All meetings begin 1:40 p.m. and are open to the College Community. Note: some or all meetings may be conducted remotely via Zoom. When on-campus, the Executive Committee of the College Council meets in Room 610 Haaren Hall, and College Council meetings take place in Room 9.64NB.
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- **Strategic Planning Subcommittee**
  - Poonam Latchman has been elected as the second student representative

- **Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee**
  - Student member Pedro Hernandez has resigned from the committee

VIII. New Business

IX. Administrative Announcements – President Karol Mason

X. Announcements from the Student Council – President Amber Rivero

XI. Announcements from the Faculty Senate – President Warren (Ned) Benton

XII. Announcements from the HEO Council – President Brian Cortijo
The College Council held its eighth meeting of the 2020-2021 academic year on Thursday, April 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 1:48 p.m. and the following members were present: Alford, Scheveletta; Beckett, Elton; Ben Zid, Mohamed; Benton, Ned; Bladek, Marta; Brownstein, Michael; Dapia, Silvia; Delgado-Cruzata, Lissette; Gutierrez, John; Johnson, Veronica; Herrmann, Christopher; Kaplowitz, Karen; King-Toler, Erica; Lau, Yuk-Ting (Joyce); Long, Alexander; Mak, Maxwell; Melendez, Mickey; Park, Hyunhee; Paulino, Edward; Sheehan, Francis; Stone, Charles; Vrachopoulos, Thalia; Yu, Sung-Suk (Violet); Gordon-Nembhard, Jessica; Green, Amy; Haberfeld, Maria; Rougier, Atiba; Wandt, Adam; Berezhansky, Andrew; Bernabe, Franklyn; Chavez, Julio; Rivero, Amber; Tunkara, Fatumata; Seodarsan, Katelynn; Waronker, Tzvia; Qudusi, Aiisha; Alves, Catherine; Cortijo, Brian; Galloway-Perry, Rulisa; Winter, Janet; Byrne, Dara; Flower, Mark; Li, Yi; Mason, Karol; Kerr, Brian; Morote, Elsa-Sofia; *Balas, Andrea; *Binns, Chelsea; *Concheiro-Guisan, Marta; *Lee, Anru; *Stone, Charles; *Caesar, Neil; *Grant, Heath; *Brooks, Devon; *Ramdat, Seema; *Mendez Garcia, Jan Luis; * Yambo, Kenneth; *Thomas, Alisa; *Daniel Matos, *Carpi, Anthony.

Absent: Jackson, Crystal; Parenti, Christian; Velotti, Lucia; Luna, Aileen; Solomon, Sharon; *Epstein, Jonathan; *Freiser, Joel;

Guests: Bolesta, Alexander; Arismendi, Malleidulid; Austenfeld, Anna; Balkissoon, Tony; Killoran, Katherine; Maria D'Agostino; Pease, Allison; Shapiro, David; Hines, DeCarlos; Szur, Kate; Davis, Raeanne; Singleton, Ronesha; McDougall, Sara; McKiever, Shavonne; Villanueva, Sumaya; Ferdinand, Wynne; Lecuna, Vicente.

* Alternates

I. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously with the following change:

- Rename the title of Item VII from “Declaration of a Spring 2021 Academic Emergency” to “Adoption of Pass/No Credit Policy for Spring 2021”.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the March 15, 2021 College Council

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Members of the College Council Committees

A motion was made to approve the members of the College Council Committees. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
IV. Report from the Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee (Attachments C1-C17) – Associate Provost for Undergraduate Retention and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Dara Byrne

**Programs**
A motion was made to adopt the Proposal to Revise the BA and Minor in Humanities and Justice Studies (C1). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

A motion was made to adopt the new CUNY Justice Academy Dual Admission Programs with BMCC - AA in Liberal Arts to JJ Humanities Majors (English, Global History, Humanities & Justice Studies, & Philosophy) (C2). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**New Courses**
A motion was made to vote on the adoption of new courses marked C3-C9 as a slate. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- C3. ACC 4XX Data Analytics for Fraud Examination
- C4. HIS 2XX Famous Trials That Made History (CO: JC I [200-level])
- C5. HUM 2XX Writing in the Humanities: Writing for Real Life
- C6. ISP 1WW (132) Monsters and What They Mean (Creative Exp.)
- C7. ISP 2YY (242) Stuff: An Investigation into the Meaning of Things (Ind & Soc)
- C8. ISP 1ZZ (115) Voices of Migration (World Cultures)
- C9. ISP 2XX (226) White Supremacy: Constructions of Race & Institutionalized Racism (U.S. Exp.)

A motion was made to adopt the new courses marked C3-C9. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Course Revisions**
A motion was made to vote on the course revisions marked C10-C15 as a slate. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- C10. LIT 233 American Stories
- C11. Modern Languages 101-212 Bulk Course Revisions
- C12. Modern Languages SPA Literature Bulk Course Revisions
- C13. Modern Languages SPA Translation-Interpretation Bulk Course Revisions
- C14. POL 101 American Government & Politics
- C15. SPA 250 Spanish for Criminal Investigation

A motion was made to adopt the course revisions marked C10-C15. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Curriculum**
A motion was made to adopt the Principles for a Culturally Responsive, Inclusive and Anti-Racist Curriculum (C16). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Academic Standards**
A motion was made to adopt the Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Pass/Fail Policy (C17). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
V. Report from the Committee on Graduate Studies (Attachment D1-D2) – Dean of Graduate Studies Elsa-Sofía Morote

Course Change
A motion was made to approve a course change marked D1. Organized Crime: An International Perspective (ICJMA). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Academic Standards
A motion was made to adopt the Proposal to Revise the Graduate Pass/Fail Policy (D2). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VI. Commencement Awards Recommendations from the Honors, Prizes and Awards Committee (Attachment E) – Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Brian Kerr

A motion was made to adopt the Commencement Awards Recommendations. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VII. Adoption of Pass/No Credit Policy for Spring 2021 - Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Brian Kerr

Declaration of a Spring 2021 Undergraduate Academic Emergency (Attachment F1) was replaced by the Proposal for Spring 2021 Pass/No-Credit Undergraduate Policy [see Attachment A1 of the minutes].

Declaration of a Spring 2021 Graduate Academic Emergency (Attachment F2) was replaced by the Proposal for Spring 2021 Pass/No-Credit Graduate Policy [see Attachment A2 of the minutes].

A motion was made to approve the Proposal for Spring 2021 Pass/No-Credit Undergraduate Policy. The motion was seconded. The committee discussed the policy. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the Proposal for Spring 2021 Pass/No-Credit Graduate Policy. The motion was seconded. The committee discussed the policy. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. New Business

No new business was presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55p.m.
Proposal for Spring 2021 Undergraduate Pass-No Credit Policy

Rationale:
The COVID-19 pandemic is still greatly affecting our students. More than 4,000 John Jay students are essential front line workers, working around the clock to keep our city safe, clean and running. Many of our students are struggling with food and housing insecurity, and this policy allows provides flexible options for those who have had difficulty balancing the work of the semester with the challenges they are currently facing in life.

Proposed Policy:
For Spring 2021, due to the public health epidemic, the following changes are made to the undergraduate Pass/No Credit (P/NC) grading policy:

- First, there is no one-course-per-semester cap.
- Second, P/NC grades earned during the Spring 2021 semester do not count towards the four-course limit that applies throughout a student’s matriculation.
- Third, students can choose the P/NC option even for courses satisfying the College’s general education requirements and courses in the student’s major; but students may not apply the P/NC option for courses identified as ineligible for the P/NC option by academic department chairs and program directors.

