

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 25, Introduction to Human Rights and Justice, Spring 2022

The schedule is subject to change with fair notice.

Students will be notified of changes to the schedule or assigned readings via announcements in Canvas/email.

Course and Contact Information

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Preparing for success

I want you to have success in this class and to have a powerful learning experience. Especially in an online class like this where you are driving your own learning, you truly get as much out of the class as you put in. To prepare for the semester:

1. Review this syllabus in depth. It should have answers to all your questions.
2. Download the [Respondus Lockdown Browser](#). You will need this in order to take quizzes and should make sure you don't have any trouble installing it before the day of the quiz. [Link to download is here](#).
3. Get oriented to Canvas. This is where you'll submit all of your assignments. You can see all of these with the due dates under "Syllabus." This is also the best place to send me messages.
4. Plan ahead. Review the upcoming assignments and material and don't wait until the last minute. It is especially important to look at the requirements detailed in the rubric, which clearly outline the grading criteria. Reviewing in advance allows for time to navigate any technical difficulties or to reach out to me with clarification and questions.

FAQs

I have a disability that requires accommodation.

Please reach out to me at the start of the class and we'll adjust the course as needed.

I had a medical emergency on the day the assignment was due. Can I get an extension?

If you were incapacitated due to sickness or had a medical emergency, you need to provide a doctor's note and I will work with you to make up the work.

I will be out of the country with limited internet connection at one point during the semester, including when an assignment or quiz is due. What can I do?

All materials, including readings and videos, can be downloaded for use offline so that you can keep up with your studies. However, assignments and quizzes should be completed and submitted on time. For anticipated conflicts with this, please reach out to me in advance to see if accommodation is possible.

I'm having technical issues with Canvas or the Respondus Lockdown browser. What do I do?

I cannot provide technical support (definitely not my area of expertise!). If you need any technical help, reach out to the student help desk or computer lab. I highly recommend that students take quizzes and exams at the campus computer lab where they can get technical support immediately.

Course Schedule

		<i>participation register immediately</i>	
4	Human Rights in International Law	Quiz #2 Quiz #3	2/21
5	Case Study: The Israel-Palestine Conflict	Quiz #4	2/28
6	Economic Rights	Quiz # 5	3/7
7	Interconnections Between Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Looking at “The Covenants”: the ICCPR and ICESCR	Class Participation #4: Discussion: Human rights in the news	3/14
	Midterm Exam (Will cover all material to date)	Review tools: Review the full HR Learning Module 1 in depth. This includes material from modules 1-3. The Human Rights Toolkit is also an excellent tool for review.	3/21
Spring Break: March 29-April 2			
8	Understanding Institutional Discrimination: The Rights to Housing, Education and Health		4/11
9	Cultural rights: The Maya and Indigenous rights in the U.S.	Reflection #1 - The reflection should cover material from the last two modules (Understanding Institutional Discrimination and Cultural Rights) and be submitted via Canvas. Reflection instructions	4/18
10	Security, Torture and Human Rights	Quiz #6	4/25

Case Study: Abu Ghraib and the PATRIOT Act

- 11 **Racial Discrimination and Community Organizing for Social Change**
Race, Ethnicity, Bias, Privilege, Individual vs. Institutional Racism

- 12 **Vulnerable Groupn**

Class participation #6: 5/2
Complete the [implicit bias test](#) -
Take the test called “Race ('Black - White' IAT)” and post to the class discussion.

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