San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 114; Sec 61: Research Methods (Winter 202 )

Course and Contact Information

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| Office Hours: | Monday ±Thursday (2pm to 5pm ± appointment only via Zoom) |
| Class Days/Time: | Online |
| Classroom: | Online via Canvas |
| Note: | 0 X V W D F K L H Y H D J U D G H R I ³ & ´ R U E H requirements. |

Canvas, E-mail

- Canvas Course Page and E-mail: Copies of course materials will be posted on Canvas. You are responsible for regularly checking your e-mail and Canvas (multiple times per week is recommended) regarding announcements, reminders, and any additional course materials. The majority of course materials will be posted in Adobe PDF format; if you choose to download them, you will need Adobe Reader to view the documents. There is no cost to download Adobe Reader (http://get.adobe.com/reader/otherversions/). Some course materials may need to be accessed via the internet (i.e., websites).

Course Format

- This course adopts an online classroom delivery format. You will need the access to the internet, computer, and video/word processing software, in order for students to participate in the classroom activities. See University Policy F-12-3 at http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F-12-3.pdf for more details.
- Students are responsible for ensuring that they have access to reliable Wi-Fi during tests. If students are unable to have reliable Wi-Fi, they must inform the instructor, as soon as possible or at the latest one week before the test date to determine an alternative.

Course Description

- Introduction to quantitative research methods used in Justice Studies. Includes relationship of theory to empirical evidence; logic underlying methods of inquiry; ethics in conducting empirical research; and methodological design, operationalization, and data analysis. Prerequisite: JS 10, 12, 25, or FS 11; JS 100W with a grade of "C" or better; JS 15 or Stat 95 or equivalent with a "C" or better; Upper Division Standing; Restricted to JS majors and minors. Note: A grade of "C" or better is required for Jus Studies majors. This course will cover philosophy of science, fundamental techniques and procedures research ethics, and methods of data collection and data analysis in criminal justice and criminological research, with emphasis on quantitative analysis.

E-mail Policy

Feel free to e-mail the instructor at any time; however, please adhere to the email guidelines below:

- 3 O H D V H L Q F O X G H L Q W K H ³ V X E M H F W O L Q H ´ W K H F R X U V H Q X inquiry or comment (e.g., JS114, Your Name, subject) 7 K H L Q V W U X F W R U Z L O O Q R W mails, or any e-mail where the student is not identified in either the subject line or body of the e-mail.
- E-mailed inquiries should be relatively short in nature. Students should request a time to (via chat Canvas) with me to discuss more extensive inquiries. Students will be referred to the syllabus course with respect to questions that are addressed by simply reading the syllabus.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- CLO 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.
- CLO 2: Summarize three fundamental features of social science: theory, data collection, data and analysis; describe how theory and public policy can be closely linked.
- CLO 3: Understand that survey research involves the administration of questionnaires in a systematic way to a sample of respondents selected from some population.

Required Texts/Readings (Required)

Textbook

- Rennison, Callie M. & Hart, Timothy C. (2018). Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

ISBN: 9781506347813

Other Readings

- Will be provided throughout the course by the instructor via Canvas.

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

- Computer and reliable internet connectivity.

Library Liaison

- For help with library resources and library research (including the use of databases and search materials² such as journal search engines), students are strongly encouraged to contact the Justice Studies Library Liaison: Nyle Monday, nyle.monday@sjsu.edu.

Course Requirements and Assignments

- SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit, including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on.
- Be sure to submit assignments before the due date. Late work will not be accepted without a G R F X P H Q W H G H [ F X V H D Q G Z L O O U H V X O W L Q D ³ ´ ] H U R J U unable to meet a deadline, email the professor in advance of the due date.

Quizzes & Exams on Canvas

- Quizzes and exams will be completed online via Canvas and will be available for specific windows of time. Once a student begins a quiz, a limited amount of time will be given to complete it. See the course agenda for more information.
- Exams will be proctored in this course through Respondus Monitor and LockDown Browser. Please

Classroom Protocol

Students are expected to:

- Complete all readings and assignments as scheduled.
- Check canvas and mysjsu regularly and be aware of any changes in the class schedule.
- Be respectful to their classmates in discussions and debates.
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This schedule is subject to change with fair notice from the instructor via email and/or canvas announcements.

| Date | Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines |
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| January 3, 2021 | x Read Chapter 1<br>x Introduction Discussion – post your response by 11:59pm January 4, 2021. |
| January 4, 2021 | x Read Chapter 2<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 5, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 7, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 5, 2021 | x Read Chapter 3<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 6, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 8, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 6, 2021 | x Read Chapter 4<br>x Quiz (Chp 1-3) – Quiz will open up at 12am and will close at 8pm* |
| January 7, 2021 | x Read Chapter 5<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 8, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 10, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 10, 2021 | x Read Chapter 6<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 11, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 13, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 11, 2021 | x Read Chapter 7<br>x Quiz (Chp 4-6) – Quiz will open up at 12am and will close at 5pm* |
| January 12, 2021 | x Read Chapter 8<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 13, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 15, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 13, 2021 | x Read Chapter 9<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 14, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 16, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 14, 2021 | x Read Chapter 10<br>x Quiz (Chp 7-9) – Quiz will open up at 12am and will close at 8pm* |
| January 17, 2021 | x Read Chapter 11<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 18, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 20, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 18, 2021 | x Read Chapter 12<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 19, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 21, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 19, 2021 | x Read Chapter 13<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 20, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 21, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 20, 2021 | x Read Chapter 14<br>x Discussion Post – post your response by 11:59pm on January 21, and respond to TWO of your peers by January 22, 12pm at the latest. |
| January 21, 2021 | x Final Exam – Final will open up at will R S H D Q V D E close at 3pm* |