

Forensic Magazine

Links to additional readings will be posted on the Canvas class website. It is the student's responsibility to check the website frequently for new postings.

Library Liaison

Nyle Monday nyle.monday@sjsu.edu, [Forensic Science Lib Guide](#)

Course Assignments

1. Exams (40%): Two midterms, one final exam. Format may include multiple choice, fill-in, short answer, short essay, and diagrams. (all CLO)
2. Practical Exercises (25%):

Interview a professional in the death investigation field and write a 3-5 page, typed, double-spaced synopsis of their experiences and perspective. Include reflection on your interests in the field, and if/how they have changed.

Professor will provide list of professionals-Criminalists, Autopsy Technician, Homicide Detective, CSI Officer, Medical Examiner and Death Investigator

Classroom Protocol

No cell phones in class: Turn them off and put them away.

No photography is permitted of the cases presented.

Plagiarized work will result in a 0 on the assignment, and will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct.

Late work may be submitted but will be marked down 10% for each week that it is late.

Make-ups for exams will generally not be possible unless extraordinary, documented circumstances exist.

Handle personal business before you begin an exam. A student who leaves the classroom *for any reason* during an exam will be presumed finished with the exam.

Zoom Classroom Etiquette

Mute Your Microphone: To help keep background noise to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone when you are not speaking.

Be Mindful of Background Noise and Distractions: Find a quiet place to “attend” class, to the greatest extent possible.

-Avoid video setups where people may be walking behind you, people talking/making noise, etc.

-Avoid activities that could create additional noise, such as shuffling papers, listening to music in the background, etc.

Position Your Camera Properly: Be sure your webcam is in a stable position and focused at eye level.

Limit Your Distractions/Avoid Multitasking: You can make it easier to focus on the meeting by turning off notifications, closing or minimizing running apps, and putting your smartphone away (unless you are using it to access Zoom).

Use Appropriate Virtual Backgrounds: If using a virtual background, it should be appropriate and professional and should NOT suggest or include content that is objectively offensive or demeaning.

Technology Requirements

Students are required to have an electronic device (laptop, desktop or tablet) with a camera and built-in microphone. SJSU has a free equipment loan program available for students.

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have access to reliable Wi-Fi during class and tests. If students are unable to have reliable Wi-Fi, they must inform the instructor, as soon as possible or at the latest one week before the test date to determine an alternative. See Learn Anywhere website for current Wi-Fi options on campus.

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu) (<http://www.sjsu.edu>)

Instructor

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