

**San José State University
School/Department**

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Required Texts/Readings (Required)

Textbook

Writing for Success, free online resource, linked through Canvas Course page.

Deirdre N. McCloskey, *Economical Writing* (2nd or 3rd edition). Articles and handouts posted on Canvas

Other Readings

Research Methodology in Applied Economics, Don Ethridge
I occasionally distribute readings on current events during the semester.

Library Liaison

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Course Requirements and Assignments

The California State University (CSU) junior-level writing requirement is known as the "Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement" (GWAR). At SJSU, the GWAR is satisfied by (1) passing the Writing Skills Test (WST) or passing with a "C or better" the designated 100A course or by completing the WST Directed Self Placement exercise; ____ (2) passing with a "C or better" (C- not accepted) the designated 100W course.

Written Communications II (100W) -

to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.” (The [University Policy S16-9](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf), *Course Syllabi* (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>))

Final Examination or Evaluation

Upon completion of this course students will complete an individual research paper on an Economic Topic. You can either choose from a list of Economic Topics or choose your own. The paper can either be a theoretical exploration or a statistical presentation of the topic

- Student presentations and class peer reviews. We will spend the last four class sessions on student presentations. **Attendance is required for these presentations.** Every student not presenting has to submit an in-class peer review for each presentation. I will handout rubrics for you to use.

NOTE: The modules *Paper Proposal*, *Review of the Literature*, and *Rough Draft* (all in the second half of the course) also incorporate both in-class and individual assignments.

Please plan for these due dates early. I do not accept any late work. If you do not submit these on time you can earn a zero for this component of the course.

Assignments and Grading Policy

Grading Information

“Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST) or ENGL/LLD 100A with a C or better (C not accepted), and completion of Core General Education are prerequisite to all SJSU Studies courses. Completion of, or co registration in, 100W is strongly recommended. A minimum aggregate GPA of 2.0 in GE Areas R, S, & V shall be required of all students.”

Grading

This course must be passed with a C or better as an SJSU graduation requirement. These weights are fixed - improvement in other categories will not raise your grades elsewhere. Late work will not be accepted. **I do not offer individual extra credit, or extensions on due dates unless you have valid documented reasons.** The final grade in the course will be based on the following weights:

Your numerical grade will be based on the following categories and weights:

Quizzes: Syllabus, Plagiarism	5%
In-Class Activities	5%
Journals	5%
Wednesday Work	5%
Short Papers and Peer Reviews	10%
Midterm	15%
Paper Proposal Module	10%
Review of Literature Module	10%
Final Paper-Draft Module	10%
Final Paper	15%
Final Paper Presentation	10%

I do *not* use a grading curve. Your final numerical grade will be the weighted average of your scores in the above categories, and your corresponding letter grade will be assigned as follows:

Classroom Protocol

1. Be on time. If you must come to class late or leave early, please do so with as little disruption as possible. Leaving class before class is dismissed is **not** acceptable, unless there is an **emergency**. Under those circumstances, please make every effort to leave quietly so that the rest of the class is not disturbed.
2. No beeping please. Turn off cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices. Laptop computers and audio recorders are okay. Headphones are not. **Please do not** browse the web, TM, IM, or otherwise communicate to the outside world during class. *Your use of a laptop in class gives me permission to randomly call on you to answer a question from your seat or in front of the class.*
3. No food consumption during class; drinks are ok

Attendance Policy

University Attendance per se shall not be used as a criterion for grading according to Academic Policy F-69-24.

- [University Attendance and Participation Policy F15-12](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F15-12.pdf)
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However, missing class can reduce your grades through preparation for the homework, quizzes, in-class participation activities, and exams. If you miss class, please refer to my website or find out from a felloep/P #MCID 68 Boat3 (e1)0 ET7 (f)5.6

assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include in your assignment any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU's Academic Policy F06-1 requires approval of instructors.

Course Number / Title, Semester, Course Schedule

(actual schedule may be subject to revision)

Week	Day	Date	Topic	
	Thurs	26-Jan	Go through syllabus	
1	Tues	31-Jan	Ch 1 (and ch 8)	Becoming a successful writer
	Thurs	2-Feb	Ch 2: Sentences	subjects and verbs
2	Tues	7-Feb	Ch 2: Sentences	sub/verb agree; tense; cap
	Thurs	9-Feb	Ch 2 Sentences	pronoun; adj; adverb
3	Tues	14-Feb	Ch 3: Punctuation	comma, colon ,semicolon, quote
	Thurs	16-Feb	Ch 3: Punctuation	apostrophe, parentheses, dashes ,hyphens
4	Tues	21-Feb	Ch 4: Words	commonly confused words, spelling
	Thurs	23-Feb	Ch 4: Words	word choice, prefixes suffixes, synonyms antonyms
5	Tues	28-Feb		

	Thurs	23-Mar	Literature Review	Literature Review PowerPoint
<u>9</u>	Tues	28-Mar	Spring Break	
	Thurs	30-Mar	Spring Break	