

**San José State University
Justice Studies Department
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JS 114 Research Methods**

Contact Information

how to use them to answer questions commonly confronted by social scientists. That said, it is important that you do not fall behind in this class. As we move through the course material, you will find that an understanding of a given topic builds on what has been covered previously. Thus, it is in your best interest to stay current on the readings, take detailed notes, and ask questions if you are unsure about a topic.

Student Learning Objectives are as follows:

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

SLO 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.

SLO 2: Summarize three fundamental features of social science: theory, data collection, and data analysis; describe how theory and public policy can be closely linked.

SLO 3: Understand that survey research involves the administration of questionnaires in a systematic way to a sample of respondents selected from some population

Required E-book:

Maxfield, M. G., & Babbie, E. R. (2017). *Research methods for criminal justice and criminology (8th Edition)*. Nelson Education. ISBN-13: 978-1337091824

Other Readings

Richlin-Klonsky, J., Strenski, E., & Giarrusso, R. (2001). *A guide to writing sociology papers*. Macmillan.

Galvan, J. L. (2006). Writing literature reviews. *A guide for students of the social and behavioral sciences (3rd ed.)*. Glendale, CA: Pyrczak.

Articles on Canvas

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, completing assignments, and so on. *Late homework, quizzes and exams will not be accepted.*

Requirements: You are required to read all books, book chapters, and articles in advance. Your grade is based on class participation (discussion on Canvas), quizzes, midterm, and final exam.

Participation: Success in this class is predicated on regular on line discussion. If you do not discuss regularly, your grade will certainly suffer. To be more specific, your participation grade is graded upon your discussion on the CANVAS discussion board. You must post original contributions based on each discussion question, and reply to at least one of your classmates with meaningful comments. Discussion Rubric will be posted in Canvas.

Grading Information

You will not be able to drop the class after the official DROP Day (<http://www.sjsu.edu/winter/academic/calendar/>) except when you have medical emergency's note. There will be no make-ups for your missed exams. There will be only one exception to this policy

