

San José State University
College of Applied Sciences and Arts/Justice Studies Department
Justice Studies 103, Courts and Society, Spring 2018

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

Cls #	Date	Topic	Reading assignment / Website	Written assignments 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	1.25	Introductions Description of course Overview of the legal system	Description of Course module (skim for reference except read Syllabus carefully) Overview of the Legal System module Skim Constitution	
2	1.30	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	2.1	Criminal law and procedure		
3	2.6	Prosecutorial discretion – small group exercise Civil law and procedure	Civil law module	
3	2.8	Guest speaker (invited) Impact work in civil and criminal fields		
4	2.13	Civil law and procedure (cont'd)		
4	2.15	Attorney ethics	Attorney ethics module	
5	2.20	Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction module	
5	2.22	ADR, plea or settlement Civil ADR – small group exercise	ADR module	Court observation 1

6	2.27	Trial	Trial module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit)	
6	3.1	Trial		
7	3.6	Trial Review / prep for quiz	Review "Overview of the Legal System" powerpoint from first week	
7	3.8	Quiz 1		
*	Mon 3.12 Noon – 1:15 PM	"Why Expungement Matters" Expungement and redemption: RCP former clients	MH 526	
8	3.13	Guest speaker: Judge Paul Colin (invited)		
8	3.15	Guest speaker: "The Criminalization of Poverty" Prof. John Halushka, advocate from DeBug (invited)		Court observation 2
9	3.21	Sentencing	Sentencing module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit)	
9	3.23	Sentencing Small group exercise		
	3.27 & 3.29	SPRING BREAK – no class		
10	4.3	Judges	Judges and Judging module (note: there is significant reading this week)	
10	4.5	Judges		
11	4.10	Appeals: Anderson tattoo case and the use of precedent	Appeals module	
11	4.12	Appeals		Court observation 3

12	4.17	US Supreme Court	US Supreme Court module	
12	4.19	Guest speaker: law school professor (invited) How USSC promotes new rights: advocacy and the Constitution		
13	4.24	Quiz 2 prep		
13	4.26	Quiz 2		
14	5.1	Courts & Constitutional rights	Courts and Constitutional Rights module	
14	5.3	Courts & Constitutional rights		News report
15	5.8	Guest speaker: Tanya Broder (invited), National Immigration Law Center Balance of power	Review Jurisdiction module (week 4) Balance of Power module	
15	5.10	Balance of power Course review - final exam prep		
	Thurs 5.17 9:45 – 12:00	FINAL EXAM		