# San José State University College of Health and Human Sciences /Justice Studies Department Justice Studies 103, Courts and Society, Spring 2019

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

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| **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](mailto:Margaret.stevenson@sjsu.edu) | |
| 1 | 1.24 | 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 | 1.29 | 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 | 1.31 | Criminal law and procedure |  |  |
| 3 | 2.5 | Criminal law and procedure (cont’d)  Prosecutorial discretion – small group exercise |  |  |
| 3 | 2.7 | Civil legal aid and impact litigation | Civil law module |  |
| 4 | 2.12 | Civil law and procedure (cont’d) |  |  |
| 4 | 2.14 | Attorney ethics | Attorney ethics module |  |
| 5 | 2.19 | Jurisdiction | Jurisdiction module |  |
| 5 | 2.21 | ADR, plea or settlement  Civil ADR – small group exercise | ADR module | Court observation 1 |
| 6 | 2.26 | Trial | Trial module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit) |  |
| 6 | 2.28 | Trial | Review “Overview of the Legal System” powerpoint from first week |  |
| 7 | 3.5 | Trial |  |  |
| 7 | 3.7 | Review / prep for quiz |  |  |
| 8 | 3.12 | **Quiz 1** |  |  |
| 8 | 3.14 | Sentencing | Sentencing module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit) | Court observation 2 |
| 9 | 3.19 | Sentencing  Small group exercise |  |  |
| 9 | 3.21 | Sentencing  Judges |  |  |
| 10 | 3.26 | Judges | Judges and Judging module (note: there is significant reading this week) |  |
| 10 | 3.28 | Judges |  |  |
|  | 4.2 & 4.4 | **Spring Break** |  |  |
| 11 | 4.9 | Appeals: *Anderson* tattoo case and the use of precedent | Appeals module |  |
| 11 | 4.11 | Appeals |  |  |
| 12 | 4.16 | US Supreme Court | US Supreme Court module | Court observation 3 |
| 12 | 4.18 | How USSC promotes new rights: advocacy and the Constitution |  |  |
| 13 | 4.23 | Quiz 2 prep |  |  |
| 13 | 4.25 | **Quiz 2** |  |  |
| 14 | 4.30 | Courts & Constitutional rights | Courts and Constitutional Rights module |  |
| 14 | 5.2 | Courts & Constitutional rights |  |  |
| 15 | 5.7 | Balance of power | Review Jurisdiction module (week 4)  Balance of Power module | News report |
| 15 | 5.9 | Balance of power  Course review - final exam prep |  |  |
|  | Fri  5.20  9:45 – 12:00 PM | **FINAL EXAM** |  |  |
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