

## Justice Studies 4-Year Advising Guide

To help you understand our JS curriculum and to successfully plan your JS experience, here is essentially what every student needs to complete in order to graduate with a major in Justice Studies:

1. Lower Division GE
  - a. Please see Student Services or the CASA Student Success Center (MH533) on MH 5th floor for advising on lower division GE coursework.
  - b. Take two necessary "support courses" 1. JS 10 or equivalent (or JS 12, JS 25 or FS 11) and 2. STAT 95 or equivalent (or JS 15).
2. Major Courses
  - a. JS 100W should be completed as soon as possible – Not taking JS 100W early delays graduation; 100W is a prerequisite for most upper division courses in the major.
  - b. Take all required upper division JS courses (they are marked with an asterisk "\*" on the Major form): JS 151, JS 114, JS 101, JS 102, JS 100W, JS 189 (or FS 169), and JS 181 (or JS 141).
  - c. Take the mandatory minimum, but no more than the maximum, units in each JS core competency area (Areas: A-F). Students should feel free to choose from the options available in each area, depending on their career and educational goals.
  - d. In total, each student must complete 45 units (typically 15, 3-credit courses) of upper division JS coursework. *Note: this cannot be achieved by simply completing the mandatory minimum units for each competency area, so make sure to count up your courses carefully.*
  - e. JS 189 may be taken only in the final semester at SJSU
3. SJSU Studies
  - a. Each student must also complete SJSU Studies Courses (Areas R, S, V, and Z). [Please see the SJSU Course Catalog and/or the SJSU website for a list of all SJSU Studies Courses [info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/schedules/rec-12788.12993.13000.html](http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/schedules/rec-12788.12993.13000.html).]
  - b. JS 100W counts as the Z course.
  - c. Students may take one of the S or V courses in JS (It will satisfy major and SJSU studies requirements). JS Area S courses: JS 132 and JS 136. JS Area V course: JS 171
4. Complete 120 units of coursework
  - a. All students must complete 120 total units in order to graduate with an undergraduate degree.
  - b. Students may take any desired course to bring unit count to 120 – these are considered "university elective" courses
  - c. Often, a minor is a good use of elective courses

We strongly encourage students to meet with their assigned advisor at least once a year. Be sure to review the JS Student Handbook and the other student related materials on our website.

**Map your path to graduation:** Attached to the end of this document is the Major Form. Use it to keep track of the courses you have taken and those that you still need.

**B.S., Justice Studies Core Competencies Areas (A-F)  
EFFECTIVE FALL 2015**

**Theories (A) Requirement: 9 -- 12 Units**

Course #	Retired Course #	Course Title	Prerequisite/ Co-Requisite
JS 151*	JS 118	Criminological Theory	JS 100W
JS 103		Courts & Society	
JS 104		Penal Politics & Institutions	
JS 132 (s)		Race, Gender, Inequality & the Law	WST or ENGL/LLD 100A, Core GE completed, Upper division standing
JS 153	JS 119	Crime & Justice Across the Life Course	Any 100W
JS 155		Victimology	Any 100W
JS 157		Deviance & Justice	Any 100W

**Methodologies (B) Requirement: 6 -- 9 Units**

Course #	Retired Course #	Course Title	Prerequisite/ Co-Requisite
JS 114*	JS 105	Research Methods in Justice Studies	JS/FS Major/Minor, STAT 95 or JS 15, and JS 100W
JS 107		Justice Management & Ethics	
JS 117		Qualitative Research Methods in Justice Studies	Any 100W
JS 131	JS 110	Crisis Intervention, Mediation & Restorative Justice	Any 100W
JS 143	JS 108	Criminal Evidence & Procedures	Any 100W; Note: JS 16 or equivalents no longer accepted.
FS 161	JS 112	Criminalistics	
FS 162	JS 113	Intro to Forensic Sciences	

**Critical Inquiries (C) Requirement: 6 -- 9 Units**

Course #	Retired Course #	Course Title	Prerequisite/ Co-Requisite
JS 101*	JS 115	Critical Issues & Ideas in Justice	JS 100W
JS 122		Drugs & Society	Any 100W
JS 128	JS 188	Punishment, Culture and Society	Any 100W
JS 130		Sexuality and Justice	Any 100W
JS 136 (s)		Family & Community Violence	WST or ENGL/LLD 100A, Core GE completed, Upper division standing
JS 144	JS 109	Criminal Law	Any 100W
JS 150		Gender & Crime	Any 100W
JS 152	JS 120	Juvenile Justice	
JS 183		Ethics in Criminal Justice	Any 100W

**Local, Transnational, Historical (D) Requirement: 6 -- 9 Units**

Course #	Retired Course #	Course Title	Prerequisite/ Co-Requisite
JS 102*		Police & Society	JS 100W
JS 121		Media & Justice	Any 100W
JS 123	JS 133	Terrorism, Intelligence & Security	
JS 127	JS 187	Immigration & Justice	Any 100W
JS 129		International Crime & Deviance	Any 100W
JS 137		Collaborative Response to Family Violence	Any 100W Pre-Req, JS 136
JS 145	JS 135	White Collar Crime	
JS 156		Gangs, Criminal Syndicates & Justice	Any 100W
JS 158		The Prison Community	Any 100W
JS 171 (v)	JS 116 (v)	Human Rights & Justice	WST or ENGL/LLD 100A, Core GE completed, Upper division standing
JS 172		Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery	Any 100W

**Analytical Research & Communication (E) Requirement: 6 -- 9 Units**

Course #	Retired Course #	Course Title	Prerequisite
JS 100W*(z)		Writing Workshop	JS/FS Major/Minor, WST, Core GE complete, ENGL 1B (with C or better)
JS 189*+	JS 159	Senior Seminar: Contemporary Problems	JS/FS Major in Final Semester, JS 114 (C or better); May take FS 169
JS 179		Human Rights Practicum and Seminar	JS 25, JS 171 or Soci 118, Any 100W

**Experiential Learning (F) Requirement: 3 -- 6 Units**

Course #	Retired Course #	Course Title	Prerequisite/ Co-Requisite
JS 181*+	JS 170*	Internship: Justice Studies	JS/FS Major, JS 100W (C or better) Pre-Req; Note: May take JS 141
JS 140		Record Clearance Project	JS 100W Pre-Req
JS 141		RCP: Record Clearance Project Representation	JS 140 Pre-Req; Note: Also fulfills JS 181 requirement
JS 180		Individual Studies	Approval of Department Chair
JS 184		Directed Reading	Approval of Department Chair

**Special Topics/ Other**

Course #	Course Title	Prerequisite/ Co-Requisite
JS 142	RCP – Advanced Study and Comm Involvement	JS 141 Pre-Req
JS 185	Special Topics in Justice Studies	Upper division Standing; Note: JS Competency Area Varies by topic

**2 Support Courses Support Courses DO NOT count toward the 45 major units**

Course #	Course Title	Note
1. JS 10	Introduction to Justice Studies	Take either JS 10, JS 12, JS 25 or an equivalent
JS 12	Introduction to Legal Studies	
JS 25	Introduction to Human Rights	
2. STAT 95 (B4)	Elementary Statistics	Take either STAT 95, JS 15, or an equivalent
JS 15	Introductory Statistics in Justice Studies	

\*Denotes a required major course +Must apply for add code online (s) = SJSU Studies Area S; (v) = SJSU Studies Area V; (z) = SJSU Studies Area Z

**Department of Justice Studies**  
**Degree Roadmap – 4 Year Program**  
**120 Units**

**FROSH STATUS**

**Fall (15 units)**

JS 10 or equivalent: 3 units  
 GE A2: 3 units (Engl 1A)  
 GE: 3 units  
 GE: 3 units  
 GE: 3 units

**Spring (15 units)**

GE C3: 3 units (Engl 1B)  
 GE B4: 3 units (Stat 95 or equivalent)  
 GE: 3 units  
 GE: 3 units  
 GE: 3 units

**SOPHOMORE STATUS**

**Fall (16 units)**

Free Elective: 3 units  
 GE: 3 units  
 GE: 3 units  
 GE: 3 units  
 American Institutions: 3 units  
 Physical Education: 1 unit

**Spring (16 units)**

Free Elective: 3 units  
 GE: 3 units  
 Free Elective: 3 units  
 Free Elective: 3 units  
 American Institutions: 3 units  
 Physical Education: 1 unit

**JUNIOR STATUS**

**Fall (15 units)**

JS 100W\*: 3 units  
 JS 101\*: 3 units  
 JS Competency Area A: 3 units  
 JS 102\*: 3 units  
 Free Elective: 3 units

**Spring (15 units)**

JS Competency Area A: 3 units  
 JS 151\*: 3 units  
 JS 114\*: 3 units  
 JS Competency Area C: 3 units  
 SJSU Studies R, S, or V: 3 units

**SENIOR STATUS**

**Fall (15 units)**

JS Competency Area B: 3 units  
 JS Competency Area A, B, C, or D: 3 units  
 JS Competency Area A, B, C, or D: 3 units  
 JS Competency Area D: 3 units  
 SJSU Studies R, S, or V: 3 units

**Spring (15 units)**

JS Competency Area A, B, C, or D: 3 units  
 JS 181\* (or JS 141): 3 units  
 SJSU Studies R, S, or V: 3 units  
 JS 189\* (or FS 169): 3 units  
 Free Elective: 3 units

\*Required course for JS Major

GE and Free Elective Recommendations:

C2: POLS 003

D1: MAS 030, PSYC 001, COMM 010, OCTH 010, WOMS 010, PSYC 002Q, SOCI 001

D3: JS 25

E: ANTH 025, HS 001, KIN 069, NUFS 009, PHIL 012, SCI 002Q

Free Electives: FS 11, JS 12

## Justice Studies Undergraduate Program: Core Competencies

### A: Theories (9-12 units)

Theories in Justice Studies offer ways of analyzing, explaining, and critiquing our world and social institutions. Students will learn various theoretical approaches to concepts of power and justice, which lie at the heart of struggles for justice and the resistance to injustice in the modern world.

**Courses:** *JS 103, JS 104, JS 132(s), JS 151\*, JS 153, JS 155, JS 157*

### B: Methodologies (6-9 units)

Methodologies refer to the ways scholars gather and evaluate knowledge in Justice Studies. The term “methodologies” includes research methods (the procedures used in research to collect or generate data) and the philosophical assumptions on which a study is based and certain methods are chosen.

**Courses:** *JS 107, JS 114\*, JS 117, JS 131, JS 143 FS 161, FS 162*

### C: Critical Inquiries into Law, Justice & Society (6-9 units)

Critical inquiries involve the ability to ask relevant questions that challenge authority and orthodoxy as they help students to construct and synthesize knowledge, and analyze phenomena in a multi-faceted manner. Critical inquiries as a competency area enable students to evaluate justice issues and theory not at face value, but as an intersection of competing or colluding forces that are not initially evident. Critical inquiries help students to become active agents in society as they critique our social world.

**Courses:** *JS 101\*, JS 122, JS 128, JS 130, JS 136(s), JS 144, JS 150, JS 152*

### D: Local, Transnational, and Historical Analyses (6-9 units)

Within this competency area students will learn how to contextualize justice-related issues using subjects and theories connecting local, transnational, and historical analytical frameworks. That is, students will develop the empirical, methodological, and analytical skills to understand how a justice-related practice or problem affects or has affected different communities, societies, and cultures of the modern world.

