

Department of Justice Studies
JS 189-06 Senior Seminar
CRN 27318, Spring 2021

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Canvas Course Website	https://sjsu.instructure.com/courses/1413195 JS 189
Lecture Day/Time/zoom	Wednesdays 12:00-2:45 https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/83163586931 for class this semester
Prerequisites	Senior standing in final semester; Justice Studies or Forensic Science major; JS 100W and JS 114 with a "C or better"; Department Consent
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E-mail Policy

Feel free to e-mail the instructor at any time (I check several times per day); however, please adhere to the email 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., JS189, 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.

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2. E-mailed inquiries should be relatively short in nature. Students should make an appointment to meet with me to discuss more extensive inquiries. Students will be

Required Texts/Readings:

Required Readings (ISBN: 9781544338972) Mallicoat, S. L. (2020). *Crime and criminal justice: Concepts and controversies* (2nd Ed.). Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications, Inc.

Students can rent an electronic copy of the textbook via

<https://www.vitalsource.com/referral?term=9781544365152>

The 120 day rental should take you to the end of the semester which is more than enough.

Additional Readings will be posted on Canvas

Assignments

1. *Current events (10%): Students will be required to submit two current event summaries relevant to our justice system. Students will submit a 1-page referenced write-up per assignment. [LO4-5]*
2. *Presentation and Participation (40%)*

Grading Scale for All Assignments

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>
A plus (+)	97-100
A	94-96.9
A minus (-)	90-93.9
B plus (+)	87-89.9
B	84-86.9
B minus (-)	80-83.9

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>
C	73-76.9
C minus (-)	70-72.9
D plus (+)	67-69.9
D	64-66.9
D minus (-)	60-63.9
F	50-59.9
F minus (-)	40-49.9
G	30-39.9
G minus (-)	20-29.9
H	10-19.9
H minus (-)	0-9.9

Important Dates This Semester

University Calendar: *

Wednesday, Jan 27	First Day of Instruction Late Registration Begins on MySJSU after 7am (Ends Feb 15) Automated waitlists process started (Ends Feb 4)
Friday, Feb 5	Permission Number required to enroll
Monday, Feb 8	Last Day to Drop Classes without a W grade
Tuesday, Feb 9	Late Drop Petition Required
Monday, Feb 15	Last Day to Add Classes via MySJSU Last Day to Submit Audit Credit/ No Credit Option Request Last Day to Submit Instructor Drops

developing insects on decomposing remains. For this research, she was awarded the prestigious Medal.

Disclaimer: This is an adult level course that may cover graphic criminal cases/discussions/topics. Most of the course material will not be censored. Under no circumstances are students permitted to take photos/screenshots of any of the course materials, slides or photos. Outlines will be provided/accessible via Canvas for required topics.

Students are prohibited from recording class activities (including class lectures, office hours, advising sessions, etc.), distributing class recordings, or posting class recordings. Materials created by the instructor for the course (syllabi, lectures and lecture notes, presentations, etc.) are copyrighted by the instructor. This university policy (S12-7) is in place to protect the privacy of students in the course, as well as to maintain academic integrity through reducing the instances of cheating. Students who record, distribute, or post these materials will be referred to the Student Conduct and Ethical Development office. Unauthorized recording may violate university and state law. It is the responsibility of students that require special accommodations or assistive technology due to a disability to notify the instructor.

Tentative Course Schedule and subject to change

Week	Date	In-Class Topics	Readings (should be done before class)
1	01/27	Course and instructor introduction	Syllabus; Academic Integrity and Student Conduct policies www.Innocenceproject.org
2	02/03	Why examine miscarriages of justice in senior seminar? Innocence Project? Policy discussion Scenario discussions from text	Chapters 1 and 2 (textbook)
3		Current events discussion &	

02/10

