About the Department

The Justice Studies Department provides students with an interdisciplinary, research-based understanding of justice-related issues in a global society. JS Students acquire analytical skills, critical thinking, and communication much needed in a complex and multicultural society. Our students are prepared to undertake graduate studies at the master’s and doctoral level, and to take positions of responsibility in justice related public agencies and non-profit organizations.

Our full-time faculty hold advanced degrees in the social sciences, humanities, and life sciences and are leaders in their respective academic specialties. JS Faculty are recognized experts and scholars in the areas of punishment and penal politics; law and society; sociolegal theory and jurisprudence; policing and law enforcement policy; immigration and human rights; sexual aggression; drug policy; gender and justice; DNA and forensic science; family violence, mediation and restorative justice. Our faculty publish their research in a wide range of leading academic journals and law reviews, books, and edited volumes.

Highlights

- Founded in 1930, the JS Program is the oldest academic program of its kind and has consistently been rated among the nation’s best
- A unique program of Lecture Series, Research Colloquia, and guest lectures exposes JS students to cutting-edge scholarly debates in the areas of social (in)justice, penal politics, and human rights.
- Internship experience is required of all majors, allowing students to apply theoretical concepts to practical situations.
- The JS Department is actively engaged in online technologies and social media. We see them as channels through which communities can be involved in constructing justice for a global society.
- Center for Justice Research, Policy and Training
  Formerly the “Administration of Justice Bureau”, CJRPT has been expanded to undertake policy-oriented research in the areas of justice studies, criminal justice, and other related fields. Coupled with an extensive background in training, the inclusion of academic based research will further our Department’s ability to transform justice in our communities.

- San José State Record Clearance Project

- Annual Events Include:
  - The Ann Lucas Lecture Series in Law and Justice
  - Forensic Science Lecture Series
  - Justice Studies Showcase (Annual)
  - Monthly Colloquia featuring faculty research
  - Department Convocation in Spring
  - Regular guest speakers from local, state and national justice organizations
  - Open House for student advising and internship placement (Biannual)
Programs Offered
- B.S., Justice Studies
- B.S., Forensic Science, emphasis in Biology
- B.S., Forensic Science, emphasis in Chemistry
- M.S., Justice Studies
- Minor, Justice Studies
- Minor, Legal Studies
- Minor, Human Rights

Social Media
- http://blogs.sjsu.edu/justicestudies/
- http://twitter.com/sjsujusticestudies
- https://plus.google.com/11824711798142749648/posts

Student Scholarships
- California Association of Criminalists A. Reed and V. McLaughlin Endowment Scholarships
- Charles “Pat” Casey Memorial Scholarship
- Daniel P. Lomio Memorial Scholarship
- Gene Simpson & Gordon Silva Memorial Scholarship
- Kristofer Boaz Claspill Memorial Scholarship
- Officer Jeffrey Fontana Memorial Scholarship
- Paula Stone Hubbell Endowment Scholarship
- Theresa Edel Memorial Scholarship

Examples of Careers in This Field
- Community organizing on justice-related issues
- Public advocacy on Human Rights issues
- Work with non-profit crime/violence prevention agencies
- Juvenile justice, court mediation
- Policing and related fields
- Working with nonprofit Justice Organizations
- Forensic science/Criminalistics
- Probation (Adult, Juvenile)
- Corrections and Parole
- Court administration/Case management
- Investigation (Private, D.A.’s Office, Public Defender, Police Departments, Corporate)
- Law and related fields
- Teaching/Research
- Work with youth

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Aid and Scholarship: http://www.sjsu.edu/faso
Housing: http://housing.sjsu.edu/
Request Information about SJSU: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/info.html
Schedule of Classes: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/schedules.html
SJSU Catalog: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html
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