

**Department of Justice Studies**  
**JS 189**

## **E-mail Policy**

Feel free to e-mail the instructor at any time (I check several times per day); however, please adhere to the email guidelines below:

description of your inquiry or comment (e.g., JS189, Your Name, subject). The instructor -mails, or any e-mail where the student is not identified in either the subject line or body of the e-mail.

**Senior Seminar: Contemporary Problems, JS189-02, Fall, 2020**

2. E-mailed inquiries should be relatively short in nature. Students should make an appointment to meet with me to discuss more extensive inquiries. Students will be referred to the course syllabus with respect to questions that are addressed by simply reading the syllabus.

## **Course Description**

Identification, discussion and analysis of selected problems in justice and miscarriages of justice. A major term paper on a selected topic is required. Prerequisite: Senior standing in final semester; Justice Studies or Forensic Science major; JS 100W and JS 114 with a "C or better"; Department Consent

Note: A grade of "C" or better is required for Justice Studies majors.

## **Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives (LO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to [LO1-5]:

1. Demonstrate their ability to complete a formal research paper that (a) synthesizes relevant scholarly sources; (b) reflects professional formatting and writing standards (APA format); (c) addresses relevant policy needs (such as necessary reforms) to solving tangible social or forensic problems; (d) contributes to our collective understanding of concepts and approaches to "justice," however defined (social justice, criminal justice, community justice, and so forth).





Computer labs for student use are available in the Academic Success Center located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Clark Hall and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Union. Additional computer labs may be available in your department/college. Computers are also 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.

### **Learning Assistance Resource Center**

## Important Dates This Semester

### 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	<a href="#">Late Drop Petition</a> Required
Tuesday, Sep. 8	Last Day to Add Classes via MySJSU Last Day to Submit <a href="#">Audit   Credit/No-Credit Option Request [pdf]</a> Last Day to Submit <a href="#">Instructor Drops</a>
Wednesday, Sep. 9	Late Add Pre-Census Request requirement begins, see <a href="#">Forms' page</a> for request form
Wednesday, Sep. 16	Enrollment Census Date
Thursday, Sep. 17	<a href="#">Late Add Post Census Request [pdf]</a> Required
Monday, Oct. 5	<a href="#">Graduation Application Deadline - Undergrads for Priority Registration</a>
Wednesday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day - Campus Closed
Friday, Nov. 13	Semester Withdrawal Deadline ( <a href="#">AARS' Withdrawal Request</a> ) <a href="#">Late Enrollment Post Census [pdf]</a> Ends
Thu - Fri, Nov. 26 - 27	Thanksgiving Holidays - Campus Closed
Monday, Dec. 7	Last Day of Instruction & Last day to complete Coursework for "Incomplete Grades"
Wed-Fri, Mon-Tue, Dec. 9-15	<a href="#">Final Exams</a>

## 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 this institution's 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 C





12	11/02 & 11/04	<b>-Continued-</b> <b>-Continued-</b>	Read articles related to your paper
13	11/09 & 11/11	<b>Current event #2 due 11:59 pm</b> In class next steps assignments <b>- no class</b>	Read articles related to your paper