

Department of Justice Studies
FS 011-02 Survey of Forensic Science
CRN 49260, Fall 2020

Instructor	Dr. Jodie Warren
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Office Hours Canvas Course	Drop in: via zoom <i>M/W</i> 12-1 pm, OR by appointment

Note: This course is required for FS majors and FS minors. Recommended for JS majors, and any student with a general interest in Forensic Science.

Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives

All assignments must be completed to fulfill the requirements of the course and class attendance is required (as this is a scheduled class for M at 9 am)

Grading Scale for All Assignments

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>
A plus (+)	97-100		
A	94-96.9		
A minus (-)	90-93.9		
B plus (+)	87-89.9		
B	84-86.9		
B minus (-)	80-83.9		

Student Resources

Student Technology Resources

Computers are available in the Martin Luther King Library. A wide variety of audio-visual equipment is available for student checkout from Media Services located in IRC 112. These items include digital and VHS camcorders, VHS and Beta video players, 16 mm, slide, overhead, DVD, CD, and audiotape players, sound systems, wireless microphones, projection screens and monitors.

Technical glitches (especially during an exam)

Contact the SJSU technical support for Canvas: Technical Support for Canvas Email: ecampus@sjsu.edu Phone: (408) 924-2337 <https://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/support/>

Internet connection issues: Canvas autosaves responses a few times per minute as long as there is an internet connection. If your internet connection is lost, Canvas will warn you but allow you to continue working on your exam. A brief loss of internet connection is unlikely to cause you to lose your work. However, a longer loss of connectivity or weak/unstable connection may jeopardize your exam.

Other technical difficulties: Immediately email the instructor a current copy of the state of your exam and explain the problem you are facing. Your instructor may not be able to respond immediately or provide technical support. However, the copy of your exam and email will provide a record of the situation.

Learning Assistance Resource Center

The Learning Assistance Resource Center (LARC) located in Room 600 in the Student Services Center 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.

CHHS Student Success Center

The Student Success Center in the College of Health and Human Sciences provides advising for undergraduate students majoring or wanting to major in programs offered in CHHS Departments and Schools. All CHHS students and students who would like to be in CHHS are invited to stop by the Center for general education advising, help with changing majors, academic policy related questions, meeting with peer advisors, and/or attending various regularly 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. Location: MacQuarrie Hall (MQH) 533. Contact information: [408.924.2910](tel:408.924.2910) Website: <http://www.sjsu.edu/chhs/ssc/>. The CHHS Student Success Center also provides study space and laptops for checkout.

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

[Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

University Calendar: *

Wednesday, Aug. 19	First Day of Instruction Late Registration Begins on MySJSU after 7am (Ends Sep. 8)
Monday, Aug. 31	Last Day to Drop Classes without a W grade
Monday, Sep. 7	Labor Day - Campus Closed
Tuesday, Sep. 1	Late Drop Petition Required
Tuesday, Sep. 8	Last Day to Add Classes via MySJSU Last Day to Submit Audit Credit/No

Justice Studies 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.

Instructor

Dr. Jodie Warren obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Simon Fraser University (SFU) and volunteered in a cutting-edge forensic entomology laboratory where she first began taking forensic cases on-call. While attending autopsies and crime scenes as the forensic entomologist, Dr. Warren completed an Advanced Specialty Certificate in Forensic Science and Technology with honors at British Columbia Institute of Technology. She then went on to complete a M.A. in Criminology at SFU where she specialized in constant and fluctuating temperature effects in forensic entomology. During her Ph.D. studies, also at SFU, Dr. Warren developed innovative techniques to advance current techniques used at crime scenes to age developing insects on decomposing remains. For this research, she was awarded the prestigious Medal.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Date	In-Class Topics	Readings (should be done before class)
1	08/24	Course and instructor introduction	Examine syllabus and canvas
2	08/31	Introduction to Forensic Sciences and the NAS report	

14	11/23	Forensic Toxicology <i>Lit review due at 11:59 pm</i>	Saferstein, R. 2020. Criminalistics. Prentice-Hall, New Jersey Ch 12 Drugs and Ch 13 Forensic Toxicology.
15	11/30	Digital Forensics	