





## Grading Scale for All Assignments

A plus	97-100
A	94-96.9
A minus	90-93.9
B plus	87-89.9
B	84-86.9
B minus	80-83.9
C plus	77-79.9
C	74-76.9
C minus	70-73.9
D plus	67-69.9
D	64-66.9
D minus	60-63.9
F	<60

*All assignments are graded based on adherence to directions, thoroughness, thoughtfulness, effort, accuracy, clarity, and logic.*

### Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities may be available throughout the semester and will be used to augment the final grade up to 3%.

Attend a workshop or private tutoring session at the Writing Center (126 Clark Hall) and provide proof of attendance.

### Class Policies

No cell phones in class: Turn them off and put them away. If you must use your phone during class, please step outside of the room to do it.

Plagiarized work and/or cheating on assessments will result in a 0 grade on the assignment, and the incident will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct.

Late work will be marked down 10% every week that it is late.

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## FS 100W Forensic Science Writing Workshop Fall 2019 Course Schedule

*Schedule is subject to change.*

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines	Homework and Assignments
1	8/22 8/24	Introductions, class overview Research paper assignment overview Types, purpose, audience, sections, style of forensic reports	Review docs on Canvas Start thinking about research topic
2	8/29 8/31	Crime report types (face pages, continuation pages, etc.), Note-taking and observations Report writing rules: first person, past tense, active voice, Facts, opinions, inferences Report writing rules	Research topic and research question Extra credit: Grammar worksheets
3	9/5 9/7	No Class	
		Content and format of evidence lists, scene descriptions, and narrative summaries Practical exercises Review research topic and research questions	Submit tentative research topics and questions
4	9/12 9/14	Practical exercises Quiz #1	Extra credit: Grammar worksheets.
5	9/19 9/21	Science, protocols & methodology, notes Admissibility of scientific evidence (case law: <i>Frye, Daubert, Kumho Tire</i> )	Read GWS Ch 1 Read “Confirmation Bias in Forensic Science”
6	9/26 9/28	Ethical issues: Certainty, uncertainty competency, bias, selective reporting, error objectivity vs. subjectivity Practical exercises	Read “Minimizing Contextual Bias in Forensic Casework” Quiz #2 Finalize research topic and research question



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15	11/28 11/30	Individual meetings	Complete Final Essay
16	12/5 12/7	Quiz #4 Final Paper Due	Prepare Case Study Presentation and for Moot Court. Prepare Case Study Presentation and for Moot Court.