

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS10-80, Introduction to Justice Studies, Fall 2022

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Final Examination

Students will complete a cumulative final examination using key terms and concepts from readings and discussion consisting of short and essay based questions, due (12/15) as reflected below. (CLO 1, 2 & 3)

Participation

Students are invited to participate via Zoom during live lectures in an informed, professional and respectful manner, check in during virtual Office Hours at least once during our semester to review course assignments, class status, success strategies and consistently submit quality work in a timely manner. Participation can also be rewarded in response to student preparedness and politeness during online class sessions and contribution to the virtual class experience. (CLO 2 & 3)

Grading Information

Final grades will be evaluated as follows:

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

Determination of Grades:

Grade	Points	Percentage
A plus	960 to 1000	96 to 100%
A	930 to 959	93 to 95%
A minus	900 to 929	90 to 92%
B plus	860 to 899	86 to 89 %
B	830 to 859	83 to 85%
B minus	800 to 829	80 to 82%
C plus	760 to 799	76 to 79%
C	730 to 759	73 to 75%
C minus	700 to 729	70 to 72%
D plus	660 to 699	66 to 69%
D	630 to 659	63 to 65%
D minus	600 to 629	60 to 62%

Please Note: Extra credit will not be awarded, late assignments and quizzes ~~will~~ 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~~ grades. Students are encouraged to review their progress during Office Hours or by appointment no later than Week Eight.

(Wednesday, October 12th) and periodically throughout the semester during Office Hours and/or by email appointment.

Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST) or ENGL/LLD 100A with a C or better (Accepted), and completion of Core General Education are prerequisite to all SJSU Studies courses. Completion of, or registration in, 100W is strongly recommended. A minimum aggregate GPA of 2.0 in GE Areas R, S, & T be required of all students.

Classroom Protocol

Attendance/Punctuality

Our class is offered completely online with no designated day/time meeting pattern. However, students are provided the opportunity to be virtually present and interact during regularly scheduled live streaming lectures, Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 - 10:15 AM, and review questions and subject matter during regularly scheduled Office Hours on Zoom and via email. Regular attendance and punctuality are encouraged but not required.

Late Assignments/Missed Quizzes

Assignments: Missed quizzes will not be accepted without prior arrangement. (T) ET EN

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
6	September 26 & 28	Assignment #3 & Quiz #3 (DUE 9/28); Conflict, Consensus &

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11	October 31 & November 2	Review Assignment #5/Quiz #5; Retribution, Deterrence, Incapacitation & Rehabilitation; Mandatory Minimum Sentencing; Proportionality; Corporal & Capital Punishment; Unusually Cruel Punishment; Restitution & Restoration; Review Weekly Assignment #6 (DUE 11/9); Assign Quiz #6 (DUE 11/9); Read Chapter 10: Criminal Punishment (pgs 298-327); Review Key Terms (p 299); Discussion: Is there tension between government's interest to control crime and individual expectations of due process?
12	November 7 & 9	Assignment #6 & Quiz #6 (DUE 11/9); Community Engagement; Escalation & Deescalations of Force; Alternatives to Lethal Force; Broken Windows, Predictive Policing, Crime Mapping, Body Cameras & Crisis Intervention Training; Read Chapter 11: Core Concepts of US Policing (pgs 331-370); Review Key Terms (p 336); Prepare, Submit and be ready to discuss Weekly Assignment #6: (Choose one question to answer per page!) Responses to Questions (pgs 299, 303, 312, 315, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 327, 336, 344, 347, 352, 355, 356, 362, 365, 367, 368 & 370) and Quiz #6
13	November 14 & 16	Review Assignment #6/Quiz #6; Judicial Review; Redressing Grievances & Burdens of Proof; Grand & Trial Juries; Bifurcated Trial Duties of Prosecution, Defense & Judiciary; Concurrent & Consecutive Sentencing; Appeals & Writs of Certiorari; The Innocence Project; Review Weekly Assignment #7 (DUE 11/30); Assign Quiz #7 (DUE 11/30); Read Chapter 12: Core Concepts of US Court Systems (pgs 371-402); Review Key Terms (p 372); Discussion: In what ways might a law enforcement officer be liable for the use of excessive force? How might an officer involved shooting violate civil rights?
14	November 21 (No class November 23, Non-instructional Day; Happy Thanksgiving!)	Midterm Review; Discussion: Is gender inequality still a problem? If so, in what ways should this problem be addressed? Identify and explain three significant concepts presented in this class over the past four weeks.
15	November 28 & 30	Assignment #7 & Quiz #7 (DUE 11/30); Recidivism, Incarceration Rates & Alternatives to Incarceration; Parole, Probation & Expungement; Jails, Prisons, Home Detention & Diversion Programs; Solitary Confinement, Prison Reform, Prop 47 & Realignment; Read Chapter 13: Core Concepts of US Correctional Theory and Practice (pgs 403-433); Review Key Terms (p 404); (Choose one question to answer per page!) Responses to Questions (pgs 377, 379, 383, 388, 389, 395, 396, 399, 402, 405, 409, 410, 414, 415, 417, 421, 424, 425, 431 & 433) & Quiz #7

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16	December 5	Review Assignment #7/Quiz #7; Trends, Challenges, & Future of Justice in the United States; Review for Final Examination; Final Thoughts
Final Exam Due	December 15	Prepare and submit Final Examination by Thursday, December 15, 2022.