet connectivity.

Library Liaison

For help with library resources and library research (including the use of databases and online research materials such as journal search engines), students are strongly encouraged to contact the Justice Studies Library Liaison: Nyle Monday, nyle.monday@sjsu.edu.

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit, including preparing for class, participating in course activities

Grading Information

Total Points Grade

Amanda will then respond to Tiffany and Cindy original post.

When responding to your peers please read what is needed in the response post (i.e., agree/disagree, follow up questions, explanation, etc.).

No one should not have at least two responses under their original discussion post.

Timely completion of Canvas Discussions will count towards course participation. See course schedule and check canvas.

Final Examination or Evaluation

There will be a **final** exam in this course.

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| Date | Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines |
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| Week of: April 11, 2021 | Read Chapter Discussion Posts |
| Week of: April 18, 2021 | Read Chapter 11 Discussion Posts |
| Week of: April 25, 2021 | Read Chapter 12 Discussion Posts Quiz # 4 (Chapters 10-12) |
| Week of: May 2, 2021 | Read Chapter 13 Discussion Posts Research paper due |
| Week of: May 9, 2021 | Read Chapter 14 Discussion Posts Quiz #5 (Chapters 13-14) |
| May 20, 2020 | Final Exam *Final will open up at 5:15pm and will close at 7:30pm* |