





## 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% one week after it is late. Assignments will be marked down 20% each week after the first week.

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

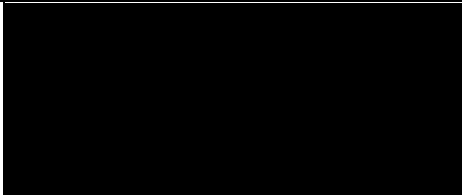
Handle personal business before you begin an exam. A student who leaves the classroom *for any reason* during an exam will be presumed finished with the exam.

## University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>"

## 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	1/25	 Types, forensic	Review docs on Canvas Start thinking about research topic
2	1/30 2/1	Crime report types (face pages, continuation pages, etc.), Note	

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6	2/27  3/1	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
7	3/6  3/8	Court players, processes, and terminology  Types of witnesses, Federal Rules of Evidence	Feder & Houck readings  FRE 701-706
8	3/13  3/15	Subpoenas, pre-trial and evidentiary meetings and hearings, preparing court exhibits  Court room demeanor, credibility and competence, direct and cross examinations, do’s and don’t of testifying	Feder & Houck readings Read “Defense Challenge to Fingerprints”  Canvas: Locate videos of forensic science expert and crime scene testimony
9	3/20  3/22	Critique forensic testimony: overconfidence (Michael West) and uncertainty, misspeaking, weighting evidence, truthfulness and perjury	Feder & Houck readings Prepare defense questions
10	3/27  3/29	Spring Break – No Class	
11	4/1  4/5	Mock court exercise: Student presentations  Quiz #3	Feder & Houck readings
12	4/10  4/12	Role and purpose of research in forensic science, APA format Annotated bibliography Thesis statements	Read GWS Ch 2 & 3 Read “Importance of Research Culture in FS” Locate and read articles on your research topic: Complete CRAAP sheets and annotated bibliography)
13	4/17  4/19	Thesis statement workshop  Writing a literature review Writing and introduction and conclusion	Refine thesis statement Complete first draft of lit review