The Provost shall coordinate the development and implementation of the required communication and advising plan to ensure informed decision making.

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This policy has not yet been approved by CUNY’s Committee on Academic Policy, Programs and Research (CAPPR) or the Board of Trustees. It will be implemented with clear disclaimers that the policy is subject to further approval.

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Proposal for Spring 2021 Graduate Pass-No Credit Policy

Rationale:
The COVID-19 pandemic is still greatly affecting our students. More than 4,000 John Jay students are essential front line workers, working around the clock to keep our city safe, clean and running. Many of our students are struggling with food and housing insecurity, and this policy allows provides flexible options for those who have had difficulty balancing the work of the semester with the challenges they are currently facing in life.

Proposed Policy:
For Spring 2021, due to the public health epidemic, the following changes are made to the graduate Pass/No Credit (P/NC) grading policy:

- Students have the option to apply the P/NC credit option to any graduate course, and to any undergraduate course taken by graduate students as prerequisites to graduate courses, except for any courses or categories of courses identified as ineligible for the P/NC grade by the directors of each graduate program.

The Provost shall coordinate the development and implementation of the required communication and advising plan to ensure informed decision making.

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Memorandum

TO: Alena Ryjov
College Council Secretary

FROM: Daniel Matos, Interim Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Senior Registrar

SUBJECT: Graduation List – Class of 2021

DATE: April 19, 2021

Please place the approval of the “Class of 2021” graduates on the College Council agenda. Only faculty members may vote on this agenda item. Faculty members may visit the following link to review the list of candidates:

http://inside.jjay.cuny.edu/apps/graduation/

Thank you.
Undergraduate Academic Program Revision Form

When completed email the proposal form in a word processed format for UCASC consideration and scheduling to kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu.

- **Date submitted:** 03/25/2021
- **Department or program proposing these revisions:** LPS / CJBS Major
  a. Name and contact information of proposer(s): Christopher Herrmann (LPS)
  b. Email address of proposer: cherrmann@jjay.cuny.edu
  c. Phone number: 917-847-5311 (cell); 212-393-6417 (office)
- **Name of major, minor or certificate program being revised:** CJBS Major
- **Department curriculum committee** or other governance body (for interdisciplinary programs) which has approved these changes:
  a. Please provide the meeting date for approval: 03/25/2021
  b. Name of department chair or major/minor coordinators approving this proposal: Christopher Herrmann, CJBS Coordinator & Chair of LPS Curriculum Committee
- **Please describe the curriculum changes you are proposing:**

  1. **ADD an additional Part Two Diversity course requirement**

     This will increase (by 3 cr.) the credits required to earn the major to 45 cr. Students’ electives will be reduced by 3 cr. (33 cr.). Gen ed remains stable at 42 credits.

  2. **Changes to Part Two. Diversity Courses**

     - **Additions:**
       AFR 215 Police and Urban Communities
       AFR 227 Community-based Approaches to Justice
       LLS 250 Drugs, Crime and Law in Latin America
       LLS 325 Latinx Experience of Criminal Justice

     - **Remove and Move to Part Three. Distribution Areas:**
       CRJ/ SOC 420 Women and Crime to Category A. Police
       LAW 340 Employment Discrimination Law, Affirmative Action and Police Organizations to Category B. Law and Courts
3. Additions to Part Three. Distribution Areas

Category A. Police:
- AFR 215 Police and Urban Communities
- AFR/LLS 232 Comparative Perspectives on Crime in the Caribbean
- LLS 250 Drugs, Crime and Law in Latin America

Category B. Law and Courts
- AFR 220 Law and Justice in Africa
- AFR 320 Perspectives on Justice in the Africana World
- LAW 340 Employment Discrimination Law, Affirmative Action & Police Organizations
- LLS 325 Latinx Experience of Criminal Justice
- LLS 341 Immigrant Rights in the Americas
- LLS 356 Terror and Transitional Justice in Latin America

Category C. Corrections
- AFR 227 Community-based Approaches to Justice
- AFR 315 Community-based Justice in the Africana World

Please provide a rationale for the changes:

John Jay College has advanced a vision to promote a Culturally Responsive, Inclusive, and Anti-Racist Curriculum. If we are truly to encourage and promote these principles to our students, one of the most efficient ways is to revise the largest major on the John Jay campus, the CJBS Major. The LPS Curriculum Committee is requesting the opportunity to promote LLS and AFR courses by adopting numerous courses from the Department of Africana Studies and the Department of Latinx Studies into the CJBS Major. This would allow CJBS Majors, for the first time, to take AFR and LLS courses towards the fulfillment of their CJBS Major requirements.

First, LPS plans on expanding the Part Two Diversity requirement from ONE Diversity course to TWO Diversity courses. This will accomplish the task of promoting and expanding Diversity requirements for all future CJBS Majors. Next, after we expand our Diversity requirement to TWO courses, there will also be ONE CRJ course and ONE LAW course removed from the current list of approved Diversity courses. Next, FOUR new LLS and AFR courses will be added to the small list of approved Diversity courses. As such, 4 out of 8 approved Diversity courses will now be LLS and AFR courses. Doubling the Diversity requirement and making half of the approved Diversity courses AFR and LLS courses will greatly increase the prospect that our CJBS Majors will take AFR and/or LLS courses towards the fulfillment of their CJBS degree requirements.

In addition to expanding the CJBS Part Two Diversity requirements to 6-credits and adopting AFR/LLS courses towards the Part Two Diversity requirements, we are also adding five additional LLS courses and five additional AFR courses into the Part Three Distribution course lists. Again, this will greatly increase the prospect that our CJBS Majors will take AFR and/or LLS courses while completing their CJBS Major requirements.
• How do these proposed changes affect other academic programs or departments?

  a. Which program(s) or department(s) will be affected?

    The other Departments that will be impacted include the Department of Africana Studies (Teresa Booker, Chair) and the Department of Latinx Studies (Jose Luis Morin, Chair). These two Departments and the list of courses above can expect increased enrollments in the above courses by CJBS Majors.

• Please summarize the result of your consultation with other department(s) or program(s) being affected by these changes:

  UCASC suggests prior consultation with academic department chairs, UCASC representatives, and major or minor coordinators of affected departments (coordinators can be found in the UG Bulletin [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/college-bulletins](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/college-bulletins), a list of UCASC members can be found at: [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/members](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/members)

    Provost Li called a meeting of the AFR, LLS, and LPS Chairs and Department representatives on Friday, 03/19/2021 at 2pm (on zoom). The CJBS Curriculum Initiative was discussed in depth and generally accepted by everyone at the meeting. Syllabi of courses that were of interest to the LPS Curriculum Committee were shared by both the LLS and AFR Departments.

• Please attach the current bulletin information for the program reflecting the proposed changes. (Kathy Killoran [kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu) will provide you a copy in Word format upon request).
CJBS Curriculum Initiative - Incorporating AFR & LLS Courses into the CJBS Major

AFR 215. Police and Urban Communities: All members of the community should have an expectation that they will be safe and protected as they go about their daily lives. In this course students will examine the widespread assumption that in exchange for effective policing residents of low income communities should have to give up their rights such as freedom from unreasonable surveillance, search, privacy and racial/ethnic profiling. Also explored is the ideal role of the police in low income communities in comparison to the reality of how they are actually policed. We will discuss theories of policing, the constitutional constraints on police actions, and the history of policing in these communities. Using case studies and student input we will discuss the critique of current community policing and will also discuss best practices in this area.

