

San José State University
Department of Justice Studies
JS 117-01 Qualitative Research Methods, Fall 2021

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM
Classroom:	Dudley Moorhead Hall 356
Prerequisites:	Upper division standing; Co/prerequisite any 100W

Course Format

The mode of instruction for this course is in person with online supplements. Reliable access to a computer and the internet will be required. All written assignments will be submitted via Canvas, and must be in Microsoft Word (*.doc or *.docx). If you do not currently own Microsoft Word, the software (both PC and Mac) is available for free to students: <http://www.sjsu.edu/it/services/collaboration/software/instructions.php>

Canvas Course Page and E-mail

Copies of course materials will be posted on Canvas. You are responsible for regularly checking your e-mail and Canvas regarding announcements, reminders, and any additional course materials. All course materials will be

Assignment #3: Data Analysis Plan (to be submitted as part of Final Research Proposal)

This assignment will outline a data analysis plan. A detailed handout will be made available in a timely manner. [CLO3]

Research Proposal (Final Project)

The Final Research Proposal will be your final project for the course. It will incorporate work from previously completed proposal assignments #1 through #3, and the literature review. In order to receive a top grade on the research proposal, attention to detail, corrections of errors on assignments #1 through #3, and precise formatting will be required. [CLO2, CLO3, and CLO4]

Grading Policy

Assignments	Due Date	Weight
Assignment #1	October 7 th	20%
Literature Review	October 19 th	25%
Assignment #2	November 9 th	25%
Research Proposal (Includes Assignment #3)	December 9 th	30%
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Classroom Protocol

1. Students are expected to: attend all class meetings, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the class period, complete all readings and assignments in accordance with the dates on the course schedule.
2. Students are responsible for all missed notes, materials and announcements due to absence (i.e., do not e-mail the instructor asking about what you missed). You are encouraged to exchange contact information with someone in class just in case.
3. As neither a laptop nor tablet is required in class for the course, use of them is strictly limited to note taking. Students caught using such items for other non-class purposes will be prohibited from bringing them back to class, will be dismissed from class, and allowed to return the next class meeting. Students will also be dismissed from class for cell phone use of any kind during class time, unless expressly permitted by the instructor.

University Policies

University Policies: Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs maintains university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. You may find all syllabus related University Policies and resources information listed on GUP's Syllabus Information web page at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

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The following course schedule is subject to change; advance notice of any changes will be provided via Canvas and/or in-class as early as possible.

Table 1 Course Schedule

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
1	08/19/21	Course introduction Review of syllabus Reading for today: Syllabus
2	08/24/21	Qualitative research discussion Final Project discussion
2	08/26/21	Ch. 1 discussion Reading for today: Ch. 1
3	08/31/21	Ch. 2 discussion Reading for today: Ch. 2
3	09/02/21	Ch. 3 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 3
4	09/07/21	Ch. 3 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 3
4	09/09/21	Assignment #1 Review
5	09/14/21	Ch. 4 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 4
5	09/16/21	Ch. 4 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 4
6	09/21/21	Literature Review discussion
6	09/23/21	Ch. 5 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 5
7	09/28/21	Ch. 5 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 5)

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
7	09/30/21	Ch. 6 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 6
8	10/05/21	Ch. 6 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 6
8	10/07/21	Assignment #2 Review Due today: Assignment #1 (Upload to Canvas by 11:59 PM)
9	10/12/21	Ch. 7 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 7
9	10/14/21	Ch. 7 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 7
10	10/19/21	Ch. 8 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 8 Due today: Literature Review (Upload to Canvas by 11:59 PM)
10	10/21/21	Ch. 8 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 8
11	10/26/21	Ch. 9 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 9
11	10/28/21	Ch. 9 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 9
12	11/02/21	Ch. 10 discussion (Part 1) Reading for today: Ch. 10
12	11/04/21	Ch. 10 discussion (Part 2) Reading for today: Ch. 10
13	11/09/21	Assignment #3 Review Due today: Assignment #2 (Upload to Canvas by 11:59 PM)
13	11/11/21	Veteran's Day – No Class
14	11/16/21	Ch. 11 discussion Reading for today: Ch. 11
14	11/18/21	Ch. 12 discussion

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
		Reading for today: Ch. 12
15	11/23/21	Instructor Personal Holiday - No class
15	11/25/21	University Non-instructional Day – No Class
16	11/30/21	Ch. 13 discussion (Part 1)