



SOCI 2120 Introduction to Criminal Justice System Section Name Section Credit Hours
Credits
Syllabus

Course Information

Meeting times and location: section meeting_times section location

Catalog description: This course provides an introduction to social issues that are currently affecting the criminal justice system in the United States. The course will cover the history of the US criminal justice system and how our system compares with other countries. We will address how the U.S. criminal justice system attempts to create and preserve a balance between sustaining order, maintaining individual rights, and promoting justice. Important themes also include, but are not limited to: discussions of how crime and delinquency are measured, key correlates of crime, sociological approaches to researching crime, sociological theories of crime, the quality of crime data in the U.S. and how it is used to make public policy decisions, and the causes and consequences of mass incarceration in the United States.

Prerequisites: SOCI-1110

Terms offered: Fall Only

Section-specific Course Description:

Course Level Objectives

1. Identify and define the major components of the criminal justice system and critically evaluate each component. 2. Demonstrate increased awareness and understanding of the criminal justice system at the local, state and national level. 3. Understand the failures within the criminal justice system by analyzing the history of the system within the United States. 4. Understand the interrelationships of the major components of the criminal justice system and the dependence of each upon the others. 5. Recognize the inadequacies of the present criminal justice system.

Required Texts and/or Materials

Essentials of Criminal Justice

9781337670821

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Cengage Learning

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MindTap LMS is required

Required Technology and Software

- Canvas
- Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

Course Requirements

The master syllabus is for informational purposes only and individual course syllabi may differ. Faculty reserve the right to make changes to their individual syllabi on an as-needed basis.

Students will do the following activities:

- Participate in all class activities/discussions
- Apply learning in weekly MindTap activities and quizzes.
- Formulate a midterm project utilizing sociological perspectives on crime.
- Observe a criminal justice agency and create a service-learning project relating professional observations to criminal justice concepts.
- Research a criminal justice issue and illustrate the issue in a final project.

Other Classroom Policies and Expectations

The master syllabus is for informational purposes only and individual course syllabi may differ. Faculty reserve the right to make changes to their individual syllabi on an as-needed basis.

Assignments in Canvas and MindTap will be completed and submitted on or before the due date/time.

College-level grammar and writing style is required.

Sensitive issues inevitably arise in classes such as this one. All participants will maintain an attitude of respect for one another in written and verbal discourse

Grading

The master syllabus is for informational purposes only and individual course syllabi may differ. Faculty reserve the right to make changes to their individual syllabi on an as-needed basis.

Final grades are calculated based on the following...

Attendance 15%

MindTap 20%

Discussions 25%

Projects 40%

Course Time Commitment

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Students should expect to spend approximately 3-6 hours weekly outside of class meetings on work for this 3-credit course.

Canvas Participation and Expectations

The master syllabus is for informational purposes only and individual course syllabi may differ. Faculty reserve the right to make changes to their individual syllabi on an as-needed basis.

Students will log into Canvas several times weekly meetings to locate then complete all assignments listed.

Students will view the announcements tab several times weekly to remain aware of information posted by the instructor.

Access to a computer and internet is essential to this course as all assignments must be typed and submitted online unless otherwise stated.

Participation and Attendance Policy

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Attendance will be taken in face-face classes.

Participate in all small and large group class activities.

Instructor Response Times & Regular Interaction Expectations

The master syllabus is for informational purposes only and individual course syllabi may differ. Faculty reserve the right to make changes to their individual syllabi on an as-needed basis.

Instructors will make every effort to respond to phone calls, text messages, and/or emails within 24 hours of receipt. Instructors will further make every effort to return graded work and enter grades into the Canvas grade book within 1 week of receipt.

Key Dates to Remember

[Full Academic Calendar](#)

Course Schedule

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All assignments will be listed in weekly modules in Canvas.

Technical Support

Technical support is available through the San Juan College Help Desk 24/7/365. The help desk can be reached at 505-566-3266 or by creating a ticket at [San Juan College Help Desk](#).

For password reset and Canvas support, visit the [Student Technology Guide](#) website.

Accessibility/Privacy Policies for all Technology Tools Used

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Student Support

At San Juan College, we are committed to supporting your academic success and overall well-being. We recognize that college life can be challenging and stressful, impacting both learning and personal health. We are here to help you succeed.

Academic Support and Resources

We provide a range of academic support services to help you stay on track on your educational journey. Free resources include tutoring, computer loans, life skills workshops, and so much more. Visit the [Academic Support and Resources](#) webpage to learn more about support and resources available through Academic Advising, the Tutoring Center, the Student Resource Center (formerly Student Achievement Center) and the Testing Center.

Student Support and Resources

If you or someone you know could benefit from counseling, accessibility services, career exploration, veteran transitional assistance, or any of our other support services, visit the [Student Support and Resources](#) webpage where you'll find detailed information about various resources available to you as an SJC student.

We encourage you to take advantage of these free resources to enhance your college experience and ensure your success.

College Policies and Resources for Current Students

The [Student Handbook](#) provides information on student support, student organizations, and student conduct policies at San Juan College.

The San Juan College catalog outlines the [Academic Policies](#) students need to know.

Healthy and Safe Practices for Being on Campus

We want a healthy and safe campus for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Contagious diseases and your responsibility:

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, fever, flu or even the common cold, you should stay home. Do not come to campus if you are feeling sick. Contact your instructor about missing class (and review your instructor's policies on missed or late work). Being sick does not necessarily excuse you from completing your work on time.

Safety on campus and your responsibility:

If you are on campus and experience or witness an emergency, call 9-1-1 first and then the Department of Public Safety at 505-566-3333 (or just 3333 if calling from a campus phone).

When you are on campus, be aware of your surroundings. If you need an escort to your vehicle, call 505-566-4444 (DPS non-emergency line) or 505-215-3091 (officer on duty line).

The College will send information for campus emergencies through SJC AlertAware, email and the webpage. Stay informed and stay safe.

Inclement Weather Information

Students will receive notification of class delays and cancellations due to inclement weather via the SJC AlertAware and SJC student email. Face-to-face classes will not meet in person; however, students are advised to check with instructors about alternative meeting options, as some may choose to meet via zoom. Hybrid classes will meet as scheduled via zoom. For questions regarding your class delay or cancelation, please contact your instructor.

Online Course Fee

Online Courses - San Juan College requires all online courses to include some form of assessment to demonstrate the mastery of course objectives. This could include exams, capstone projects, e-portfolios, presentations, final papers or other appropriate assessments. The use of a proctoring

platform, plagiarism detection software or other method to ensure that assessments are completed by the enrolled student is required.

A course fee of \$5.00 is assessed for all online courses at San Juan College to cover the cost of the above services. Students who are required to take a proctored exam and choose to use a physical testing center outside the SJC Testing Center or SJC Disability Services will be responsible for the cost of using that center.