

**San José State University
CASA/Department of Justice Studies
JS/FS 100W Forensic Science Writing Workshop
CRN 49212 Fall 2019**

Instructor

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CLO3: Articulate methodology and scientific basis of statements made in reports, and defend conclusions in direct- and cross-examination simulations.

CLO4: Synthesize ideas encountered in peer reviewed research to construct an effective, informed, and well organized argument or inquiry.

CLO5: Demonstrate proficiency in APA citation formatting.

Texts/Readings

- Gilpin, A. A. & Patchet-Golubev, P. (2000). *A guide to writing in the sciences*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- Feder, H. A. & Houck, M. M. (2008). *Succeeding as an expert witness*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.
- NIJ Legal Guide for the Forensic Expert
- Links to additional readings will be posted on the Canvas class website. It is the student's responsibility to check the website frequently for new postings, and download and print documents as needed for class.

Assignments

1. Report writing exercises (25%): Students will write scientific/lab reports and crime scene reports that use appropriate terminology and style, are clear and free from mechanical error, and that meet the standards of the profession. (CLO1)
2. Mock court and expert testimony (25%): Students will analyze rules of testimony, develop critical questions for cross examination, and participate in mock court exercises. (CLO2,3)
3. Research paper (25%): Students will write a research paper in APA format on a forensic science topic. (CLO4,5)
4. Exams/quizzes (25%): There will be one quiz for each major component of the course (crime scene reports, lab reports, court testimony, and research/APA). (CLO1-5)

Grading Scale for All Assignments

A plus	97-100
A	94-96.9
A minus	90-93.9
B plus	87-89.9

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities may be available throughout the semester and will be used to augment the final grade up to 3%.

- Attend a workshop or private tutoring session at the Writing Center (126 Clark Hall) and provide proof of attendance.

Class Policies

- No cell phones in class: Turn them off and put them away. If you must use your phone

scheduled presentations and workshops. If you are looking for academic advice or even tips about how to navigate your way around SJSU, check out the CHHS Student Success Center. Locations: MacQuarrie Hall (MQH) 533 and bottom floor of the Health Building. Contact information: [408.924.2910](tel:408.924.2910) The CHHS Student Success Center also provides study space and laptops for checkout.

(LARC) is located in Room 600 in the Student Services Center and assists students in the development of their full academic potential and motivates them to become self-directed learners. The center provides support services, such as skill assessment, individual or group tutorials, subject advising, learning assistance, summer academic preparation and basic skills development.

is located in Room 126 in Clark Hall and offers a variety of resources to help students become better writers, including one-on-one tutoring sessions and numerous

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Schedule is subject to change.

In-Class Topics

Readings, Assignments

