

San José State University
College of Health and Human Sciences/ Department of Justice Studies
Gender, Sex, and Justice, JS 288-02, Spring, 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Prerequisites:	Graduate standing or instructor consent

Course Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com> . You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU at <http://my.sjsu.edu> (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor)to learn of any updates.

Course Description

JS 288 surveys the relationship between gender, sexuality and social and criminal justice. Students explore the nature and extent of sexual offenses against adults and children. A critical examination of recent public policies aimed at managing sexual aggression is included.

Students in JS 288 examine legal cases, empirical research, and advocacy materials to explore how socially constructed norms shape the legal regulation of gender, sexuality, and sexual behavior, and how various elements of gender, sex, and sexuality have been criminalized, policed, and governed. We will critically examine how different populations engage the criminal justice system as offenders, victims and survivors of sexual violence, law enforcement, and treatment professionals.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO 1: Demonstrate an understanding of how sex, gender, and sexuality intersects with and is treated by various institutions of social and criminal justice.

CLO 2: Demonstrate an empirical understanding of the nature and extent of sexual offenses against adults and children.

CLO 3: Demonstrate an understanding of various pieces of sex or sexuality related legislation and public policies surrounding sexual offending.

CLO 4: Think critically about these issues and produce detailed, scholarly, and objective assessments that demonstrate their ability to conduct independent research and justify their perspective.

CLO 5: Demonstrate their knowledge and familiarity with the material during class by contributing meaningfully and respectfully to class discussions.

CLO 6: Students should read, write, and contribute to discussion at a skilled and capable level.

Required Texts/Readings

All readings will be posted on Canvas.

Technology Requirements

Students will need access to the Internet to complete readings and activities online, and to submit assignments and exams on the course website on Canvas. Students may use electronic devices in class to access readings, but must stay on task; students using computers and electronic devices during class will be “on call” to respond to questions.

Library Liaison

For help with library resources and library research (including the use of databases and online research materials—such as journal search engines), students are strongly encouraged to contact the Justice Studies Library Liaison Silke Higgins, MLIS, Academic Liaison Librarian

4th Floor, King Library / Phone: 408-808-2118 / Email: silke.higgins@sjsu.edu

Course Requirements and Assignments

A student’s final grade is based on completion of several assignments and activities, including written assignments, in-class discussion and presentation, and online activities. Evaluation shall consist of Reading Response papers (30%), a Law in Action Research Paper Project (30%), a research presentation (10%), leading the class through course readings (10%), and participation in class and online activities (20%).

Missed assignments may only be made-up with proper documentation of illness, incapacity and/or prior and valid notification and reason for absence.

Grading Policy

Writing assignments will be graded on a 100-point scale and evaluated on content, clarity, and thoroughness. See Canvas for a detailed rubric and writing resources. Students must submit all assignments online at the Canvas website. Grades are determined based on, written assignments, research project, and participation. Students should read and follow instructions carefully, and review/edit assignments. Late work will not be accepted unless the student has made prior arrangements with the professor, or in cases of documented emergency.

Each assignment/exam shall consist of 100 points and weighted as follows:

Reading Response papers (30%)

Research Paper (30%)

Research Presentation (10%)

Lead the class (10%)

Participation (20%)

Reading Response papers (30% of final grade)

Reading Response papers will be due throughout the semester as indicated on the course calendar. These should be at least 2 pages long (no more than 4 pages), double spaced, 12 point times new roman font, and should respond to a prompt given for that specific response paper. Response papers will be pass/fail, and are meant to encourage the student to complete and grapple the assigned reading. Papers should include at least two quotes from the assigned reading. No references page is necessary, but be clear about which assigned reading you are referring to.

Law in Action Research Paper Project (30% of final grade)

Students are required to write an original 25 page research paper that addresses an issue of your choosing (in consultation with the professor) related to gender, sex, and justice. Papers will be evaluated based on the quality and organization of their writing, as well as evidence of substantial effort to edit and respond to feedback. Review the writing guidelines and rubric available on Canvas. This assignment observes that writing is a process; to complete the research paper, students will submit the following: (1) Abstract and Paper Proposal (2) An outline of your paper, along with a reference list of at least three empirical, peer reviewed journal articles that you intend to use in your paper (3) A peer review will be conducted on a rough draft of your paper (4) A review by your professor, (5) The final paper, incorporating responses to the peer review and feedback. The paper will be due on Canvas by 11:59p.m. on the last day of instruction, May 11, 2020.

Research Presentation (10% of final grade)

Students are required to give a 10-15 minute presentation of their research project. We will talk about this in more detail throughout the semester.

Lead the Class (10% of final grade)

In the beginning of the semester, students will select a class where they will get our conversation started. On this day, students are expected to have carefully read and digested the assigned course readings, and should be prepared to get our class conversation started with a thoughtful summary and critique of the assigned work, and several discussion questions for the class.

Participation (20% of final grade)

Critical reading, thinking, and writing involve a number of practical skills. These skills must be practiced to be developed and maintained. Students are expected to keep up with class reading, and to attend all class meetings well prepared to contribute to the classroom exchange of ideas and information. Active participation (both in class and online) is essential in order to succeed.

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities, including lectures, films, workshops, and on- and off-campus opportunities will be announced throughout the semester in class and via email. Check our course Canvas website for updates. To receive extra participation credit, students must write a 1-2 page reflection paper relating the event / activity to course themes. Upload extra credit submissions to Canvas before the last day of instruction.

Grading Information

This course will be using the +/- system on final grades based on the following percentages:

98-100: A+	77-79: C+
94-97: A	74-76: C
90-93: A-	70-73: C-
87-89: B+	67-69: D+
84-86: B	64-66: D
80-83: B-	60-63: D-

SJSU Workload Expectations

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>.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Students should review SJSU's Academic Integrity policy:

www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/docs/Academic_Integrity_Policy_S07-2.pdf

Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University and the University's integrity policy, require 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 University will not tolerate instances of academic dishonesty. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. Students must complete all assignments unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include in your assignment any material you have previously submitted for credit, or plan to submit for another class, please note that the SJSU Academic Policy F06-1 requires approval of instructors.

Classroom Protocol

1. This course depends on participation, discussion, and interaction. Students are expected to be on time to class out of respect for your colleagues and instructor. Prepare for class to ensure you can contribute to discussion and debate.
2. Please turn off/mute all cell phones and other devices. Computers and electronic devices may only be used for note taking and accessing electronic readings. Students using electronic devices will be "on call" to answer questions and look up pertinent research questions online.
3. All classroom participants are expected to foster an environment that encourages participation, rather than silencing others (be respectful to one another, do not insult or intimidate others, evaluate alternative views with an open mind). We will discuss ground rules and develop classroom standards of conduct at the beginning of the semester.
4. Students are expected to complete all readings and assignments by the dates indicated on the syllabus. Be sure to check the course Canvas website regularly for updates.
5. Students are responsible for any and all notes and materials missed in their absence.
6. Readings about sexuality and justice can be challenging intellectually, personally, and emotionally. All students are encouraged to engage in self-care. This means that if particular topics or course materials raise emotional or other personal issues, you can simply choose not to speak or to leave the room without being questioned or penalized. Should you have any questions or concerns, free to contact the professor in person or anonymously (e.g., a note slipped under Dr. Howard's office door of 513 MacQuarrie Hall).

If you or a friend is in need of emotional support, please visit SJSU's Counseling and Psychological

Services (CAPS) www.sjsu.edu/counseling service. Phone: (408) 924-5910. Location: Student Wellness Center, Room 300.

Additional confidential services include:

Next Door: (408) 279-2962, www.nextdoor.org, 234 E. Gish Road, Suite 200, San José CA 95112;
YWCA Silicon Valley: 24 Hour Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Support Hotline, (408) 295-4011, www.ywca-sv.org, 375 S. Third Street, San José, CA 95112.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](#) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>"

Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material

[University Policy S12-7](#), <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 written/emailed 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."

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."

Department's 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.

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](#) 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.

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/>.

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>.

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>.

