

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 100W, Writing Workshop, Sec 81, Fall 2020

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Course CANVAS Page

Many of the course materials can be found on the Canvas learning management system course website. You are responsible for checking daily with the messaging system through MySJSU to learn of any updates.

Course Description

Note: Must achieve a grade of "C" or better to fulfill Justice Studies major requirements.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO 1: Produce discipline-specific written work that demonstrates upper-division proficiency in: 1) language use, 2) grammar, and 3) clarity of expression;

CLO 2: Explain, analyze, develop, and criticize ideas effectively, including ideas encountered in multiple readings and expressed in different forms of discourse;

CLO 3:

Required Materials

Textbook

Strunk & White, *The Elements of Style*

*This text is now 100 years old and many editions of this text have been reprinted since, including editions with the same titled but different authors. You must have a version authored by Stuck alone or Strunk & White. A free ebook version is available [here](#).

Other Readings

Journal articles, news articles, and book excerpts are listed on the **Course Schedule** below and posted on CANVAS website under Files → Readings.

Web-Based Videos

YouTube videos are listed on the Course Schedule below and posted on CANVAS under Files → Videos.

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.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Grading Information (Point totals are approximate and subject to minor changes)

EOS Exercises:	105
Homework:	85
Quizzes:	25
Discussion Posts	50
Appointments	10
Final Essay	225
Total Points	500

Grading Scale (Percentages)

A-plus: (98 – 100)	B	89(98)
A: (93 – 97)		
A-minus: (90 – 92)		

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*You are expected to have read/watched the materials assigned by the time you come to lecture.

**The schedule is subject to change with fair notice

The two EOS Videos are located here:

EOS Module 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgCD9ODva8M&t=18s>

EOS Module 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WcOVA2-fH4&t=1886s>

(Week)	(Date)	Welcome! Writing for and about Criminal Justice Systems
1	Aug 19	<p>Topics: Course overview; Writing with “clarity” (grammar, sentence structure, organization)</p> <p>Reading: "English is Not Normal" (McWhorter)</p> <p>CANVAS Videos: “Welcome to JS100W” Gallagher and the English Language (4 mins)</p> <p>Homework Due: Discussion Post 1</p>
2	Aug 25	<p>Topics: Grammar Review (possessives, commas)</p> <p>Readings:</p>

5	Sept 15	<p>Topics: Sentence Structure (related ideas, emphatic words) Readings: EOS, Section III: Elementary Principles of Composition CANVAS Video: EOS Module 2 & 3: 36:08 – 42:44; 45:15 – 48:44 Homework Due: EOS: Exercises 20 & 22</p>
	Sept 17	<p>Topics: The Paragraph (Introduction; staying on topic) Readings: “</p>

9	Oct 15	Topic: Summarizing the Problem of Criminal Liability; Individual Appointments Homework Due: HW6; Graded Individual Appointment
10	Oct 20	Topic: The Mens Rea Problem Homework Due: Discussion Post 5
	Oct 22	Topic: The Mens Rea Problem Homework Due: