

San José State University
Justice Studies Department
JS156, Gangs, Criminal Syndicates & Justice 80, Spring 2023

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	N/A: Fully Asynchronous Class
Classroom:	None
Prerequisites:	Students must have passed the Writing Skills Test (WST), have upper division standing (56 units), and have completed their CORE GE classes. Successful completion in 100W is highly recommended.
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	JS156 counts as a (D) in the Core Competency Area of (A-F) in the Justice Study Major.

Justice Studies Department Reading and Writing Philosophy.

The Department of Justice Studies is committed to scholarly excellence. Therefore, the Department promotes academic, critical, and creative engagement with language (i.e., reading and writing) throughout its curriculum. A sustained and intensive exploration of language prepares students to think critically and to act meaningfully in interrelated areas of their lives—personal, professional, economic, social, political, ethical, and cultural. Graduates of the Department of Justice Studies leave San José State University prepared to enter a range of careers and for advanced study in a variety of fields; they are prepared to more effectively identify and ameliorate injustice in their personal, professional and civic lives. Indeed, the impact of literacy is evident not only within the span of a specific course, semester, or academic program but also over the span of a lifetime.



accommodations (e.g., temporarily turning off identifying information from the Zoom session, including student name and picture, prior to recording).

Students are not allowed to record without instructor permission

Students are prohibited from recording class activities (including class lectures, office hours, advising sessions, etc.), distributing class recordings, or posting class recordings. Material created by the instructor for the course (syllabi, lectures and lecture notes, presentations, etc.) are copyrighted by the instructor. This university policy (S12-7) is in place to protect the privacy of students in the course, as well as to maintain academic integrity through reducing the instances of cheating. Students who record, distribute, or post these materials will be referred to the Student Conduct and Ethical Development office. Unauthorized recording may violate university and state law. It is the responsibility of student who require special accommodations or assistance in technology due to a disability to notify the instructor.

Technical difficulties

Internet connection issues:

Canvas autosaves responses a few times per minute as long as there is an internet connection. If your internet connection is lost, Canvas will warn you but allow you to continue working on your exam. A brief loss of internet connection is unlikely to cause you to lose your work. However, a longer loss of connectivity or weak/unstable connection may jeopardize your exam.

Other technical difficulties

Immediately email the instructor a current copy of the state of your exam and explain the problem you are facing. Your instructor may not be able to respond immediately or provide technical support. However, the copy of your exam will provide a record of the situation.

Contact the SJSU technical support for Canvas

Email: ecampus@sjsu.edu

Phone: (408)924-2337

<https://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/support/>

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9 relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on Syllabus Information web page) <https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

Academic Dishonesty

Students who are suspected of cheating during an exam or on any assignment will be referred to the Student Conduct and Ethical Development office and depending on the severity of the conduct, will receive a zero on the assignment or a grade of F in the course. Grade Forgiveness does not apply to courses for which the original grade was the result of a finding of academic dishonesty.

Grading Information

The class assignments will have a point total that will be included in the instructions for the activity or assignment, including due dates and late policies. Some assignments, such as discussions and quizzes will close at the deadline with no options for late submissions. Students failing to complete their assignments by these deadlines will receive a zero.

Students are evaluated on the



Examinations (35%)

Quizzes (10%)

Six quizzes will be assigned and must be completed by the **designated due date and time**. Students are



Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
4	2/13/2023 2/15/2023	<p>Module 2: Myths and Realities of Youth Gangs/Defining Gangs and Members (Weeks 4-5)</p> <p>Reading Textbook: Chapter 2: Myths and Realities of Youth Gangs</p> <p>Reading Article: TBA</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Assignment</p> <p>Assignment: Article-TBD</p> <p>Discussion</p>
5	2/20/2023 2/22/2023	<p>Reading Textbook : Chapter 3: Defining Gangs and Gang Members</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Assignment</p> <p>Reading article: TBA</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Assignment</p> <p>QUIZ (2) Chapters 2-3</p> <p>Reflection</p>
6	2/27/2023 3/1/2023	<p>Module 3: Macro-Level Theories (Weeks 6-7)</p> <p>Reading Textbook: Chapter 4: General Macro-Level Theories and Modern- Day Applications</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Assignment</p> <p>Assignment: TBA</p> <p>Discussion: Reflection writing</p>
	3/6/2023	<p>Reading Textbook: Chapter 4: General Macro-Level Theories and Modern-</p>

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8	3/13/2023 3/15/2023	Module 4: Micro-Level Theories and Female Gang Members (Weeks 8-9) Reading Textbook: Chapter 5: Micro-Level Theories Discussion Assignment Documentary : TBA Assignment on Documentary 2nd Critical Thinking Assignment: Due Friday April 14, 2023
9	3/20/2023 3/22/2023	Reading Textbook: Chapter 6 : Girls and Gangs Discussion Assignment: TBA YouTube Documentary Discussion Assignment Quiz (4) Chapters 5 and 6 Reflection
10	3/27/2023 3/29/2023	Module 5: National Gang Problem Trends: 1996-2012 (Weeks



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13	4/19/2023	Assignment/Activity: Reading Article: TBA Quiz (5) Chapters 8 and 9 Discussion Reflection
14	4/24/2023	Module 7: Y j cv"Y qtnuA"Kvgtxgpvkp"cpf"Uwr rtgukqp (Weeks 14- 15) Article obtained by student Discussion Assignment
	4/26/2023	Reading Textbook: Chapter 10: What Works: Intervention and Suppression Discussion TedTalk: TBA Reading Article Assignment Quiz (6) Chapter 10
15	5/1/2023	Assigned Scholarly Article: Transnational Criminal Organizations Reflection Discussion
	5/3/2023	Assignment Discussion Reflection
16	5/8/2023	Module 8: Related Articles and Preparation for the Final (Week 16) Reading Article: TBA Discussion Assignment
	5/10/2023	Last Day of Class: Recap on material for Final Final Exam-Time Specific (Chapters 7-10 and Handouts)
	Friday 5/19/2023	Online Class: Friday May 19, 2022: 7:45PM to10:00PM

If you have conflict (documented and substantiated in a timely manner) with the Final schedule, let me know at least a month in advance for consideration to be scheduled to take the Make-up Final on Wednesday 5/24/2022 BT/