AFR 220 Law and Justice in Africa: Examination of the philosophical base of African customary law. Traditional theories of crime prevention, punishment, and the dispensation of justice in selected pre-colonial African societies. The enforcement of laws by the traditional community and traditional courts, and community involvement in the prevention of crime. African laws under colonialism and in contemporary independent nations.

AFR 227 Community-based Approaches to Justice: This course provides an introduction to community studies and the major components of community-based approaches to justice. The course first establishes a common understanding of critical concepts such as community, social capital, neighborhood effects, asset mapping, political economy, community economics, mediation, community courts, and restorative justice. In studying community institutions, organizations and practices, an interdisciplinary approach will be used that will draw on criminology, law, sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, family studies, international studies, Africana studies, and gender studies. Such an approach will provide students with the skills necessary to understand the interactions between and among factors such as race, ethnicity, and gender on the practice and the effectiveness of community development and community justice strategies.

AFR 232 / LLS 232 Comparative Perspectives on Crime in the Caribbean: This course will examine crime in the Caribbean with a particular focus on the differences and similarities among the Spanish-, English-, French- and Dutch-speaking nations of the Caribbean region. The course will study the trends in crime in the Caribbean from a comparative perspective, and the methods employed by various individual nations to help diminish crime and delinquency. The specific topics to be studied include political crime and offenses, political corruption, drug dealing and trafficking, juvenile delinquency, domestic violence and sexual assault in the Caribbean. This course can be used to satisfy requirements for the International Criminal Justice major.

AFR 315 Community-based Justice in Africana World: The purpose of the course is to engage students in the analysis of various community and alternative justice practices around the world, particularly among people of African heritage or of relevance to Africana peoples. This course examines the assumptions behind community justice and restorative justice theories and their applicability to the Africana world. The course focuses on relationships between struggles for justice and experimentation.

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with alternative community-based justice strategies, particularly among people of color. Students will compare and analyze strategies and practices that have been used to establish meaningful justice and community wellbeing for groups who experience discrimination. Such practices include but are not limited to: mediation, youth courts, circle sentencing, truth and reconciliation panels, victim-offender reconciliation, and community conferences.

**AFR 320 Perspectives on Justice in the Africana World:** This course explores questions and topics related to justice in the Africana world, and how conceptions and applications of justice are shaped by these societies. Each course section may examine different case studies both contemporary and historical, investigating the customs and traditions, policies, legal reforms, and political or social responses of Africana populations to justice issues. Possible topics include the role of violence in law and justice in Africa, post-colonial legal history in the Caribbean, justice traditions both formal and informal in the Africana world, and the history of human rights as seen from Africana perspectives. Special attention will be paid to the interplay between western and Africana conceptions of justice.

**LLS 232 Comparative Perspectives on Crime in the Caribbean:** This course will examine crime in the Caribbean, with a particular focus on the differences and similarities among the Spanish-, English-, and Dutch-speaking nations of the Caribbean region. The course will study the trends and crime in the Caribbean from a comparative perspective, and the methods employed by various individual nations to help diminish crime and delinquency. The specific topics to be studied include political crime and offenses, political corruption, drug dealing and trafficking, juvenile delinquency, domestic violence and sexual assault in the Caribbean. This course can be taken to satisfy requirements for the International Criminal Justice major.

**LLS 250 Drugs, Crime and Law in Latin America:** This course explores the problems facing Latin America in relation to drugs and crime. The course focuses on the conditions giving rise to crime, drug trafficking and drug addiction in Latin America. It offers a basic understanding of international legal and human rights standards and law enforcement efforts that apply in addressing the issues of drugs and crime. Particular emphasis is placed on hemispheric strategies to combat drug use and narcotics trafficking. This course can be taken to satisfy requirements for the International Criminal Justice major.

**LLS 325 Latina/o Experience of Criminal Justice:** This course analyzes the criminal justice system and its impact on the lives and communities of Latino/as and other groups in the United States. Particular emphasis is placed on Latino/as human and civil rights and the role that race, ethnicity, gender and class play in the criminal justice system. Interdisciplinary readings and class discussions center on issues such as the over-representation of Latino/as and racial minorities in the criminal justice system; law and police-community relations; racial profiling; stop and frisk policies; immigration status; detentions and deportations; Latino/a youth; media representations; gangs; and access to education and employment and the school-to-prison-pipeline.

**LLS 341 Immigrant Rights in the Americas:** Globalization has increased the fear of foreigners, leading to debates on immigrant rights in all parts of the world and raising the question of who gets to belong to a given society. We begin by exploring the reception of foreigners in different nations,

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including immigrants in the Americas. We then assess the factors that lead Latin Americans to leave their homelands, and examine the ways that immigrants' national origins, race, class, and gender shape and differentiate their experiences in U.S. society. Finally, we focus on the changing relationship between legal status and access to rights in the United States. This course aims to provide students with the conceptual and empirical arguments necessary to assess and debate the issue of immigrant rights in the Americas today.

**LLS 356 Terror and Transitional Justice in Latin America:** This course explores the field of transitional justice as it addresses past state violence and genocide. The course will move from an exploration of background material examining the Cold War years in Latin America to providing an in-depth analysis of the role played by truth commissions, and other strategies such as war tribunals, which seek justice and reconciliation in divided societies. We will question the root causes of violence, examine national and transnational actors, and conclude with a discussion of research methodologies used when documenting human rights abuses. The question of "forgiveness" will be also explored in the context of redress for wrongdoings.
Criminal Justice (Institutional Theory and Practice), Bachelor of Science (From UG Bulletin 2020-21 with revisions)

The major is intended for students who seek a career in criminal justice and would like to explore the field from a broad perspective. It is devoted to understanding criminal justice institutional theory and practice in the context of diverse multicultural societies. The major underscores the rule of law as the glue which holds together the arenas of police, courts, and corrections that along with other social institutions and the public, are the co–producers of justice.

**Learning outcomes.** Students will:

- Understand the historical development, functions and roles of each component of the criminal justice system.
- Describe and critically examine the major criminological theories on crime causation and prevention and apply them to criminal justice practice.
- Critically analyze the social response to crime and the practice of criminal justice.
- Demonstrate the ability to access, conduct, interpret, and apply criminal justice research.

**Credits Required.**

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**Baccalaureate/Master’s Program in Criminal Justice.** Qualified undergraduate students may enter the Baccalaureate/Master’s Program and thereby graduate with both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in criminal justice. For additional information, contact Dr. Janice Carrington, 212-237-8418, jcarrington@jjay.cuny.edu.

**Study abroad.** Students in the College’s Study Abroad Program may use some of their study abroad credits to substitute for related courses in the major. With regard to particular courses, the student should consult with the coordinator for the major. For information about the College’s Study Abroad Program, contact Mr. Kenneth Yanes (212.484.1339, kyanes@jjay.cuny.edu).

**Additional requirement.** As part of this major, students must take three courses in Part 3. Distribution Areas, one from each category A-C. At least two of those courses must be at the 300–level or above and must come from different categories.

**Additional information.** Students who enrolled for the first time at the College or changed to this major in September 2021 or thereafter must complete the major in the form presented here. Students who enrolled prior to that date may choose the form shown here or the earlier version of the major. A copy of the earlier version may be obtained in the 2020-21 Undergraduate Bulletin.

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FOUNDATIONAL COURSES SUBTOTAL: 6 CR.

Required
POL 101 American Government & Politics
SOC 101 Intro to Sociology

Advisor recommendations: Students are strongly urged to complete these courses during their first year in the College. SOC 101 can fulfill the Flexible Core: Individual and Society and POL 101 can fulfill the Flexible Core: U.S. Experience in its Diversity areas of the College’s General Education requirements.