The Course Schedule is subject to change with fair notice; check Canvas regularly for updates to reading assignments, and extra credit opportunities.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	1/23	<p>Introductions:</p> <p>Course overview, class contract; introduction to the study of law, gender, sex, and sexuality and the justice system.</p>
2	1/30	<p>Sexuality Research: Historical perspectives</p> <p>Watch: History of Sex in the 20th Century: Watch “The History of Sex: The 20th Century,” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFGg7XAI6XE</p> <p>Read Ch. 1, 3, 4 in Intro to Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies</p> <p>Look at the Genderbread Person</p> <p>Watch the film <i>Kinsey</i> (2004)</p> <p>Listen to Radiolab Presents: Gonads: X&Y</p> <p>Listen to Radiolab Presents: Gonads: Dutee</p> <p>Listen to Radiolab Presents: Gonads: Dana</p> <p>Identify your top three choices for leading the class—we will sign up for spots today.</p>
3	2/6	<p>Criminal Regulation of Sex Acts: The Limits of Morality and Consent</p> <p>Queer Injustice, Ch. 1</p> <p>The Era of Sodomy Law</p> <p>100 years of Trans History</p> <p>Gaylaw, Ch. 1</p>
4	2/13	<p>Rape and Related Offenses</p> <p>Listen to: Sexing History podcat, Against Our Will</p> <p>Read: Violence Against Queer People Ch. 4</p> <p>Conquest, Andrea Smith, Ch. 1</p> <p>Up Against a Wall, Corrigan, Ch. 4</p> <p>*Reading Response Due. Prompt: What is the leaky pipeline and why is it a problem? What can be done to repair the leaks?</p> <p>Optional Campus Event: “The Vagina Monologues” 6:30pm. Tickets @ http://www.sjsu.edu/genec/events/vday/index.html</p>
5	2/20	<p>Confronting Sexual Violence and Harassment</p> <p>Sexual Harassment, Gender and Law, Theory Doctrine, Commentary</p> <p>What Not To Wear, Gender and Law Stories</p> <p>Watch: Anita, Speaking Truth to Power</p> <p>Listen to: Modern Love, My Body Doesn’t Belong to You</p>

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6	2/27	<p>Prostitution, Sex Work, and the Commercial Sex Trade: Historical Approaches</p> <p>Goldman, The Traffic in Women Lucas, Race, Class, Gender, and Deviancy Outshorn, Political Debates on Prostitution and Trafficking of Women Listen to: The Appeal, The Misplaced Sanctimony of Criminalizing Sex Work Listen to: Criminal, Cecilia</p>
7	3/5	<p>Sex Workers' Rights, Harm Reduction Policies</p> <p>Watch: Live Nude Girls Unite (on Kanopy) Read: Comte, Decriminalization of Sex Work Lyons et al, The Role of Sex Work Laws and Stigmas in Increasing HIV Risks Among Sex Workers Jakobsson and levy, Sweden's Abolitionist Discourse and Law</p>
8	3/12	<p>Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking</p> <p>Read: Kotrla, Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in the US Marcus et al, Conflict and Agency Among Sex Workers and Pimps Kinney, Victims, Villains, and Valiant Rescuers</p>
9	3/19	<p>Sex Offenders and Sex Offender Policies</p> <p>Read: Scully and Joseph Marolla, "Riding the Bull at Gilley's" Corrigan, Making Meaning of Megan's Law Meloy et al, Making Sense out of Nonsense</p>
10	3/26	<p>Sexual Privacy and LGBTQ Rights in the Courts</p> <p>Listen to: More Perfect, The Imperfect Plaintiffs</p> <p>Read: Lawrence v. Texas Obergefelle v. Hodges Masterpiece Cakeshop Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission</p>
11	4/2	No Class: Spring Break!
12	4/9	<p>Reproductive Justice—Pre-pregnancy</p> <p>Read: Griswold v. Connecticut Eisenstadt v. Baird Roe v. Wade</p>
13	4/16	<p>Reproductive Justice—Post-pregnancy</p> <p>Read: Planned Parenthood v. Casey The Limits of Pure White</p>
14	4/23	<p>Criminalization of HIV TBD</p>
15	4/30	Student Choice
16	5/7	Student Presentations
	5/11	Final Paper Due on Canvas by 11:59pm.