

**San José State University**  
**Department of Justice Studies**  
**JS 189 Senior Seminar: Contemporary Problems, Section 02, Fall 2022**

**Course and Contact Information**

**Instructor:** Dina M. Kameda, M.S., M.A.

**Office Location:**

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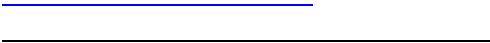
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2. E-mailed inquiries should be relatively short in nature. Students should utilize office hours to discuss

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**Students are 100% responsible for uploading the correct file when submitting an assignment. Failure to upload the correct file will result in a zero for the assignment.**

**Current Event Submissions**

Students will be required to submit current event analyses relevant to our justice system. Each Current Event assignment will consist of a 2-page write-up that includes a short summary of a current event article, policy analysis of the issue or issues addressed, and the URL for the article reviewed. Current Event submissions will account for 10% of the final course grade. [CLO4-5]

**Most Important Topics / Class Discussions and Debates**

You will be responsible for actively contributing to class discussions and debates on predetermined topics posted on Canvas. [CLO 2-5] Students will randomly be called upon to offer contributions based on Most Important Topics (MITs) assignments for each topic.

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In order to demonstrate comprehension of the course material, one must be able to write in a clear and effective manner. Always carefully proofread your assignments before submitting them. Late submissions will not be accepted unless a valid, documented, and verifiable reason is provided.

**A grade of “C” (i.e., at least 73%) is required to pass this course.**

#### **Department of Justice Studies Course Grade Determination**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>A plus</i>	<i>90 to 100</i>	<i>90 to 100%</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>80 to 89</i>	<i>80 to 89%</i>
<i>A minus</i>	<i>70 to 79</i>	<i>70 to 79%</i>
<i>B plus</i>	<i>88 to 89</i>	<i>88 to 89%</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>83 to 87</i>	<i>83 to 87%</i>
<i>B minus</i>	<i>80 to 82</i>	<i>80 to 82%</i>
<i>C plus</i>	<i>78 to 79</i>	<i>78 to 79%</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>73 to 77</i>	<i>73 to 77%</i>
<i>C minus</i>	<i>70 to 72</i>	<i>70 to 72%</i>
<i>D plus</i>	<i>68 to 69</i>	<i>68 to 69%</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>63 to 67</i>	<i>63 to 67%</i>
<i>D minus</i>	<i>60 to 62</i>	<i>60 to 62%</i>

#### **Department of 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) t

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

**Table 1 Course Schedule**

Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
1	08/23/22	Course introduction Overview of assignments and expectations <b>Reading for today: Syllabus</b>
1	08/25/22	Detailed policy paper expectations (Part 1)
2	08/30/22	Detailed policy paper expectations (Part 2) Begin policy analysis discussion (time permitting)
2	09/01/22	Policy analysis discussion
3	09/06/22	Class discussion and debate practice exercise
3	09/08/22	Class discussion and debate: Topic 1 <b>Due today: Topic 1 MITs (Upload to Canvas by 10:30 AM)</b> <b>Due today: Current Event 1 (Upload to Canvas by 11:59 PM)</b>
4	09/13/22	Class discussion and debate: Topic 1
4	09/15/22	Class discussion and debate: Topic 2 <b>Due today: Topic 2 MITs (Upload to Canvas by 10:30 AM)</b> <b>Due today: Current Event 2 (Upload to Canvas by 11:59 PM)</b>
5	09/20/22	Class discussion and debate: Topic 2
5	09/22/22	Class discussion and debate: Topic 3 <b>Due today: Topic 3 MITs (Upload to Canvas by 10:30 AM)</b> <b>Due today: Current Event 3 (Upload to Canvas by 11:59 PM)</b>
6	09/27/22	Class discussion and debate: Topic 3



<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines</b>
13	11/17/22	Policy Paper Presentations (2)
<b>14</b>	<b>11/22/22</b>	<b>Instructor Personal Holiday – No Class</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>11/24/22</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday – No Class</b>
15	11/29/22	Policy Paper Presentations (2)
15	12/01/22	Policy Paper Presentations (2)
16	12/06/22	Policy Paper Presentations (3)
Final	12/13/22	Policy Paper Presentations (5) 9:45 AM – 12:00 PM