

San José State University  
Department of Justice Studies  
JS 189 Senior Seminar: Contemporary Problems Section 01, Spring 2022

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Classroom: See Canvas course page for course Zoom Link: 01/27–02/10

2. E-mailed inquiries should be relatively short in nature. Students should make an appointment to meet with me to discuss more extensive inquiries. Students will be referred to the course syllabus with respect to questions that are addressed by simply reading the syllabus.

### Course Description

Identification, discussion and analysis of selected problems in justice studies. A major term paper on a selected





## Department of Justice Studies Course Grade Determination

Grade	Points	Percentage
A plus	98 to 100	98 to 100%
A	93 to 97.99	93 to 97.99%
A minus	90 to 92.9	90 to 92.9%
B plus	88 to 89.9	88 to 89.9 %
B	83 to 87.99	83 to 87.99%
B minus	80 to 82.9	80 to 82.9%
C plus	78 to 79.9	78 to 79.9%
C	73 to 77.9	73 to 77.9%
C minus	70 to 72.9	70 to 72.9%
D plus	68 to 69.9	68 to 69.9%
D	63 to 67.9	63 to 67.9%
D minus	60 to 62.9	60 to 62.9%

## 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) 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 ameliorate injustice in their personal, professional and civic lives. Indeed, the impact of literacy is evident not only within the span of a specific course, semester, or academic program but also over the span of a lifetime.

### Course Success

In order to succeed in this course, one must: (1) regularly access the Canvas page for the course; (2) be very mindful of due dates and times for all time-restricted components of the course; (3) carefully read the syllabus; (4) fully read all announcements made by the instructor via Canvas; (5) read all directions for course components. Beyond the completion of assigned readings, sufficient time must be spent contemplating the material for the purpose of being prepared to participate in class discussions and complete other assignments.

### University Policies

University Policies: Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs maintains university 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 an



Week	Date	Agenda/Topics, Readings/Homework, Exams and Deadlines
14	04/28/22	Policy Paper Presentations (
15	05/03/22	Policy Paper Presentations (
15	05/05/22	Policy Paper Presentations (
16	05/10/22	Policy Paper Presentations (
16	05/12/22	Policy Paper Presentations (
Final	05/24/22	Policy Paper Presentations ( 9:45 AM – 1200 PM