

**San José State University**  
**College of Social Sciences /Justice Studies Department**  
**Justice Studies 103, Courts and Society, Fall 2022**

The following schedule is subject to change. Adjustments will be sent via Announcements on Canvas.

Cls #	Date	Topic	Reading assignment / Website	Written assignmt due
Week / date		* = non-class time, optional	Assignments due via email by 11:59 PM to <a href="mailto:Margaret.stevenson@sjsu.edu">Margaret.stevenson@sjsu.edu</a>	
1	8.23	Introductions Description of course Overview of the legal system	Description of course <u>module</u> (skim for reference except read Syllabus carefully)  Overview of the Legal System module  Skim Constitution	
1	8.25	Overview of the legal system (cont'd) Criminal law and procedure	Criminal law module  Follow the links to the District Attorney's office's brochure (if problem, check your pop-up blocker)	
2	8.30	Criminal law and procedure (cont'd)	Watch Adam Foss TED talk: <i>A Prosecutor's Vision for a Better Justice System</i>	
2	9.1	Prosecutorial discretion – <b>small group exercise</b>  Criminal law and prosecutorial discretion		
3	9.6	Civil law and procedure	Civil law module	News report 1 due 9.11
3	9.8	<b>Judge Jesús Valencia, guest speaker</b> on civil / criminal law and judging		
4	9.13	Criminal – Civil recap		
4	9.15	Attorney ethics	Attorney ethics module	
5	9.20	<b>Guest speakers (invited):</b> Indian law, tribal courts and jurisdiction	Jurisdiction module	

5	9.22	Jurisdiction		
6	9.27	ADR, plea or settlement	ADR module	
6	9.29	Civil ADR – <b>small group exercise</b>		Court observation 1 due 10.2
7	10.4	Review / prep for quiz	Review “Overview of the Legal System” powerpoint from first week	
7	10.6	Trial		
*		Take <b>Quiz 1</b> online between 9 AM on 10.8 and 11 PM on 10.9		
8	10.11	Trial	Trial module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit)	
8	10.13	Sentencing	Sentencing module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit)	
9	10.18	<b>Guest speaker Alisha Schoen, Deputy DA</b> Sentencing		
9	10.20	Sentencing <b>Small group exercise</b>		
10	10.25	Quiz 1 review		
10	10.27	Judges and judging	Judges and Judging module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit)	News report 2 due 10.30
11	11.1	Judges and judging		
11	11.3	US Supreme Court	Appeals module US Supreme Court module	Watch Appeals Zoom recording in Pages
12	11.8	<b>Guest speaker (invited)</b> US Supreme Court		
12	11.10	Quiz 2 prep		
*		Take <b>Quiz 2</b> online between 9 AM on 11.12 and 11 PM on 11.13		
13	11.15	US Supreme Court Courts & Constitutional rights	Courts and Constitutional Rights module	

13	11.17	Courts & Constitutional rights		
14	11.22	Quiz 2 review		
14	11.24	Thanksgiving break		
15	11.29	Balance of Power	Balance of Power module	Court observation 2 due 11.27
15	12.1	Immigration and the Balance of Power	Review Jurisdiction module (week 5)	
16	12.6	Balance of power Course review - final exam prep		
*	12.13 online	<b>FINAL EXAM</b> – online in “quizzes” module – from 9 AM to finish by 11:59 PM		