PART ONE. CORE REQUIREMENTS SUBTOTAL: 24 CR.

CJBS 101 Introduction to The American Criminal Justice System
CJBS 250 Research Methods and Statistics for Criminal Justice
CJBS 300 Criminal Justice: Theory in Practice
CJBS 415 Capstone Seminar for BS in Criminal Justice
COR 101 Intro to Corrections
LAW 203 Constitutional Law
PSC 101 Intro to Police Studies
SOC 203 Criminology

PART TWO. DIVERSITY SUBTOTAL: 6 3 CR.

Select two one

COR 320 Race, Class and Gender in a Correctional Context
CRJ/ SOC 420 Women and Crime (moves to Part 3, Category A)
LAW/ POL 313 The Law and Politics of Race Relations
LAW 340 Employment Discrimination Law, Affirmative Action and Police Organization (moves to Part 3, Category B)
PSC 202 Police and Diversity
PSC 235 Women in Policing

AFR 215 Police and Urban Communities
AFR 227 Community-based Approaches to Justice
LLS 250 Drugs, Crime and Law in Latin America
LLS 325 Latinx Experience of Criminal Justice
PART THREE. DISTRIBUTION AREAS  SUBTOTAL: 9 CR.

Select three courses, one from each category A-C (at least two of those courses must be at the 300-level or above and come from different categories)

Category A. Police
Select one

**AFR 215 Police and Urban Communities**
**AFR/ LLS 232 Comparative Perspectives on Crime in the Caribbean**
CJBS 377 Internships for Criminal Justice, Law and Policing
CRJ 255 Computer Applications for Criminal Justice
**CRJ/ SOC 420 Women and Crime** (moved from Part 2 Diversity)
CRJ 425 Seminar on Major Works in Criminal Justice
**LLS 250 Drugs, Crime and Law in Latin America**
PSC 107 Intro to Criminal Investigations
PSC 201 Police Organization and Administration
PSC 203 The Patrol Function
PSC 216 Crime Mapping
PSC 227 Police Training Programs: Goals, Content & Administration
PSC/ COR 230 Sex Offenders in the Criminal Justice System
PSC/ PSY 271 Psychological Foundations of Police Work
PSC 300 Police Management & Administration in the U.S.
PSC 306 Police Work with Juveniles
PSC 309 Comparative Police Systems
PSC 321 Police Ethics
PSC 324 Police Use of Force: Legal, Theoretical & Practical Implications
PSC 337 Chinese Americans in Policing
PSC 340 Planning for Police Operations & Management
PSC 380 Selected Topics in Police Science
PSC 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience in Police Science
PSC 405 Organized Crime in America
PSC 415 Seminar on Terrorism

Category B. Law and Courts
Select one

**AFR 220 Law and Justice in Africa**
**AFR 320 Perspectives on Justice in the Africana World**
CJBS 377 Internships for Criminal Justice, Law and Policing
CRJ/ PHI 322 Judicial and Correctional Ethics
EJS 240 Environmental Crime

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LAW 202 Law and Evidence  
LAW 203 Criminal Law of New York  
LAW 206 The American Judiciary  
LAW 209 Criminal Law  
LAW 212 The Criminal Process and the Criminal Procedure Law  
LAW / COM 213 The Impact of the Mass Media on the Administration of Justice  
LAW/ POL 259 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems  
LAW 301 Jurisprudence  
LAW/ PHI 310 Ethics and Law  
LAW 320 Seminar in the Law of Search and Seizure  
**LAW 340 Employment Discrimination Law, Affirmative Action and Police Organization** (moved from Part 2 Diversity)  
LAW/ PSY 370 Psychology and the Law  
LAW 380 Selected Topics in Law  
LAW 401 Problems of Constitutional Development  
LAW/ PAD 420 Contemporary Administration and the Judiciary  
**LLS 250 Drugs, Crime and Law in Latin America**  
**LLS 325 Latinx Experience of Criminal Justice**  
**LLS 341 Immigrant Rights in the Americas**  
**LLS 356 Terror and Transitional Justice in Latin America**

Category C. Corrections  
Select one

**AFR 227 Community-based Approaches to Justice**  
**AFR 315 Community-based Justice in Africana World**

COR 201 The Law and Institutional Treatment  
COR 202 The Administration of Correctional Programs for Juveniles  
COR/PSC 230 Sex Offenders in the Criminal Justice System  
COR 250 Rehabilitation of the Offender  
COR 282 Principles of Correctional Operations  
COR 303 Comparative Correction Systems  
COR 310 Fieldwork in Corrections  
COR 320 Race, Class and Gender in a Correctional Context  
COR 380 Selected Topics in Corrections  
COR 401 Evaluating Correctional Methods and Programs  
COR 402 Administration of Community-based Corrections Programs  
COR 415 Major Works in Corrections  
COR 430 Senior Seminar in Correctional Studies  
CRJ/PHI 322 Judicial and Correctional Ethics

**Note:** Courses can only be used to satisfy one area in the major.

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 45**

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1. Date submitted: March 22, 2021

2. Department or program proposing these revisions: Africana Studies
   a. Name and contact information of proposer(s): Charlotte Walker-Said
   b. Email address of proposer: cwalker-said@jjay.cuny.edu
   c. Phone number:

3. Name of major, minor or certificate program being revised:
   Minors in Africana Studies and Africana Studies Honors

4. Department curriculum committee or other governance body (for interdisciplinary programs) which has approved these changes: Africana Studies Departmental Curriculum Committee
   a. Please provide the meeting date for approval: Fall 2020
   b. Name of department chair or major/minor coordinators approving this proposal: Charlotte Walker-Said, Teresa Booker

5. Please describe the curriculum changes you are proposing:
   (narrative or bullet points are acceptable as long as there is adequate explanation)
   The three courses that are to be added as electives in these minors are:
   • AFR 255: Community Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship.
   • SEI 101: Social Entrepreneurship: Past, Present, and Future
   • SEI 102: Introduction to Business and Entrepreneurship

6. Please provide a rationale for the changes:
   (narrative format to go to CUNY and NYSED reports)
   To fulfill the requirements of the Africana Studies or Africana Studies Honors Minor, students must take several required courses and some electives. The Governance Committee agreed to include AFR 255, SEI 101, and SEI 102 as electives in these minors to broaden the range of thematic options for students pursuing Africana Studies as a minor. The Africana Studies Department developed these courses and led them through their departmental governance process and sponsored their revision and integration through the undergraduate studies governance process in 2019-2020 and they approve of the course design of these courses.
7. **How do these proposed changes affect other academic programs or departments?**
   
a. Which program(s) or department(s) will be affected? N/A

8. **Please summarize the result of your consultation with other department(s) or program(s) being affected by these changes:**

   UCASC suggests prior consultation with academic department chairs, UCASC representatives, and major or minor coordinators of affected departments (coordinators can be found in the UG Bulletin [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/college-bulletins](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/college-bulletins), a list of UCASC members can be found at: [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/members](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/members))

   N/A

9. **Please attach the current bulletin information** for the program reflecting the proposed changes. (Kathy Killoran ([killoran@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:killoran@jjay.cuny.edu)) will provide you a copy in Word format upon request).

   See below
Minor in Africana Studies  
(UG Bulletin 2020-21 w Revisions)

Description. The Minor in Africana Studies provides students with interdisciplinary approaches to the study of the historical and contemporary experiences of peoples of African heritage. Using themes such as culture, agency, struggle and justice, students will master multidisciplinary knowledge about Africa and the African diaspora and will explore new ways of thinking about the cultures, philosophies, history and society of African peoples and their communities throughout the diaspora.

