

San José State University
Justice Studies Department
JS 10, Introduction to Justice Studies, Summer 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Prerequisites:	None

Course Description

A critical thinking exploration of historical and contemporary issues in criminal justice. This includes the study and analysis of the core principles underlying the criminal justice system, components of the American criminal justice system (police, courts, and corrections), criminal behavior theory, crime categories, policing models, and career opportunities.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

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

1. Explain the principles, functions, and processes of the major components of the criminal justice system (police, courts, corrections).
2. Describe historical and contemporary criminal justice theories and models.
3. Distinguish principles of civil and criminal law, and identify Constitutional amendments most relevant to criminal law.
4. Explain the order of steps and legal processes an offender takes through the criminal justice system, from arrest through trial and sentencing.
5. Analyze contentious issues in the criminal justice system, including racism, sentencing, police brutality, and prison overcrowding.

Required Texts/Readings

Required Text

Peak, K. J. & Madensen, T. D. (2019). *Introduction to Criminal Justice, 3rd Edition*. Published by Sage. ISBN 978-1-5063-9184-7. Course companion website: <https://edge.sagepub.com/peak3e>

Other Readings

Links to additional course readings will be posted on Canvas.

Library Liaison

Nyle Monday, JS and FS Library Liaison, nyle.monday@sjsu.edu

Course Requirements and Assignments

1. Chapter Quizzes (15%). Each week we will read 3-4 chapters in the text. There will be one quiz for every chapter, taken on Canvas. You may take the quizzes at any point during the module, but they will close when the module ends. Format will be multiple choice, matching, true/false, fill-in and short answer. *The three lowest scores will be dropped.*
2. Exams (30%): There will be one midterm exam, covering Parts I and II in the text. The final exam will be cumulative (covering Parts I-V in the text). Format may include multiple choice, fill-in, short answer, short essay, and diagrams. (CLO1, 2, 3, 4)
3. Short Research Assignments (15%): These will be on various topics that supplement and complement readings and lecture. Respond thoroughly, thoughtfully, and substantively for maximum credit. *The lowest score will be dropped.*
4. Discussions (30%): Several discussions will be assigned weekly on various relevant topics throughout the semester, and may be related to outside readings or films. *The lowest three scores will be dropped.*
5. Podcast! (10%) Listen to an entire season of a podcast (see options on Canvas). Then respond substantively to questions about the issues raised in the podcast. (CLO 4)

Grading Information

- All assignments are graded based on adherence to directions, thoroughness, thoughtfulness, effort, accuracy, clarity, and logic.
- Please see the “About the Discussion Board” page for the discussion board rubric.
- Late work will be marked down.

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>A plus</i>	<i>96 to 100%</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>93 to 95.9%</i>
<i>A minus</i>	<i>90 to 92.9%</i>
<i>B plus</i>	<i>86 to 89.9 %</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>83 to 85.9%</i>
<i>B minus</i>	<i>80 to 82.9%</i>
<i>C plus</i>	<i>76 to 79.9%</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>73 to 75.9%</i>
<i>C minus</i>	<i>70 to 72.9%</i>
<i>D plus</i>	<i>66 to 69.9%</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>63 to 6.95%</i>
<i>D minus</i>	<i>60 to 62.9%</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>Below 60%</i>

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), 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](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo>), which is hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Education. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

JS 10 Introduction to Justice Studies, Summer 2020 Course Schedule

Course Schedule (may be revised with notice)

Dates	Topics	Also	Readings, Assignments, Homework
6/1-9	Part I: Criminal Justice as a System: The Basics 1. Essential Themes and Practices 2. Law & Crime: Nature, Elements, and Defenses 3. Theories of Crime & Measuring Victimization 4. Ethical Essentials	Visit Sagepub Contribute to Google slideshow Icebreaker Discussions	Canvas Discussions Read Ch 1,2,3,4 Take Chapter Quizzes Begin Listening to Podcast Attend Zoom meeting 6/1, 10-10:30 or view recording
6/8-16	Part II: The Police 5. Structure & Functions 6. Patrolling & Investigating 7. Methods & Challenges 8. Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure	Midterm 6/16	Canvas Discussions/Films Read Ch 5,6,7,8 Take Chapter Quizzes Complete Short Research Assignments Podcast
6/15-22	Part III: The Courts 9. Structure, Functions, & Trial Processes 10. Bench & the Bar 11. Methods & Challenges		Canvas Discussions/Films Read Ch 9,10,11 Take Chapter Quizzes Complete Short Research Assignments Podcast
6/21-28	Part IV: Corrections 12. Structure & Functions 13. The Inmates' World 14. Probation, Parole, and Other Alternatives to Incarceration		Canvas Discussions/Films Read Ch 12,13,14 Take Chapter Quizzes Complete Short Research Assignments Podcast
6/28-7/3	Part V: Spanning the System (Juvenile Justice, Special Problems) 15. Philosophy, Law & Practices 16. Crime Policy & Prevention	Podcast Due 7/1 Final Exam 7/3	Canvas Discussions Read Ch 15,16 Take Chapter Quizzes