

**AJ 53 Course Outline as of Summer 2020****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: AJ 53

Title: JUVENILE PROCEDURES

Full Title: Juvenile Procedures

Last Reviewed: 4/26/2021

| Units   |      | Course Hours per Week |      | Nbr of Weeks | Course Hours Total |       |
|---------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| Maximum | 3.00 | Lecture Scheduled     | 3.00 | 17.5         | Lecture Scheduled  | 52.50 |
| Minimum | 3.00 | Lab Scheduled         | 0    | 6            | Lab Scheduled      | 0     |
|         |      | Contact DHR           | 0    |              | Contact DHR        | 0     |
|         |      | Contact Total         | 3.00 |              | Contact Total      | 52.50 |
|         |      | Non-contact DHR       | 0    |              | Non-contact DHR    | 0     |

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

This course is an examination of the origin, development, and organization of the juvenile justice system. The course explores the theories, procedures, and laws surrounding delinquency and dependency.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;  
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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

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| <b>AS Degree:</b> | <b>Area</b>          | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>CSU GE:</b>    | <b>Transfer Area</b> | Effective: | Inactive: |

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| <b>IGETC:</b> | <b>Transfer Area</b> | Effective: | Inactive: |
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| <b>CSU Transfer:</b> | Transferable | Effective: | Fall 1981 | Inactive: |
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| <b>UC Transfer:</b> | Effective: | Inactive: |
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**CID:**  
CID Descriptor: AJ 220      Juvenile Procedures  
SRJC Equivalent Course(s):      AJ53

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**  
Both Certificate and Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe the history of the juvenile justice system within the criminal justice system.
2. Compare the differences between delinquency, status offenses, and dependency.
3. Explain the theoretical causes and correlates of delinquency when applied to the juvenile justice system.
4. Describe the application of the adolescent development model to policing, courts, and corrections within the juvenile justice system.
5. Explain how the role of juvenile victimization increases the at-risk factors for involvement in the juvenile justice system.

### **Objectives:**

1. Describe the history of the juvenile justice system.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the procedures in the juvenile justice system from initial contact to the correctional subsystem.
3. Identify the laws and procedures pertaining to status offenses.
4. Identify the laws and procedures pertaining to delinquency.
5. Identify the laws and procedures pertaining to dependency.
6. Compare and contrast various types of correctional institutions and programs in the juvenile justice system.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the waiver of a juvenile from the juvenile justice system to the adult criminal justice system.
8. Describe psychological, social, and familial forces in a juvenile's life.
9. Identify the juvenile transfer to adult court procedures.
10. Identify detention practices associated with juvenile being declared ward of the court.
11. Discuss the developmental issues encompassing juvenile Miranda admonishments.
12. Discuss the importance of the police role when acting as gatekeepers into the juvenile justice system.

13. Identify promising intervention and prevention juvenile delinquency programs.

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## **Topics and Scope:**

### **I. History of the Juvenile Justice System**

- A. Early and Modern History
- B. California

### **II. Juvenile Crime**

- A. Measuring Juvenile Crime
- B. Patterns and Trends
- C. California Juvenile Crime

### **III. Juvenile Laws**

- A. Status Offense
- B. Delinquency
- C. Dependency
- D. California

### **IV. Theories of Delinquency**

- A. Biological
- B. Psychological
- C. Sociological
- D. Developmental

### **V. The Police Role and Juveniles**

- A. Police Training of Juveniles
- B. Police Competency and Juveniles
- C. Schools and Police
- D. Police and Gangs
- E. Intake Process
- F. Disproportionate Minority Confinement

### **VI. Juvenile Court**

- A. Juvenile Court Personnel
- B. Detention
- C. Pretrial Stage
- D. Transfer to Adult Court
- E. Adjudication
- F. Dispositions

### **VII. Community Corrections**

- A. Investigation
- B. Supervision
- C. Placement
- D. Intervention and Prevention
- E. Families

### **VIII. Juvenile Correctional Institutions**

- A. Detention Facilities
- B. Group Homes
- C. State Facilities

### **IX. Juvenile Parole**

- A. California

### **X. Dependency**

- A. Neglect and Maltreatment
- B. Child Abuse

- C. Investigations
- XI. Specialized Juvenile Courts
  - A. Family Court
  - B. Mental Health Court
  - C. Crossover Court Systems
  - D. Drug Courts
  - E. Teen Courts
- XII. Juvenile Justice Processing of Specialized Youth Populations
  - A. Girls
  - B. Violent Juvenile Offenders
  - C. Juvenile Sex Offenders
  - D. Juveniles with Disabilities
  - E. Gay, Lesbian, Transgendered Youth
  - F. Child Victims

**Assignment:**

1. One essay evaluating a procedure, component, or contemporary issue in the juvenile justice system
2. One research project
3. Small group discussion and activities
4. Weekly chapter assignments
5. Oral presentations
6. Quizzes, chapter exams, mid-term and one final exam

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Essays, in-class written activities, research project

Writing  
30 - 50%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving  
0 - 0%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations  
0 - 0%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, true-false, matching, completion, essay questions

Exams  
40 - 60%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

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| Oral presentations including research project |
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| Other Category<br>5 - 10% |
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**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Instructor-prepared materials

The Juvenile Justice System: Delinquency, Processing, and the Law. 8th ed. Merlo, Alido and Benekos, Peter and Champion, Dean. Pearson Education. 2015

Juvenile Procedures in California. 6th ed. Peoples, Edward. Meadow Crest Publishing. 2012

Classic Literature:

Juvenile Delinquency. 8th ed. Clemens, Bartollas and Schmalleger, Frank. Pearson Education. 2010

Delinquency in Society. 8th ed. Regoli, Robert and Hewitt, John and Delisi, Matt. Jones and Bartlett. 2009

Juvenile Justice: The System: Process and Law. Del Carmen, Rolando and Trulson, Chad. Wadsworth Publishing. 2005

Juvenile Justice System: Law and Process, Sanborn, Joseph and Salerno, Anthony and Bishop, Donna. Oxford University Press. 2004