

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

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 more prepared to 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 Goals and Student Learning Objectives

Course Content Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course, the student will understand:

CLO1 – the history, purpose and process of the American criminal justice system.

CLO2 – the federal and state courts, their general constitutional structure and function with an emphasis on procedures, including criminal investigations, arrest, arraignment, grand jury, indictment, pretrial, trial, conviction, acquittal, sentencing and appeal.

CLO3 –

Library Liaison

Justice Studies Subject Specialist:

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Examination and Evaluation

A student's final evaluation shall consist of two (2) midterm examinations, two short essays, and a cumulative final examination. Each assignment/examination shall consist of 100 point and is weighted as follows:

Grade Item	Weight
First Midterm Examination (1-3, 5)	20%
Second Midterm Examination -3)	20%
2 Short Essays -3)	25%
Class Participation	5%
Final Examination (-3)	30%
Total	100%

More details can be found from [University Syllabus Policy S16-9](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>.

Grades

This course will be using the +/- system on final grades based on the following percentages:

93-100:	A	74-76:	C
90-93:	A-	70-73:	C-
87-89:	B+	67-69:	D+
84-86:	B	64-66:	D
80-83:	B-	60-63:	D-
77-79:	C+	0-59:	F

Please note, a "C" or higher is required to receive credit for this course toward a Justice Studies or Forensic Science Major.

Assignment Submissions

Students must submit all assignments online at the **Canvas** website and a paper copy in class.

A university degree is a significant undertaking and requires a high level of commitment, time management, organization, and initiative. Thus, it is in your best interest to stay on top of the readings and keep in touch with the instructor. *The best way to keep in touch is in-person during office hours, or at another time by appointment.* If you cannot meet with me in person, please email me. Emails will be responded to during business hours (Monday through Friday only). **When you send me an email please put "JS103" and your full name in the subject line. The instructor will not respond to emails where the student is not identified in either the subject line or the body of the email.** Please include a phone number in all email communication. Please note: all communication regarding assignment and exam grades must be conducted in person and *not* via email.

Class Participation

To participate, one must attend class. Attendance alone however, is NOT class participation and does not factor into the course grade. In-class comments and policy presentation evaluation, which summarize, assess and reflect on the discussion topics **or** presentations, which exemplify knowledge of the subject matter **or** questions, which identify and probe the relevant course issues, are class participation. Beyond the completion of assigned readings, students must spend sufficient time contemplating the material for the sole purpose of class participation. This is a time to open your minds to new ideas, to explore new concepts, so please take advantage of this opportunity. Further, please be respectful of others and show them common courtesy. Students may enrich the learning process by discussion. Respect and professionalism are the guiding principles of this class.

Classroom Etiquette/Protocol

This is a time to open your minds to new ideas, to explore new concepts, so please take advantage of this opportunity. Further, please be respectful of others and show them common courtesy. Students may enrich the learning process by discussion. Respect and professionalism are the guiding principles of this class. Tardiness will not be tolerated. I understand that many of you work, but I also understand that you have enrolled in school aware of the demands of that commitment. Please arrange with your employer/child care/other to arrive in time for class to begin promptly at 1:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, PDA's or any other electronic device. The use of anything that beeps or vibrates during class is disruptive and will not be tolerated. If you use a telephone (even silently, e.g. texting), you will be asked to leave the classroom. Students are responsible for all missed notes, materials, and announcements due to absence (i.e. do not email the instructor asking about what you missed). You are encouraged to exchange contact information with someone in class just in case. *The use of computers during class is not permitted.*

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

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 CASA Student Success Center. Location: MacQuarrie Hall (MQH) 533 - top floor of MacQuarrie Hall. Contact information: 408.924.2910. Website: <http://www.sjsu.edu/casa/ssc/>. The CASA Student Success Center also provides study space and laptops for checkout.

Reading

Tuesday
4/28

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Lecture & Discussion: