

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS104-02, Penal Politics and Institutions, FALL 2015

Course and Contact Information

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Classroom:	MQH 324
Prerequisites:	Prerequisites: Upper division standing

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging and Canvas

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on the Canvas learning management system course website. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU/Canvas (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor) to learn of any updates. All course materials are posted in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format; you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view the PDF documents.

E-mail Policy

Feel free to e-mail the instructor at any time (I check often); however, please adhere to the e-mail guidelines below:

1. Please include in the “subject line” the course number, your name, and a specific description of your inquiry or comment (e.g., JS121, Your Name, and subject). The instructor **will not** respond to “**no subject**” e-mails, or any e-mail where the student is not identified in either the subject line or body of the e-mail.
2. Any e-mailed assignments must be sent in one of the following formats as a separate attachment: Microsoft Word (*.doc or *.docx), Microsoft Works (*.wps), or in rich text format (*.rtf). Please **do not** copy and paste any assignments into an e-mail, they will not be accepted. Always retain a copy of any e-mail with an assignment attached as proof of submission

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.

Course Description

Interdisciplinary examination of issues of race, class, gender, ethnicity, economy, and culture as it relates to punishment, the penal process, and social control.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to [CLO1-4]:

CLO1 develop a critical understanding of historical and contemporary changes in U.S. penal policies.

CLO2 analyze punishment as a socially constructed and culturally determined social practice.

CLO3 connect penal policies to broader transformations taking place in the economy, culture, and politics.

CLO4 analyze the impact of penal policies on existing structures of racial, economic, ethnic, and gender inequality in the U.S.

CLO5 explain and analyze the relationship between the agencies which make up the penal system in the United States.

CLO6 Students should read, write, and contribute to discussion at a skilled and capable level.

Required Texts/Readings

Required Textbook (Available at the Spartan Bookstore; ISBN: 978-1452242248)

Mallicoat, S. L., & Gardiner, C. L. (Eds.) (2014). *Criminal justice policy*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

Required Textbook (Available at the Spartan Bookstore; ISBN: 978-1595587695)

Simon, J. (2014). *Mass incarceration on trial: A remarkable court decision and the future of prisons in America*. New York, NY: The New Press.

Other Readings

Additional readings will be assigned throughout the semester and will be posted on canvas; emailed; in class or students will locate materials per instructor's instructions.

Library Liaison

Silke Higgins, silke.higgins@sjsu.edu, (408) 808-2118
<http://libguides.sjsu.edu/justicestudies>

Course Requirements and Assignments

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of forty- five hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

Out-of-Class Written Assignments

General formatting requirements for written assignments include a cover page, page numbering, 1” margins, strict double-spacing, and Times New Roman 12pt. font. All assignments must be written in formal English, with college-level writing mechanics, and APA-style formatting, inclusive of in-text citations and references. Out-of-class written assignments must be submitted to Canvas unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Written assignments uploaded to Canvas must be in one of the following word processing file formats: Microsoft Word (*.doc or *.docx) or Rich Text Format (*.rtf). Late submissions will not be allowed.

Canvas Discussions

Students will be required to post original comments, and replies to other students' comments, in response to topics posted by the instructor in the *Discussions* component of Canvas. Chosen topics will directly relate to readings. A set time frame will be in place for posting of comments and replies, students will only be able to post during said time frames. Full credit (i.e., points) for each posted topic will require at least (2) substantive posts, one original post and one reply to another student's post. See course schedule and check canvas.

Quizzes on Canvas

Students should complete the readings prior to the date by which they appear on the syllabus. Quizzes will be completed online via Canvas and will be available for specific windows of time. Once a student begins a quiz, a limited amount of time will be given to complete it. See the course agenda for more information.

Exams

Students will be required to complete two in-class essay exams covering assigned course readings and class discussions; paper will be provided.

MIT Analysis Paper

Students will be required to write an analysis paper based on the assigned text *Mass Incarceration on Trial* (MIT), see Canvas for details.

Grading Policy and Late Submissions

Written assignments will primarily be graded on content; however, poor writing mechanics and APA formatting will result in a moderate point deduction. Assistance with APA can be found at:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

In order to demonstrate comprehension of the course material, one must be able to write in a clear and effective manner. Always carefully proofread your assignments before submitting them. Late assignment submissions will not be accepted.

Grading Policy

Assignment/Exam	Exam/Due Date	Weight
Participation	All term	5%
Canvas Discussions	See schedule	10%
Quizzes on Canvas	See schedule	10%
MIT Analysis Paper	February 19 th	25%
Exam 1	March 19 th	25%
Exam 2	May 21 st	25%
		100%

A grade of “C” (i.e., at least 73%) is required to pass this course.

Department of Justice Studies Course Grade Determination

Total Points	Grade	Total Points	Grade	Total Points	Grade
98.0 to 100	A plus	80.0 to 82.99	B minus	63 to 67.99	D
93.0 to 97.99	A	78 to 79.99	C plus	00.0 to 62.99	F
90.0 to 92.99	A minus	73.0 to 77.99	C		
88.0 to 89.99	B plus	70 .0 to 72.99	C minus		
83 to 87.99	B	68.00 to 69.99	D plus		

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Overview of Participation – What constitutes participation?

In order to participate, one must be in attendance. Attendance per se; however, is not considered to be participation, and cannot be factored into the course grade. In-class comments based on the identification of discussion topics, presentations which exemplify knowledge of the subject matter and the asking of probing questions are considered to be participation. Beyond the completion of assigned readings, sufficient time must be spent contemplating the material for the purpose of being prepared to participate in class discussions, and to complete in-class assignments and quizzes.

Assignments/Exam

General formatting requirements for written assignments include a cover page, page numbering, 1” margins, double-spacing, and Times New Roman font. All assignments must be written in formal English, with college-level writing mechanics and APA-style formatting, inclusive of in-text citations and references. Each written assignment must electronically submitted on canvas which is linked to www.turnitin.com. Written assignments will be turned in at the start of the class period if instructed. If assignments are submitted via e-mail as an attachment, it must be in one of the following formats: MS Works (*.wps), MS Word (*.doc or *.docx), or Rich Text Format (*.rtf). Copied and pasted assignments, into the body of an e-mail, will not be accepted.

NOTE that [University policy F69-24](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F69-24.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F69-24.pdf> states that “Students should attend all meetings of their classes, not only because they are responsible for material discussed therein, but because active participation is frequently essential to insure maximum benefit for all members of the class. Attendance per se shall not be used as a criterion for grading.”

Generally I do not offer Extra credit options, however, if an opportunity comes up as a good extra credit option (e.g. Ann Lucas Lecture Series), I will provide the instructions and opportunity to all students.

“This course must be passed with a C or better as a CSU graduation requirement.”

For upper division courses (R, S, V) include the following paragraph:

“Students are strongly encouraged to take courses to satisfy GE Areas R, S, and V from departments other than their major department. Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST) or ENGL/LLD 100A with a C or better (C not accepted), and completion of Core General Education are prerequisite to all SJSU Studies courses. Completion of, or co--registration in, 100W is strongly recommended. A minimum aggregate GPA of 2.0 in GE Areas R, S, & V shall be required of all students.” See [University Policy S14-5](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S14-5.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S14-5.pdf>.

Note that “All students have the right, within a reasonable time, to know their academic scores, to review their grade-dependent work, and to be provided with explanations for the determination of their course grades.” See [University Policy F13-1](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-1.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-1.pdf> for more details.

Classroom Protocol

1. Students are expected to: attend all class meetings, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the class period, complete all readings and assignments in accordance with the dates on the course schedule. Frequently showing up late to class and/or leaving early is a disruption, and a violation of the student code of conduct.
2. Students are responsible for all missed notes, materials and announcements due to absence (i.e., do not e-mail the instructor asking about what you missed). You are encouraged to exchange contact information with someone in class just in case.
3. Students are responsible to bring all course materials relevant to the course.
4. Be prepared to participate in discussions and take careful notes. Note: participation does not include simply occupying a seat, nodding, shaking one’s head, or simply repeating what someone else has already contributed. Substantive contributions that foster an atmosphere of open discussion conducive to learning constitutes participation.
5. Students may not record lectures without permission from the instructor.
6. Students caught sleeping during class (which is a distraction for other students) will be woken up, and promptly asked to leave class.
7. There will be no emailing, web-browsing, text messaging or sending of pictures/vdeos on cell phones, netbooks, laptops or other electronic devices during class—please do this on your own time. Students caught doing so will be asked to leave class, and will not be allowed to have their respective electronic devices present during class for the remainder of the semester.

8. Cell phone calls must be taken outside of the classroom, and only under emergency or special circumstances.
9. As a matter of courtesy, please turn off or silence the sound on all electronic devices that may make noise during class.
10. Just use common sense, be courteous and ready to learn. ☺

University Policies

General Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities of the Student

As members of the academic community, students accept both the rights and responsibilities incumbent upon all members of the institution. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with SJSU's policies and practices pertaining to the procedures to follow if and when questions or concerns about a class arises. See [University Policy S90-5](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S90-5.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S90-5.pdf>. More detailed information on a variety of related topics is available in the [SJSU catalog](http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec-12234.12506.html), at <http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec-12234.12506.html>. In general, it is recommended that students begin by seeking clarification or discussing concerns with their instructor. If such conversation is not possible, or if it does not serve to address the issue, it is recommended that the student contact the Department Chair as a next step.

Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester's [Catalog Policies](http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html) section at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic year calendars document on the [Academic Calendars webpage](http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/) at http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/. The [Late Drop Policy](http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/>. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes.

Information about the latest changes and news is available at the [Advising Hub](http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>.

Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material

[University Policy S12-7](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf), <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf>, requires students to obtain instructor's permission to record the course and the following items to be included in the syllabus:

- “Common courtesy and professional behavior dictate that you notify someone when you are recording him/her. You must obtain the instructor's permission to make audio or video recordings in this class. Such permission allows the recordings to be used for your private, study purposes only. The recordings are the intellectual property of the instructor; you have not been given any rights to reproduce or distribute the material.”
 - Students must request permission by email and shall not record until permission is granted.
 - In classes where active participation of students or guests may be on the recording, permission of those students or guests should be obtained as well.
- “Course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and cannot be shared publicly without his/her approval. You may not publicly share or upload instructor generated material for this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, or homework solutions without instructor consent.”

Academic integrity

Your commitment, as a student, to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The [University Academic Integrity Policy S07-2](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf> requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The [Student Conduct and Ethical Development website](http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/>.

Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. [Presidential Directive 97-03](http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf) at http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the [Accessible Education Center](http://www.sjsu.edu/aec) (AEC) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aec> to establish a record of their disability.

Accommodation to Students' Religious Holidays

San José State University shall provide accommodation on any graded class work or activities for students wishing to observe religious holidays when such observances require students to be absent from class. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor, in writing, about such holidays before the add deadline at the start of each semester. If such holidays occur before the add deadline, the student must notify the instructor, in writing, at least three days before the date that he/she will be absent. It is the responsibility of the instructor to make every reasonable effort to honor the student request without penalty, and of the student to make up the work missed. See [University Policy S14-7](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S14-7.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S14-7.pdf>.

Student Technology Resources

Computer labs for student use are available in the [Academic Success Center](http://www.sjsu.edu/at/asc/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/at/asc/> located on the 1st floor of Clark Hall and in the Associated Students Lab on the 2nd floor of the Student Union. Additional computer labs may be available in your department/college. Computers are also available in the Martin Luther King Library. A wide variety of audio-visual equipment is available for student checkout from Media Services located in IRC 112. These items include DV and HD digital camcorders; digital still cameras; video, slide and overhead projectors; DVD, CD, and audiotape players; sound systems, wireless microphones, projection screens and monitors.

SJSU Peer Connections

Peer Connections, a campus-wide resource for mentoring and tutoring, strives to inspire students to develop their potential as independent learners while they learn to successfully navigate through their university experience. You are encouraged to take advantage of their services which include course-content based tutoring, enhanced study and time management skills, more effective critical thinking strategies, decision making and problem-solving abilities, and campus resource referrals.

In addition to offering small group, individual, and drop-in tutoring for a number of undergraduate courses, consultation with mentors is available on a drop-in or by appointment basis. Workshops are offered on a wide variety of topics including preparing for the Writing Skills Test (WST), improving your learning and memory, alleviating procrastination, surviving your first semester at SJSU, and other related topics. A computer lab and study space are also available for student use in Room 600 of Student Services Center (SSC).

Peer Connections is located in three locations: SSC, Room 600 (10th Street Garage on the corner of 10th and San Fernando Street), at the 1st floor entrance of Clark Hall, and in the Living Learning Center (LLC) in Campus Village Housing Building B. Visit [Peer Connections website](http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu) at <http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu> for more information.

SJSU Writing Center

The SJSU Writing Center is located in Clark Hall, Suite 126. All Writing Specialists have gone through a rigorous hiring process, and they are well trained to assist all students at all levels within all disciplines to become better writers. In addition to one-on-one tutoring services, the Writing Center also offers workshops every semester on a variety of writing topics. To make an appointment or to refer to the numerous online resources offered through the Writing Center, visit the [Writing Center website](http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter>. For additional resources and updated information, follow the Writing Center on Twitter and become a fan of the SJSU Writing Center on Facebook. (Note: You need to have a QR Reader to



scan this code.)

SJSU Counseling Services

The SJSU Counseling Services is located on the corner of 7th Street and San Fernando Street, in Room 201, Administration Building. Professional psychologists, social workers, and counselors are available to provide consultations on issues of student mental health, campus climate or psychological and academic issues on an individual, couple, or group basis. To schedule an appointment or learn more information, visit [Counseling Services website](http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling>.

CASA Student Success Center

The Student Success Center in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) provides advising for undergraduate students majoring or wanting to major in programs offered in CASA Departments and Schools.

All CASA students and students who would like to be in CASA are invited to stop by the Center for general education advising, help with changing majors, academic policy related questions, meeting with peer advisors, and/or attending various regularly scheduled presentations and workshops. Looking for academic advice or maybe just some tips about how to navigate your way around SJSU? Check out the CASA Student Success Center! It's also a great place to study, and you can check out laptops.

Location: MacQuarrie Hall (MH) 533 - top floor of MacQuarrie Hall. Contact information: [408.924.2910](tel:408.924.2910).
Website: <http://www.sjsu.edu/casa/ssc/>.

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The following course schedule is subject to change; advance notice of any changes will be provided via e-mail as early as possible.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
1	Thursday 8/20	Agenda/Topics: Course introduction/review of syllabus; discussion about expectations; Academic Integrity Policy and Student Conduct contract Reading for today: Syllabus; Academic Integrity and Student Conduct policies
2	Tuesday 8/25	Agenda/Topics: Mass Incarceration on Trial (MIT) Introduction and Ch. 1 discussion Reading for today: MIT Introduction and Ch. 1 (pp. 1-46) Due today: Signed Academic Integrity and Student Conduct Contract
	Thursday 8/27	Agenda/Topics: MIT Ch. 2 discussion Reading for today: MIT Ch. 2 (pp. 47-71)
3	Tuesday 9/1	Agenda/Topics: MIT Ch. 3 and 4 discussion Reading for today: MIT Ch. 3 and 4 (pp. 73-108)
	Thursday 9/3	Agenda/Topics: MIT Ch. 5 and 6 discussion Reading for today: MIT Ch. 5 and 6 (pp. 109-154)
4	Tuesday 9/8	Agenda/Topics: MIT Ch. 7 discussion Reading for today: MIT Ch. 7 (pp. 155-172)
	Thursday 9/10	Agenda/Topics: Criminal Justice Policy (CJP) Ch. 1 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 1
5	Tuesday 9/15	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 2 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 2 Canvas Discussion #1 (Ch. 2): Open 9/15 (12:00 PM) through 9/16 (11:59 PM)
	Thursday 9/17	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 3 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 3 Canvas Quiz #1 (Ch. 1-3): Open 9/17 (12:00 PM) though 9/18 (11:59 PM) Due today: MIT Analysis Paper (Upload to Canvas by 11:59 PM) - No hard copy

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6	Tuesday 9/22	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 4 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 4
	Thursday 9/24	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 5 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 5
7	Tuesday 9/29	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 6 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 6 Canvas Discussion #2 (Ch. 6): Open 9/29 (12:00 PM) through 9/30 (11:59 PM) NO CLASS-Instructor at Conference Assignments DUE as listed
	Thursday 10/1	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 7 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 7 Canvas Quiz #2 (Ch. 4-7): Open 10/1 (12:00 PM) though 10/2 (11:59 PM) NO Class-Instructor at Conference Assignments DUE as listed
8	Tuesday 10/6	Agenda/Topics: Video (Drugs - Part 1)
	Thursday 10/8	Agenda/Topics: Video (Drugs - Part 2)
9	Tuesday 10/13	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 8 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 8
	Thursday 10/15	Exam 1 (CJP Ch. 1-7)
10	Tuesday 10/20	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 8 discussion
	Thursday 10/22	Reading for today: CJP Ch. 8
11	Tuesday 10/27	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 9 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 9
	Thursday 10/29	Agenda/Topics: Video (White collar)
12	Tuesday 11/3	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 11 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 11

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
	Thursday 11/5	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 12 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 12 Canvas Discussion #3 (Ch. 12): Open 11/5 (12:00 PM) through 11/6 (11:59 PM) Canvas Quiz #3 (Ch. 10-12): Open 11/5 (12:00 PM) though 11/6 (11:59 PM)
13	Tuesday 11/10	Agenda/Topics: Video (Mentally ill offenders)
	Thursday 11/12	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 13 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 13
14	Tuesday 11/17	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 14 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 14
	Thursday 11/19	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 15 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 15
15	Tuesday 11/24	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 16 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 16 Canvas Quiz #4 (Ch. 13, 14, & 16): Open 11/24 (12:00 PM) though 11/25 (5:00 PM)
	Thursday 11/26	THANKSGIVING-NO CLASS
16	Tuesday 12/1	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 17 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 17
	Thursday 12/3	Agenda/Topics: CJP Ch. 18 discussion Reading for today: CJP Ch. 18
17	Tuesday 12/8	Finish up lecture items and Guest speaker
FINAL EXAM (Exam 2) (CJP Ch. 9-18): Thursday, December 10th 7:15 AM - 9:30 AM (Note different time!)		