Learning Outcomes. Students will:

- Explain the core ideas (key concepts, theories and methodologies) of Africana Studies, especially as they relate to themes of justice.
- Acquire and hone their critical thinking skills as applied to problems around justice themes within Africana Studies and among people of color.
- Use high level written and oral communication skills to work effectively and collaboratively with others.
- Have a better understanding of themselves, and of their relationship(s) to the broader society, as a result of exposure to Africana Studies.

Rationale. The Africana Studies minor uses interdisciplinary studies to expose students to different ways of thinking about and communicating both the diversity and commonality of cultural, political, social, economic, and historical experiences. With a focus on African people throughout the diaspora (people of color) this minor increases students’ familiarity with themes of inequality and justice, and provides tools students can use to study and address historical and contemporary racial inequality. Students will also learn more about the accomplishments, cultural richness and uniqueness, and contributions to the past and present world of Africana. Through community–based projects offered in several of the courses, students will be more attuned to real–life application of Africana perspectives and methodology. This in turn contributes to their ability to thrive in an increasingly diverse and globalizing world, and to adapt to changing work environments; as well as to their becoming well-rounded thinkers who will be attractive to employers and graduate schools.

Credits. 18

Requirements. A maximum of two courses can overlap with a student’s major, other minors or programs.

PART ONE. REQUIRED COURSES  
Subtotal: 6 cr.

Required
AFR 140 Introduction to Africana Studies

Choose one.
AFR 310: Research Seminar in African-American Studies OR
AFR 325: Research Methods in Human Services and Community Justice

Students who take AFR 390 McNair Research Methods, AFR 410 Independent Study or a 300 or 400-level “Experience Course” equivalent (such as one of the courses below indicated below with an asterisk) can use such a course in lieu of AFR 310, see Minor coordinator for more information).

PART TWO. ELECTIVES

Select ANY 4 courses taught by the Africana Studies Department (AFR course prefix or SEI course prefix) or those from ICJ, LIT, LLS, MUS or SOC listed below

AFR 123 Justice, the Individual & Struggle in African American Experience

or

AFR 125 Race & Ethnicity in America
AFR 145 Introduction to Community Justice in Human Systems
AFR 215 Police and Urban Communities
AFR 220 Law and Justice in Africa
AFR 227 Community-based Approaches to Justice
AFR 229 Restoring Justice: Making Peace and Resolving Conflict
AFR 243 Africana Youth and Social Justice Struggles

AFR 255 Community Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship

AFR 315 Community-based Justice in the Africana World
AFR 317 Environmental Racism
AFR 320 Perspectives on Justice in the Africana World
AFR 377 Field Education in Community Organizing and Practice
ICJ 381 Internship in International Criminal Justice

SEI 101 Social Entrepreneurship: Past Present and Future

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SEI 102  Introduction to Business and Entrepreneurship

SOC 381 Internship in Dispute Resolution

Total: 18 credits
Africana Studies Honors Minor

Description. The Honors Minor in Africana Studies provides students with interdisciplinary approaches to the study of the historical and contemporary experiences of peoples of African heritage. Using themes such as culture, agency, struggle and justice, students will master multidisciplinary knowledge about Africa and the African diaspora, and will explore new ways of thinking about the cultures, philosophies, history and society of African peoples and their communities throughout the diaspora.

Learning Outcomes. Students will:
- Explain how and why selected methodologies of the social sciences and humanities differ, and are utilized in Africana Studies.
- Analyze the impacts of racial disparities as well as of Africana agency on the micro-, medial-, and macro-levels of society.
- Design a research project using at least two different research tools.
- Apply knowledge and academic resources using key concepts, theories and methodologies of Africana Studies, to themes of inequality, struggle, and justice.

Credits required. 21

Eligibility. Overall GPA of 3.3 or higher

Requirements. A maximum of two courses can overlap with a student’s major, other minors or programs.

Additional information. The curriculum presented here applies to students who started the minor in September 2020 or thereafter. If you declared the minor prior to that see the Undergraduate Bulletin 2019-20.

Part One. Required Courses Subtotal: 15 cr.

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*HJS 310: Prerequisites: HJS 250 and junior standing or above.*

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1. **Date submitted:** March 18, 2021

2. **Department or program proposing these revisions:**
   a. Name and contact information of proposer(s): Randall LaSalle (David Shapiro)
   b. Email address of proposer: rlasalle@jjay.cuny.edu (dshapiro@jjay.cuny.edu)
   c. Phone number: 212-484-1308 (212.393.6882)

3. **Name of major, minor or certificate program being revised:**
   Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics (FEFF) Major (BS degree)

4. **Department curriculum committee** or other governance body (for interdisciplinary programs) which has approved these changes:
   a. Please provide the meeting date for approval: Feb. 23, 2021
   b. Name of department chair or major/minor coordinators approving this proposal:
      Warren Eller, Department Chair
      David Shapiro, Major Coordinator

5. **Please describe the curriculum changes you are proposing:**
   (narrative or bullet points are acceptable as long as there is adequate explanation)

   A course in data analytics is added to the requirements (Part Three: Fraud and Financial Forensic Courses) to stay current in field of anti-fraud professionals. The total number of required credit hours increases from 54 credits required for the major to 57 credits. The additional credit hours are necessary to include the much-needed data analytics course. The additional credit hours also bring the program closer to the credit hours required in many other professional undergraduate degrees. While the FEFF major is not an accounting program, the following sample set includes, among other programs, all CUNY colleges that offer BS accounting degrees:
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6. **Please provide a rationale for the changes:** (narrative format to go to CUNY and NYSED reports)

The analysis of data in the context of fraud examination and financial forensics is an essential means of accomplishing the ends; i.e., identifying and proving materially misleading statements and assessment of the effects of reliance on erroneous / fraudulent information comprise the primary activities of the practitioner in the FEFF field. The addition of the data analytics course enhances knowledge and skills introduced in lower-level courses; students would learn new tools (e.g., the data visualization software Tableau) and redevelop old tools (e.g., spreadsheet configuration with Excel). The addition of the data analytics course at the 400-level timely empowers and energizes the students as they prepare to leave academia for professional practice or graduate study. The emphasis on data analytics vis-à-vis auditing, financial reporting, and taxes should well serve students as they navigate into their next endeavors.

7. **How do these proposed changes affect other academic programs or departments?**

   a. Which program(s) or department(s) will be affected?

   No other programs or departments will be affected.

8. **Please summarize the result of your consultation with other department(s) or program(s) being affected by these changes:**

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Not applicable.

9. **Please attach the current bulletin information** for the program reflecting the proposed changes. (Kathy Killoran (kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu) will provide you a copy in Word format upon request).

See below.
Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics, Bachelor of Science (from UG Bulletin 2020-21 w Revisions)

The Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics major provides an interdisciplinary program of study that integrates knowledge of accounting principles and techniques with intellectual tools supplied from social science and other disciplines. The aim is to present a more comprehensive view of fraud that extends beyond the limited framework of any single disciplinary framework. Students will have ample opportunity to choose from among a variety of existing fraud-related courses while being required to learn the essential foundational competencies deemed necessary for entry into the anti-fraud professions.

