

San José State University  
Department of Justice Studies  
College of Social Sciences  
JS 132, Race, Gender, Inequality, and the Law  
Section 2, Spring 2023

**Instruc**

## **Course Goals**

The main objective of this course is to teach students how to think and write critically about law and social inequality in the United States. Students will be expected to function as independent thinkers, researchers, and writers who will use these skills to actively contribute to their communities and professions.

The course explores how race and gender have historically shaped and been shaped by the law.



## **Assignments and Grading Policy**

**Written Assignments** All writing assignments must adhere to the *10 Rules of Formal Writing* and the instruction and description found on the Canvas website. Written Assignments not conforming to these rules will receive a significant reduction in grade. General formatting requirements for written assignments include a cover page, page number, strict double-spacing, and Times New Roman 12pt. font. Students must draft assignments in formal English, with college-

## Grades

This course will be using the +/- system on final grades based on the following

percentage

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|---------|----|--------|----|
| 93-100: | A  | 74-76: | C  |
| 90-92:  | A- | 70-73: | C- |
| 87-89:  | B+ | 67-69: | D+ |
| 84-86:  | B  | 64-66: | D  |
| 80-83:  | B- | 60-63: | D- |
| 77-79:  | C+ | 0-59:  | F  |

Studies or Forensic Science Major.

## Assignment Submissions

Students must submit all assignments online at the **Canvas** website.

## Instructor's Note on Communication

A university degree is a significant undertaking and requires a high level of commitment, time management, organization, and initiative. Thus, it is in your best interest to stay on top of the readings and keep in touch with the instructor. *The best way to keep in touch is in-person during office hours, or at another time by appointment.* If you cannot meet with me in person, please email me. Emails will be responded to during business hours (Monday through Friday only). **When you send me an email please put** 32

**in the subject line. The instructor will not respond to emails where the student is not identified in either the subject line or the body of the email.** Please include a phone number in all email communication. Please note: all communication regarding assignment and exam grades must be conducted in person and *not* via email.

## Case Recitation

Students must prepare to summarize verbally



## **Student Technology Resources**

Computer labs for student use are available in the Academic Success Center located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Clark Hall and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Union. Additional computer labs may be available in your department/college. Computers are

## Course Schedule

| Week | Day              |  |
|------|------------------|--|
| 1    | Thursday<br>1/26 | <u>Reading</u><br><u>Lecture &amp; Discussion</u>    |
| 2    | Tuesday<br>1/31  | <u>Film: "Mississippi Burning"</u>                   |
|      | Thursday<br>2/2  | <u>Film: "Mississippi Burning" (continued)</u>       |
| 3    | Tuesday<br>2/7   | <u>Reading, Lecture &amp; Discussion</u> <i>Race</i> |
|      | Thursday<br>2/9  | <u>Reading, Lecture &amp; Discussion</u> <i>Race</i> |
| 4    | Tuesday<br>2/14  | <u>Reading, Lecture &amp; Discussion</u> <i>Race</i> |
|      | Thursday<br>2/16 | <u>Reading, Lecture &amp; Discussion</u> <i>Race</i> |



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| 10 | Tuesday<br>3/28  | <b>No Class – <i>Spring Recess</i></b> |
|    | Thursday<br>3/30 | <b>No Class – <i>Spring Recess</i></b> |
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