

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.

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	
1	1.23	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	1.28	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	1.30	Criminal law and procedure		
3	2.4	Criminal law and procedure (cont'd) Prosecutorial discretion – small group exercise		
3	2.6	Civil legal aid and impact litigation	Civil law module	
4	2.11	Civil law and procedure (cont'd)		
4	2.13	Attorney ethics	Attorney ethics module	
5	2.18	Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction module	
5	2.20	ADR, plea or settlement Civil ADR – small group exercise	ADR module	Court observation 1
6	2.25	Trial	Trial module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit)	

6	2.27	Trial	Review "Overview of the Legal System" powerpoint from first week	
7	3.3	Trial		
7	3.5	Review / prep for quiz		
8	3.10	Quiz 1		
8	3.12	Sentencing	Sentencing module (note: there is a lot of reading for this unit)	Court observation 2
9	3.17	Sentencing Small group exercise		
9	3.19	Sentencing Judges		
10	3.24	Judges: Guest speaker invited	Judges and Judging module (note: there is significant reading this week)	
10	3.26	Judges		
	3.31 & 4.2	Spring Break		
11	4.7	Appeals: <i>Anderson</i> tattoo case and the use of precedent	Appeals module	
11	4.9	Appeals		
12	4.14	US Supreme Court	US Supreme Court module	Court observation 3
12	4.16	How USSC promotes new rights: advocacy and the Constitution		
13	4.21	Quiz 2 prep		

13	4.23	Quiz 2		
14	4.28	Courts & Constitutional rights	Courts and Constitutional Rights module	
14	4.30	Courts & Constitutional rights		
15	5.5	Balance of power	Review Jurisdiction module (week 4) Balance of Power module	News report
15	5.7	Balance of power Course review - final exam prep		
	Wed 5.13 9:45 – 12:00 PM	FINAL EXAM		