# San José State University Department of Justice Studies JS102-01, Police and Society, Fall 2022

### **Course and Contact Information**

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available upon request and through Canvas under Announcements.

Class Days/Time: Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 8:15 PM

Classroom: MacQuarrie Hall 520

Prerequisites: JS 10, 12, 25, or FS 11, and upper division standing; Co-requisite course is: JS 100W.

## **Course Description**

A multidisciplinary study of law enforcement from the early 1800's to the present. Focus on significant studies in relation to the role of police and analysis of current models and practices. Note: Students must achieve a grade of "C" or better (not C-) to fulfill Justice Studies major requirements. 3 Units.

### **Course Format**

Our class is offered on campus and in person. Students are encouraged to review questions and subject matter during class, regularly scheduled Office Hours on Zoom and in person, and/or via email. Supplemental video materials are available through Canvas under Modules. Other than our textbook, all other course materials

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# **Final Paper**

Students will conduct independent research and craft a thesis paper specific to current police policy in the United States, to be assigned and explained extensively in class, **due** (12/1) in the form of a ten-to-fifteen page written analysis during the last scheduled day of instruction as reflected below. Reliable sources for all assertions should be cited in the American Psychological Association (APA) format. (CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

### **Final Examination**

Students will complete a cumulative final examination using key terms and concepts from readings and class discussion consisting of short and essay based questions, **due** (12/8) as reflected below. (CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

# **Participation**

Students are invited to participate during class in an informed, professional and respectful manner, check in during Office Hours at least once throughout the semester, and consistently submit quality work in a timely manner. Participation credit will be rewarded in response to student presence, preparedness and politeness during class sessions. (CLO 1, 2, 5 & 6)

# **Grading Information**

Final grades will be evaluated as follows:

Weekly Assignments (7)

Please Note: Extra credit will not be awarded, late assignments and quizzes 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. **Students are encouraged to review their progress during Office Hours or by appointment no later than Week Eight (Thursday, October 13th)** and periodically throughout the Summer Session during office hours and/or by email appointment.

Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST) or ENGL/LLD 100A with a C or better (C- not accepted), and completion of Core General Education are prerequisite to all SJSU Studies courses. Completion of, or coregistration in, 100W is strongly recommended. A minimum aggregate GPA of 2.0 in GE Areas R, S, & V shall be required of all students.

**Classroom Protocol** 

**Attendance/Punctuality** 

Week	Date	

Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
October 20	Review Assignment #4/Quiz #4; Patrol methods and function; Police Reports; Guns and Gangs; Wellness checks, quality of life & Crisis Intervention Training; Crime Scene Investigation, Amber Alerts, 911 calls & Sobriety checkpoints; Fingerprints, DNA samples and Evidence collection; Body cameras; Impact of cell phone ubiquity; Arrest,

Week	