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Online, Monday 4-5PM, Friday 3-4PM

By Appointment

Online, Asynchronous

ent of Justice Studies is committed to scholarly excellence. Therefore, the Department promotes critical, and creative engagement with language (i.e., reading and writing) throughout its curriculum. and intensive exploration of language prepares students to think critically and to act meaningfully in various areas of their lives—personal, professional, economic, social, political, ethical, and cultural. The Department of Justice Studies leave San José State University prepared to enter a range of fields for advanced study in a variety of fields; they are prepared to more effectively identify and address social justice in their personal, professional and civic lives. Indeed, the impact of literacy is evident not only over the span of a specific course, semester, or academic program but also over the span of a lifetime.

to quantitative research methods used in Justice Studies. Includes relationship of theory to practice; logic underlying methods of inquiry; ethics in conducting empirical research; and experimental design, operationalization, and data analysis.

Course Learning Outcomes:

: Thoroughly read and understand academic writing and demonstrate that understanding through course assignments.

: Synthesize academic readings into written work formatted in APA style.

: Discuss assignments and examples in a professional and collegial manner, asking insightful questions and contributing to the class conversation.

: Demonstrate a critical understanding of concepts covered in this course.

Chambliss & Schutt (2018). *Making Sense of the Social World: Methods of Investigation*, 6th Edition. SAGE Publications. ISBN-10: 1483380612

SPSS will be required for portions of this course. A student license is available for free online through the SJSU IT department. I will show you how to do this in the course.

Alternatively, students may borrow a computer with SPSS from the Student Computing Services at the Library for a week at a time.

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SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Homework Assignments

There will be 6 Homework Assignments to help reinforce what has been covered in readings and lectures. These will be due via CANVAS before class. These will be a combination of discussion assignments and assignment submission assignments. These are worth 4 points each.

Quizzes

To measure your understanding of research and research methods covered in this course more broadly, there will be three quizzes. They will be multiple-choice and short-answer. They will each be worth 9 points, totaling 27 points.

Research Paper Checkpoints

To help students develop their Final Research Paper, there will be four Research Paper Checkpoint Assignments:

RPC1 – Topic Development Paper

RPC2 – Literature Review Draft

RPC3 – Analyses and Results

RPC4 – Research Paper Draft

Each of these assignments are worth 6 points, totaling to 24 points. Late work will be accepted for a maximum of half credit within a week of the due date – then the assignment will be graded as per usual. If there are extenuating

-As a side-note, due to in-class assignments and the lecture slides being available on CANVAS, recording lectures will not likely be very helpful.

The SJSU Writing Center is located in Clark Hall, Suite 126. All Writing Specialists have gone through a rigorous hiring process, and they are well trained to assist all students at all levels within all disciplines to become better writers. In addition to one-on-one tutoring services, the Writing Center also offers workshops every semester on a variety of writing topics. To make an appointment or to refer to the numerous online resources offered through the Writing Center, visit the [Writing Center website](http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter>. For additional resources and updated information, follow the Writing Center on Twitter and become a fan of the SJSU Writing Center on Facebook.

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