**Learning outcomes. Students will:**

- Evaluate symptoms of fraud and conduct fraud risk assessments based on an evaluation of internal control structures.
- Effectively use technologies to locate, access, analyze, interpret and report on data using facts and appropriate statistical techniques.
- Develop an investigative methodology based on the fraud theory and using both inductive and deductive reasoning.
- Demonstrate knowledge of professional rules of conduct and ethical principles.
- Communicate findings of a forensic investigation clearly and accurately, both orally and in writing. This includes learning the opportunities and challenges posed by inter-professional and interdisciplinary communication and how to bridge professional frames of reference to facilitate interpersonal collaboration and communication among lawyers, accountants, law enforcement officers, and investigators. Students will also demonstrate some knowledge of each discipline’s lexicon to aid communication among the various disciplines. Students will participate in an interdisciplinary team to develop a unique and creative pro-active fraud prevention program that incorporates and integrates their knowledge of law, criminology, the criminal justice system, and accounting.

**Credits Required.**

Fraud Examination Major (or more depending on math placement) 57-54

General Education 42

Electives 21-24

**Total Credits Required for B.S. Degree** 120

**Prerequisites.** Depending on math placement, students may need to take **MAT 105** and/or **MAT 108** (or **MAT 141**) as prerequisites for the required statistics course, **STA 250**.
Part One. Foundations

Required

PHI 102  Ethical Foundations in Just Society

OR

PHI 210  Ethical Theory

ECO 101  Introduction to Economics and Global Capitalism

SOC 101  Introduction to Sociology

STA 250  Principles and Methods of Statistics

Note: PHI 102: Limited to Freshmen only.

Part Two. Core Accounting Courses

Required

ACC 250  Introduction to Accounting

ACC 260  Accounting Information Systems

ACC 270  Intermediate Accounting I

ACC 271  Intermediate Accounting II

ACC 308  Auditing

Part Three. Fraud and Financial Forensic Courses

Required

ACC 265  Digital Forensics for the Fraud Examiner

ACC 307  Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics I

ACC 309  Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics II

ACC 4XX  Data Analytics for the Fraud Examiner
ACC 410  Seminar in Forensic Financial Analysis

Select one

ECO 360/SOC 360 Corporate and White-Collar Crime

OR

PAD 331  Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Corruption in Public Organizations

Part Four. Electives  Subtotal: 12 cr.

Select four courses from the two areas below Category A Liberal Arts Electives and Category B Applied Electives. At least two courses must be from Category A.

Note: Students should meet with their major coordinator/advisor before selecting which electives best meet their educational and career objectives. Students may choose to emphasize breadth (i.e., by choosing electives across different disciplines) or depth (i.e., by choosing a cluster of related courses)

Category A. Liberal Arts Electives

Select 2-4 courses

ANT 230  Culture and Crime
ART 230  Issues in Art and Crime
COM 113  Oral Communication
COM 218  Managerial Communication
ECO 315/PSC 315  An Economic Analysis of Crime
ECO 360/SOC 360 Corporate and White-Collar Crime
LAW 206  The American Judiciary
PHI 231  Big Questions: Introduction to Philosophy
PHI 310/LAW 310 Ethics and Law
PSY 101  Introduction to Psychology
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PSY 372 Psychology of Criminal Behavior
SOC 203 Criminology
SOC 206 The Sociology of Conflict and Dispute Resolution

Category B. Applied Electives

Select 0-2 courses

ACC 251 Introduction to Managerial Accounting
ACC 380 Selected Topics in Fraud Examination & Financial Forensics

ACC 381 Accounting Internship
ACC 382 Accounting Internship

OR

ACC 383 Accounting Internship Intensive
ACC 384 Accounting Internship Intensive

CSCI 270/SEC 270 Security of Computers and Their Data
ECO 235 Finance for Forensic Economics
ENG 235 Writing for Management, Business and Public Administration
LAW 202 Law and Evidence
LAW 264/ACC 264 Business Law
PAD 343 Administration of Financial Resources
PSC 107 Introduction to Criminal Investigations

Total Credit Hours: 57 54
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   c. Phone number: 212-484-1308 (212.393.6882).

3. Name of major, minor or certificate program being revised:
   Fraud Examination Minor

4. Department curriculum committee or other governance body (for interdisciplinary programs) which has approved these changes:
   a. Please provide the meeting date for approval: TBD
   b. Name of department chair or major/minor coordinators approving this proposal:
      Warren Eller, Department Chair
      David Shapiro, Minor coordinator

5. Please describe the curriculum changes you are proposing:
   (narrative or bullet points are acceptable as long as there is adequate explanation)
   The new digital analysis course, ACC 4XX Data Analytics for the Fraud Examiner, is to be included as a Part One required course for the Fraud Examination minor. It will replace ACC 264 / LAW 264 (business law), which will become an elective for the minor.

6. Please provide a rationale for the changes:
   (narrative format to go to CUNY and NYSED reports)
   Data analysis in the context of fraud examination comprises a primary practitioner activity. Students seeking to enhance their knowledge and skills in software applications such as Excel and Tableau will have the opportunity to do so with the introduction of this course as a required part of the minor. It is necessary for the student minoring in fraud examination to obtain a valuable academic opportunity to enhance his/her readiness to apply and learn from commonly used computer-based tools in the practice of fraud examination and financial forensics. While the minor does not strive to prepare the student as broadly and deeply as the major, this course in data analytics is necessary for both programs as practitioners from novice to intermediate to expert regularly use the computer-based tools and techniques studied and applied in the course.
7. **How do these proposed changes affect other academic programs or departments?**
   a. Which program(s) or department(s) will be affected? 
   The digital analysis course will not affect any other programs or departments.

8. **Please summarize the result of your consultation with other department(s) or program(s) being affected by these changes:**

   UCASC suggests prior consultation with academic department chairs, UCASC representatives, and major or minor coordinators of affected departments (coordinates can be found in the UG Bulletin [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/college-bulletins](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/college-bulletins), a list of UCASC members can be found at: [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/members](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/members))

   The digital analysis course will not affect any other programs or departments.

9. **Please attach the current bulletin information** for the program reflecting the proposed changes. (Kathy Killoran (kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu) will provide you a copy in Word format upon request).

   See below.
Fraud Examination Minor
(from UG Bulletin 2020-21 with revisions)

The Fraud Examination minor considers the following areas: financial transactions and fraud schemes, civil and criminal law related to fraud, investigations, and fraud prevention and deterrence. Topics such as corruption, asset misappropriation and fraudulent financial statements are central to the minor.

Rationale. The required sequence of courses is beneficial for anyone who wants to help reduce the cost of fraud in business, government or non-profit organizations. The minor also provides students the opportunity to improve their career prospects by developing practical skills and providing learning outcomes valued in business, government and non-profit organizations. The courses also cover the educational material necessary to become a Certified Fraud Examiner and other professional certifications associated with financial crime. The minor will also help prepare students for graduate studies in White Collar Crime and/or Financial Crime.

Learning outcomes. Students will:

- Identify symptoms of fraud and design and conduct procedures to proactively search for fraud and develop programs to prevent such fraud.
- Conduct fraud risk assessments, including brainstorming for particular settings and obtaining a sufficient knowledge of internal controls to identify opportunities for fraud, the risk of management override and the possibility of collusion.
- Develop necessary well-written working papers and other documentation appropriate for the matters under investigation.
- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. This includes oral communications for case presentation, deposition and courtroom testimony. It also includes written communication; report writing skills and techniques.
- Evaluate the design of antifraud techniques and controls and test their operating effectiveness; make recommendations for improvements and assist in the implementation of fraud prevention programs.

Requirements. A maximum of two courses can overlap with a student’s major, other minors or programs.

Additional information. Students earning the B.S. in Economics with the Specialization in Financial Analysis (C.) or the B.S. in Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics are not eligible for this minor.

