



## **Justice Studies Department 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 and intensive exploration of language prepares students to think critically and to act meaningfully in interrelated areas of their lives—personal, professional, economic, social, political, ethical, and cultural. Graduates of the Department of Justice Studies leave San José State University prepared to enter a range of careers and for advanced study in a variety of fields; they are prepared to more effectively identify and



## Assignments and Grading Policy

### Summary of Assignments

Assignment	Due Date	Percentage of Final Grade
Quizzes	See schedule	25pts (5% of final grade)
Essay #1 (2-3 page)	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	50 pts (10% of final grade)
Essay #2 (5-8 page)	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	100 pts (20% of final grade)
Film Review #1(4-5 pages)	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	25 pts (5% of final grade)
Film Review #2 (4-5 pages)	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	25 pts (5% of final grade)
Discussion Boards	See Schedule	25 pts (5 discussions; 5%)
Final Paper #3 (8-12 page)	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	100 pts (20% of final grade)
Midterm	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	50 pts (10% of final grade)
Final Exam	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	100 pts (20% of final grade)
		500 pts total

### Assignments/Exam

General formatting requirements for written assignments include a cover page, page double-spacing, and Times New Roman font. All assignments must be written in formal English, with college-level writing mechanics and APA-style formatting, inclusive of in-text citations and references. All assignments must be submitted on canvas by deadlines. If assignments are submitted via e-mail as an attachment, it must be in one of the following formats: MS Works (\*.wps), MS Word (\*.doc or \*.docx), or Rich Text Format (\*.rtf)

**Midterms and Final Exam:** The midterm will be a combination of True/False and multiple-choice items 25 items. The midterm will have a point value of 50 (i.e., 10% of the final course grade) The final exam will be a combination of True/False and multiple-choice items and will have a point value of 100 (i.e., 20% of the final course grade). There also may be short essay responses required in the exam.

### **Discussion Boards on Canvas**

Students will be required to post original comments and/or replies to other students' comments in response to topics posted by the instructor. Chosen topics will vary throughout the term. A set time frame will be in place for posting of comments/replies, students will only be able to post during said time frames. Full credit (i.e., points) for each posted topic will require at least (1) original posting and (3) substantive comments/replies, this is a total of (4) points.

NOTE that [University policy F69-24](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F69-24) at [http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F69-](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F69-24)  
attend all meetings of their classes, not only because they are responsible for material discussed

## **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. Frequently showing up late to class and/or leaving early is a disruption, and a violation of the student code of conduct.
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. Students are responsible to bring all course materials relevant to the course.
4. Be prepared to participate in discussions and take careful notes. Note: participation does not include simply







## **SJSU Counseling Services**

The SJSU Counseling Services is located on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup>