**Courses:** *JS 102\*, JS 121, JS 123, JS 127, JS 129, JS 137, JS 145, JS 156, JS 158, JS 171(v), JS 172*

### E: Analytical Research and Writing (6 units)

Within this competency area students will develop the skills to conduct and evaluate scholarly research and writing, including the identification of scholarly and non-scholarly sources. As they assess the strengths and limitations of research, students will engage in erudite and persuasive writing and presentation for a professional or academic audience. Students will learn to support arguments with relevant sources, and to cite them according to applicable professional standards in the humanities, social sciences, or sciences.

**Courses:** *JS 100W\*(z), JS 189\* or FS 169*

### F: Experiential Learning (3-6 units)

Justice Studies promotes scholarly and applied understandings about the interaction between theory, scholarship and human experience. The Department encourages experiential learning that draws from and seeks to serve local communities around the Bay Area and beyond.

**Courses:** *JS 140, JS 141, JS 142, JS 179, JS 180, JS 181\*, JS 184*

### Special Topics (Areas A-D; 6 units maximum)

Justice Studies regularly offers courses built around an instructor's interests and expertise. Inquire of course instructor or undergraduate coordinator for Competency area.

**Courses:** *JS 185*

\* Required (core) courses

**Bachelor of Science, College of Applied Sciences and Arts  
Justice Studies Graduation Major Form (120 units)**

Name:	ID#	Date:
Graduation Term:	Email:	Phone #

**Support Courses (6 units):** Take JS 10\* (or FS 11, JS 12, JS 25) or equivalent and take STAT 95\* (or JS 15) or equivalent

Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comments	Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comment
JS 10*		3			STAT 95*		3		

Note: these support courses are lower division and do NOT count towards the 45 upper division units required for the major.

The Justice Studies B.S. Degree requires 45 upper-division JS units (15 courses) taken in six areas (A – F). Courses marked with an asterisk (\*) are required (core) courses. Each area has a minimum number of units for fulfillment of degree requirements and a maximum number accepted toward degree requirements—inclusive of core course units.

**A) Theories (9-12 units):** Take JS 151\* and two or three of JS 103, JS 104, JS 132(s), JS 153, JS 155, JS 157, [JS 185]

Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comments	Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comment
JS 151*		3					3		
		3					3		

**B) Methodologies (6-9 units):** Take JS 114\* and one or two of JS 107, JS 117, JS 131, JS 143, FS 161, FS 162, [JS 185]

Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comments	Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comment
JS 114*		3					3		
		3							

**C) Critical Inquiries (6-9 units):** Take JS 101\* and one or two of JS 122, JS 128, JS 130, JS 136(s), JS 144, JS 150, JS 152, [JS 185]

Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comments	Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comment
JS 101*		3					3		
		3							

**D) Local, Transnational, Historical (6-9 units):** Take JS 102\* and one or two of JS 121, JS 123, JS 127, JS 129, JS 137, JS 145, JS 156, JS 158, JS 171(v), JS 172, [JS 185]

Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comments	Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comment
JS 102*		3					3		
		3							

**E) Analytical Research & Communication (6 units):** Take JS 100W(z)\* [requires passing WST prior to enrollment] and JS 189\* (or FS 169).

Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comments	Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comment
JS 100W*(z)		3			JS 189* (or FS 169)		3		

**F) Experiential Learning (3-6 units):** Take JS 181\* (or JS 141) and none or one of JS 140, JS 142, JS 179, JS 180, JS 184, [JS 185]

Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comments	Course#	Term	Units	Grade	Comment
JS 181* (or JS 141)		3							

**Effective Spring 2011: A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses used for JS degree credit.**

**Courses in which you can earn degree credit and fulfill SJSU Studies requirements: JS 100W(z), JS 171(v), JS132(s) & 136(s).**

**The area fulfilled by any particular JS 185 "Special Topics" course varies across sections and depends on the topic presented. Check with the instructor or Undergraduate Coordinator for topic to area classification. JS 185 is repeatable once for a maximum of six units.**

This form is a contract. If you make any changes to this form, you will need to submit a Course Substitution Form to the graduation evaluator via your advisor.

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Major Advisor's printed name/signature

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Date

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Department Chair's printed name/signature

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Date