Students who enrolled for the first time at the College or declared this minor in September 2021 or thereafter must complete the minor in the form presented here. Students who enrolled prior to that date may choose the form shown here or the earlier version of the major. A copy of the earlier version may be obtained in the 2020-21 Undergraduate Bulletin.
Part One. Required Courses  

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Subtotal: 15

Part Two. Elective  

Subtotal: 3 cr.

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1. Date submitted: March 18, 2021

2. Department or program proposing these revisions:
   a. Name and contact information of proposer(s): Randall LaSalle (David Shapiro)
   b. Email address of proposer: rlasalle@jjay.cuny.edu (dshapiro@jjay.cuny.edu)
   c. Phone number: 212-484-1308 (212.393.6882)

3. Name of major, minor or certificate program being revised:
   Forensic Accounting Certificate

4. Department curriculum committee or other governance body (for interdisciplinary programs) which has approved these changes:
   a. Please provide the meeting date for approval: Feb. 23, 2021
   b. Name of department chair or major/minor coordinators approving this proposal:
      Warren Eller, Department Chair
      David Shapiro, Major Coordinator and minor coordinator and certificate coordinator

5. Please describe the curriculum changes you are proposing:
   (narrative or bullet points are acceptable as long as there is adequate explanation)
   This data analytics course (ACC 4XX Data Analytics for the Fraud Examiner) will replace Introduction to Business Law (ACC 264/LAW 264) as a required course.

6. Please provide a rationale for the changes:
   (narrative format to go to CUNY and NYSED reports)
   The data analytics course is more specifically tailored to student success than the business law course vis-à-vis the forensic accounting certificate. While knowledge of business law is necessary to the practice of forensic accounting, this knowledge may be obtained through other courses under the certificate program (e.g., ACC 307 and ACC 309 – fraud examination and financial forensics I and II). The study required under the data analytics course imparts specific necessary knowledge and skill in the art and science of assessment of financial information (e.g., hands-on familiarity with the effectiveness of software tools such as Excel and Tableau). The revised certificate would better prepare the successful holder to perform and manage tasks commonly encountered in practice (e.g., understanding and drawing inferences from large datasets).

7. How do these proposed changes affect other academic programs or departments?
   a. Which program(s) or department(s) will be affected?
The digital analysis course will not affect any other programs or departments.

8. Please summarize the result of your consultation with other department(s) or program(s) being affected by these changes:

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The digital analysis course will not affect any other programs or departments.

9. Please attach the current bulletin information for the program reflecting the proposed changes. (Kathy Killoran (killoran@jjay.cuny.edu) will provide you a copy in Word format upon request).

See attached file, named Forensic Accounting Certificate - current bulletin information.
Forensic Accounting, Certificate
(from UG Bulletin 2020-21 with revisions)

Description: Forensic accounting is the application of general theories and methodologies of accounting for purpose of resolving financial issues in a legal setting. The Forensic Accounting Certificate provides in-depth learning opportunities to advance students’ knowledge of fraud examination and to develop skills in the use of investigative and analytical techniques to resolve allegations of fraud and other potential white-collar and financial crimes. The certificate provides comprehensive coverage of all types of financial crimes, but concentrates on fraud prevention, fraud detection, fraud investigation and remediation. The types of fraud schemes studied include corruption schemes, asset misappropriation, and fraudulent financial statements.

Rationale: The required sequence of courses is beneficial for anyone who wants to help reduce the cost of fraud in business, government or non-profit organizations. The certificate also provides students the opportunity to improve their career prospects by developing practical skills and providing learning outcomes valued in both the private and public sectors. The certificate covers the four main sections of the professional certification in fraud examination offered by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. These sections include: (1) financial transactions and fraud schemes, (2) law, (3) investigation, and (4) fraud prevention and deterrence.

Credits required: 24

Please note: Students completing the BS in Economics with Specialization in Financial Analysis (Specialization C.) or students completing the BS in Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics CANNOT earn this certificate.

Required Courses  24 cr.

Students must complete all eight courses listed below. A maximum of two courses can overlap with a student's major, other minors or programs.

ACC 250  Introduction to Accounting
ACC 251  Introduction to Managerial Accounting
ACC 264/LAW 264  Business Law
ACC 265  Digital Forensics for the Fraud Examiner
ACC 307  Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics I
ACC 308  Auditing

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Total Credit Hours: 24
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1. **Date submitted**: 03/22/21

2. **Department or program proposing these revisions:**
   
   a. Name and contact information of proposer(s): Samuel Graff
   
   b. Email address of proposer: sgraff@jjay.cuny.edu
   
   c. Phone number: 1-845-325-0144 (cell)

3. **Name of major, minor or certificate program being revised:**

   **Applied Mathematics Major**

4. **Department curriculum committee** or other governance body (for interdisciplinary programs) which has approved these changes:

   a. Please provide the meeting date for approval: 11/18/2020
   
   b. Name of department chair or major/minor coordinators approving this proposal: Samuel Graff

5. **Please describe the curriculum changes you are proposing:**
   
   (narrative or bullet points are acceptable as long as there is adequate explanation)

   Add MAT 385 and CSCI 385 Faculty Mentored Research as free electives for the Applied Mathematics Major.

6. **Please provide a rationale for the changes:**
   
   (narrative format to go to CUNY and NYSED reports)

   The intent of the course is to nurture budding research interest so as to build the pool of Mathematical talent in the New York Metro Region. Indeed, Applied Mathematics majors have shown interest in participating in research projects that are under the purview of department faculty members. The experience gained from participating in a suitably mentored undertaking goes far beyond what is gained from a single topic focused course. Students are compelled to synthesize concepts across several courses and they gain a perspective of Mathematics that is global. A summary thesis or paper is often required which hones the writing skills necessary to explain abstract concepts to both a general audience and mathematicians, teaches the library skills required for a literature review, and how to organize a logical argument to validate a conjecture. Whatever an individual’s intended future plans, whether immediate employment upon graduation or continuing on to graduate school, the capabilities attained prove invaluable. Therefore, students should be offered the opportunity to earn credit for their research experience.
7. **How do these proposed changes affect other academic programs or departments?**
   a. Which program(s) or department(s) will be affected?  
      None

8. **Please summarize the result of your consultation with other department(s) or program(s) being affected by these changes:**
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   Not applicable.

9. **Please attach the current bulletin information** for the program reflecting the proposed changes. (Kathy Killoran ([kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu)) will provide you a copy in Word format upon request).
   See below.
Applied Mathematics: Data Science and Cryptography,

Bachelor of Science (from UG Bulletin 2020-21 with revisions)

The Applied Mathematics major has two concentrations, Data Science and Cryptography. The Data Science concentration presents the principles of data representation, big data management, and statistical modeling. Students learn to use modern computing techniques to reveal hidden causal and temporal relationships within large data sets. Hidden information is often benign but it might also be evidence of malevolent activities that have already occurred or are in progress. Cryptography is the science of both personal and institutional data security. Students learn to secure information, maintain data integrity, authenticity, and non-reputability. Cryptologists play a vital role in detecting events yet to unfold, especially when attempting to interdict and thwart incipient cyber intrusions and terrorist attacks.

The curriculum offers an integrated academic program with the depth and breadth necessary to make graduates truly competitive in the job market. Both concentrations provide the knowledge and the skills that are in demand in high tech entrepreneurship, finance, modern communications, medicine, security, transportation, and manufacturing. The New York City metropolitan region is being repositioned as a nexus of technological innovation and discovery as well as a haven for entrepreneurial leadership. Such a metamorphosis requires the availability of a renewable work force possessing skills in data analysis and data security. Consequently, employment opportunities are expected to be available for applied mathematics graduates for the foreseeable future.

