

**Department of Justice Studies**  
**FS 161 Crime Scene Investigation**  
**CRNs**





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

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

- LO1** Document crime scenes using reports, photography, and diagrams, and demonstrate this knowledge in practical exercises.
- LO2** Demonstrate practical knowledge in processing specific types of evidence including fingerprints, blood spatter, firearms, glass, impression, and trace evidence.
- LO3** Demonstrate understanding of crime scene hazards and corresponding safety measures, search warrants and the 4th Amendment, chain of custody, court testimony, the Locard Exchange Principle, and other critical terms and concepts.
- LO4** Recognize, collect, handle, package and preserve physical evidence using safe and appropriate methods, and demonstrate and articulate this knowledge.
- LO5** Reconstruct crime scenes using the scientific method and evidence-based logic.

## **Required Texts/Readings**

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so will warrant no change to the original grade assigned. (\*Submit appropriately under Extra Credit or Assignment Re-do #).

### **Class Protocol and Policies**

All assignments are to be completed **a week after** being assigned or completion of a practical. **Late** work **MAY NOT** be submitted. Assignments submitted thereafter will **NOT** be **accepted** and results in an **automatic fail unless extraordinary, documented circumstances** exist or a *doctor's note* is presented. **AVOID MISSING PRACTICALS!** Make-up sessions may not be available. Should you know in advance of any extenuating circumstances that conflict with such sessions, it is your responsibility to inform your lecturer. The possibility for submitting an alternative assignment may be granted at discretion, but be advised that such undertaking will be quite demanding. If there is any doubt about the requirements for an assignment, or due dates/times, re-read the directions of the assignment and/or schedule. If your question(s) remains unanswered, contact your instructor for clarification.

Attendance and class participation is expected. It is essential that you come to class

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 ([Equipment Loaning](#) page).

### **Peer Connections**

The Peer Connections main office is located in Room 600 in the Student Services Center. It provides assistance to 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. <https://www.sjsu.edu/peerconnections/index.php>

### **ACCESS (Academic Counseling Center for Excellence in the Social Sciences)**

The Academic Counseling Center for Excellence in the Social Sciences (ACCESS) provides advising for undergraduate students majoring or wanting to major in programs offered in CoSS Departments. The center provides support services, such as advising for freshman, general education, and probation; planning for academic success and graduation; tutoring; and career counseling. The main office is located in Clark Hall, room CH 240. Typically, all CoSS students and students who would like to be in CoSS 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. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, office hours are limited to virtual meetings (Monday to Thursdays 9:00am - 4:00pm) until further notice. Contact information: 408.924.5363 Website: <https://www.sjsu.edu/access/>

### **SJSU Writing Center**

The SJSU Writing Center located in Room 126 in Clark Hall offers a variety of resources to help students become better writers, including one-on-one tutoring sessions and numerous writing workshops. All services are free for SJSU students. <http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/>

### **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](#) webpage.

### **Important Dates This Semester**

#### ***University Calendar:***

\* <https://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/calendar/fall-2021.php>

**Aug 19-Sep 8:** Late Registration for Spring 2021. Registration via MySJSU starting after 7am

**Aug 31**

**Sep 8:** Last Day to Add a Course, Submit Audit, Last Day to Request CR/NC

**Nov 12:** Last Day to Submit Late Drop/Withdrawal Request (see [Registrar Forms](#))

**Dec 6:** Last day of Instruction

**Dec 8-10, 13-14:** Final Exams (see [Exam Schedule](#))

\*Late add fees apply. See above website.

### **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 a Gp912 0 612 79216(e)7(ad)-6(i)(a)7(i)7(ne)7(d a/Langi)(a)



## Tentative Course Schedule

### Important Dates -

*If ahead of schedule, further lectures may include topics such as underwater investigations, arson and explosives, and forensic nursing.*

Week	Date	*Discussion Topic(s)	**Reading & Assignments
<b>1</b>	08/23 & 08/25	Lecture 1:	CSI Episode (Mini Response Paper)

	11/08 & 11/10		Lecture Qs Chapter 10
		Thursday November 11 - Veteran's Day - Campus Closed	Lectures 7-13
<b>13</b>	11/15 & 11/17	(Pre-rec'd)	Crime Scene Report 1
<b>14</b>			