

San José State University
College of Applied Sciences and Arts/Justice Studies Department
Justice Studies 103, Courts and Society, Fall 2017

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 Margaret.stevenson@sjsu.edu and TA Brittany at nicole143@hotmail.com	
1	8.24	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	
2	8.29	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	8.31	Guest speaker Alexandra Santa Ana, National Center for Youth Law Law and procedure in practice		
3	9.5	Criminal law and procedure		
3	9.7	Criminal law and procedure (cont'd) Prosecutorial discretion – small group exercise		
4	9.12	Civil law and procedure (cont'd)	Civil law module	
4	9.14	Guest speaker: Lisa Newstrom, Bay Area Legal Aid Civil legal aid and impact litigation		
5	9.19	Attorney ethics	Attorney ethics module	
5	9.21	Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction module	Court observation 1

6	9.26	ADR, plea or settlement Civil ADR – small group exercise	ADR module	
6	9.28	Trial	Trial module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit)	
7	10.3	Trial	Review “Overview of the Legal System” powerpoint from first week	
7	10.5	Appeals: <i>Anderson</i> tattoo case and the use of precedent	Appeals module	
8	10.10	Appeals		
8	10.12	Review / prep for quiz		Court observation 2
9	10.17	Quiz 1		
9	10.19	Sentencing	Sentencing module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit)	
10	10.24	Sentencing Small group exercise		
10	10.26	Guest speaker: Judge Paul Colin		
11	10.31	Judges	Judges and Judging module (note: there is significant reading this week)	
11	11.2	Judges		
12	11.7	US Supreme Court	US Supreme Court module	
12	11.9	Guest speaker: law school professor (invited) How USSC promotes new rights: advocacy and the Constitution		Court observation 3
13	11.14	Quiz 2 prep		

13	11.16	Quiz 2		
14	11.21	Courts & Constitutional rights	Courts and Constitutional Rights module	
14	11.23	Thanksgiving break – no class		
15	11.28	Courts & Constitutional rights		
15	11.30	Balance of power	Review Jurisdiction module (week 4) Balance of Power module	News report
16	12.5	Guest speaker: Tanya Broder, National Immigration Law Center Balance of power		
16	12.7	Course review - final exam prep		
	Wed 12.13 9:45 – 12:00 AM	FINAL EXAM		