

**San José State University
Health and Human Services
JS 121-80 (26751), Justice Studies, Media and Justice, Spring 2023**

Course and Contact Information

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.

Note: Must achieve a grade of "C" or better to fulfill Justice Studies major requirements.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO 1: Evaluate justice concepts and controversies. Students will achieve CLO1 through Writing Assignments, Lecture notes, and Quizzes.

CLO 2:
Writing Assignments, Lecture Notes, and Quizzes.

CLO 3: Compare in an interdisciplinary fashion themes of social justice among the readings. Students will achieve CLO 3 through the Final Student Essay.

Required Texts/Readings

All readings are available in PDF format within Canvas under “Files”.

Kil, S. H. (2019). *Covering the Border War: How the News Media Creates Crime, Race, Nation, and the USA-Mexico Divide*. Lexington Books.

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

You must have regular and unfettered access to high-speed internet, a computer/laptop with webcam and keyboard, WORD processing software, PDF scanner, and software and hardware requirements that meet Canvas platform needs. Do not attempt to do this class on your smartphone/device or pads/tablets as they cannot access the canvas shell adequately causing miscommunication and technical difficulties. You will also need printer access for quizzes.

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Course Requirements and Assignments

C plus	77-79.9
C	74-76.9
C minus	70-73.9

The paper (or project) contains grammatical, typographical, or spelling errors. It could be more clearly written accuracy is questionable. The style and format of the paper need improvement. Paper demonstrates ordinary analytical ability. For quizzes, the grade scale is based on the number of questions answered correctly on a point system.

D plus	67-69.9
D	64-66.9
D minus	60-63.9

One of these grades will be received for ANY of the following reasons, with the specific grade assigned depending on the severity of the problems. The paper contains significant or serious grammatical, typographical, or spelling errors. It is not clearly written or logically organized. The train of thought is difficult to follow. The depth of coverage of the topic is not adequate. The information presented is inaccurate. The style and/or format of the paper are not appropriate to the assignment. Project shows dull analytical ability. For quizzes, the grade scale is based on the number of questions answered correctly on a point system.

F <60

A paper or project will receive an F if two or more of the following conditions are satisfied: The paper contains significant or serious grammatical, typographical, or spelling errors; it is not clearly written or logically organized; the train of thought is difficult to follow; the depth of coverage of the topic is not adequate; the information presented is inaccurate; the style and/or format of the paper are not appropriate to the assignment. The paper will also receive an F if some or all parts of the paper have been plagiarized, as defined later in this syllabus/syllabus. For quizzes, the grade scale is based on the number of questions answered correctly on a point system.

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University Policy F13-1 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-1.pdf> for more details.

Classroom Protocol

1) **I drop the two lowest grades for Quizzes and LNs and one lowest for the WAs. This is 3.5 weeks' worth of work to help with the burden of the pandemic.** This policy provides great flexibility for students to cover things like: uploaded the assignment to wrong folder, added the class late, uploaded the assignment in .pages, .rtf, etc. and not in required format, uploaded in multiple files when one file is required, did the assignment on the wrong reading, lecture, or quiz, got sick but did not visit doctor for 3rd party documentation, job and family demands, lost WIFI/computer crashed during the quiz, started the wrong quiz, etc. **Canvas automatically configures the lowest grade drop policy** in its grades. Use this generous privilege prudently.

2) Late work beyond what is covered in the lowest grade drop policy is only accepted with a **3rd party documented excuse with signature/ full contact information/date range the excuse covers**. You must **notify**

breaches in the Respondus lockdown protocol can result in a zero for the quiz. Repeat breaches may result in an F for the course.

9) I will review emailed drafts of most

covered, and active participation is frequently essential to ensure maximum benefit to all class members. Participation may be used as a criterion for grad