Those individuals that opt to undertake graduate study will find that they are well prepared to enroll in a wide range of Master’s and Doctoral programs such as Digital Forensics and Cyber Security, Financial Mathematics, Machine Learning, traditional Mathematics, and Mathematics Education. Indeed, the required mathematics core aligns well with the core requirements of other CUNY mathematics programs thereby affording graduates the widest possible choice of subsequent educational opportunities.

Learning Outcomes. Students will:

- Apply the principles of mathematical proof and deductive logic to prove level appropriate mathematical statements or create counterexamples within the context of the real number axioms and the axioms defining various algebraic structures.
- Apply the mathematical modeling process to modern problems in data science and cryptography for the purpose of analyzing large data sets and encrypting plain text or decrypting cipher text.
- Function effectively in an interdisciplinary team environment and express quantitative information effectively to others.
- Identify and adhere to the ethical constraints of respecting personal data privacy and evaluate and assess ethical standards for the application of cryptographic algorithms in contemporary contexts.

Credits Required.

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Applied Mathematics: Data Science & Cryptography Major: 51-54

General Education: 42

Electives: 24-27

Total Credits Required for B.S. Degree 120

Additional information. Students who enrolled for the first time at the College or changed to this major in September 2020 or thereafter must complete the major in the form presented here. Students who enrolled prior to that date may choose the form shown here or the earlier version of the major. A copy of the earlier version may be obtained in the 2019-20 Undergraduate Bulletin.

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES SUBTOTAL: 0-3 CR.

May be required depending on mathematics placement
MAT 141 Pre-Calculus

Advisor recommendation: MAT 141 fulfills the Required Core: Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning area of the Gen Ed Program.

PART ONE. CORE COURSES SUBTOTAL: 12 CR.

Required
CSCI 271 Introduction to Computer Science
CSCI 272 Object-Oriented Programming
MAT 241 Calculus I
MAT 242 Calculus II

PART TWO. MATHEMATICS CORE COURSES SUBTOTAL: 21 CR.

Required
MAT 243 Calculus III
MAT 244 Calculus IV
MAT 250 Elements of Mathematical Proof
MAT 301 Probability & Mathematical Statistics I
MAT 310 Linear Algebra
MAT 351 Introduction to Ordinary Differential Equations
CSCI 373 Advanced Data Structures

PART THREE. CONCENTRATIONS SUBTOTAL: 6 CR.

Students must choose one concentration and complete four courses

Concentration A. Data Science
Data Science plays a critical role in analyzing large data sets which may have valuable information that is obscured by the sheer volume of the data itself. In the Data Science concentration, students will learn the principles of data representation, big data

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management, and statistical modeling. They will also be able to use computers to reveal hidden causal and temporal relationships in large data sets.

**Learning outcomes for Data Science Concentration.** Student will:
- Use mathematical methods to analyze and recognize the properties of large data sets as well as any anomalies.
- Use suitable models such as linear regression, logical regression, to analyze data and predict probability distributions.
- Recognize clustering in large data sets and explain its significance.

**Required**
CSCI 362 Databases and Data Mining  
MAT 302 Probability and Mathematical Statistics II  
MAT 367 Multivariate Analysis  
MAT 455 Data Analysis

**Concentration B. Cryptography**
Cryptography is the science of data security, both personal and institutional, and as such is also an important component of justice. In the Cryptography concentration, students will learn to secure information which is achieved by assuring privacy as well as other properties of a communication channel, such as data integrity, authenticity, and non-reputability, depending upon the application. They will devise systems for companies to resist the unwarranted intrusions of hackers, to protect internal company and consumer data, and to act as consultants to research staff concerning the implementation of cryptographic and mathematical methods.

**Learning outcomes for the Cryptography Concentration.** Students will:
- Use the mathematics upon which specific cryptographic algorithms are based to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of cryptographic schemes.
- Guarantee authenticity and integrity of data and ensure that transactions are non-repudiable, when appropriate.
- Develop cryptographic algorithms.

**Required**
CSCI 360 Cryptography and Cryptanalysis  
MAT 341 Advanced Calculus 1  
MAT 410 Abstract Algebra  
MAT 460 Mathematical Cryptography

**PART FOUR. ELECTIVES**

Choose two
MAT 323 Operations Research Models I  
MAT 324 Operations Research Models II  
MAT 352 Applied Differential Equations  
MAT 354 Regression Analysis

**SUBTOTAL: 6 CR.**
MAT 365 The Mathematics of Signal Processing
MAT 371 Numerical Analysis
MAT 380 Selected Topics in Mathematics
**MAT 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience in Mathematics**
MAT 442 Advanced Calculus II
**CSCI 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience in Computer Science**
CSCI 421 Quantum Computing

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 51-54**
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards

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1. **Date submitted**: 4/8/2021

2. **Department or program proposing these revisions:**
   a. Name and contact information of proposer(s): Kumar Ramansenthil
   b. Email address of proposer: kramansenthil@jjay.cuny.edu
   c. Phone number: 732-672-0112

3. **Name of major, minor or certificate program being revised:**
   **Computer Science and Information Security Major and Computer Science Minor**

4. **Department curriculum committee** or other governance body (for interdisciplinary programs) which has approved these changes:
   a. Please provide the meeting date for approval: 11/18/2020
   b. Name of department chair or major/minor coordinators approving this proposal: Kumar Ramansenthil.

5. **Please describe the curriculum changes you are proposing:**
   (narrative or bullet points are acceptable as long as there is adequate explanation)
   
   Adjusting the credit totals for the major due to the changes in the Calculus sequence. The minimum credits to earn the major will increase by 1 credits due to Calculus I being 4 credits now.

   Add CSCI 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience in Computer Science and MAT 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience in Mathematics as electives for Computer Science and Information Security Major and Minor.

6. **Please provide a rationale for the changes:**
   (narrative format to go to CUNY and NYSED reports)
   
   Computer Science majors will be taking this course to engage in faculty mentored research project. In this course students are expected to complete a major thesis project, an honors thesis project, a fieldwork project, or a faculty research project in which students participate in research activities which can include literature reviews, data collection, data analysis, research design and methods, etc. The purpose of this course is to develop research talent and skilled cyber experts. Adding this course as an elective allows students to make progress in the major as they conduct research in their field.
7. **How do these proposed changes affect other academic programs or departments?**

   a. Which program(s) or department(s) will be affected? None

8. **Please summarize the result of your consultation with other department(s) or program(s) being affected by these changes:** N/A

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9. **Please attach the current bulletin information** for the program reflecting the proposed changes. (Kathy Killoran ([kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu)) will provide you a copy in Word format upon request).
Computer Science and Information Security, Bachelor of Science (2020-21 UG Bulletin w Revisions)

The major in Computer Science and Information Security offers the computing, quantitative and analytical expertise public and private organizations need to advance the practice of digital forensics and cybersecurity. The program provides the broad background in computing that is needed to thwart the abuse and misuse of computers, data networks, information systems and information infrastructures, in the environment of ever advancing digital technology. The courses in the Computer Science and Information Security major prepare students for direct entry into the profession as well as entry into graduate and professional programs that rely on computing and quantitative methods, especially in areas related to digital forensics and cybersecurity.

Learning Outcomes. Students will:

- Use and critically evaluate the variety of theoretical approaches that are relevant to Computer Science and Information Security.
- Use and critically evaluate the variety of practical/hands-on/research approaches that are relevant to Computer Science and Information Security.
- Analyze the quality of the programs in Computer Science and Information Security.
- Communicate effectively through integrating theory, research and policy in written reports and presentations.
- Understand the ethical considerations and statutory requirements computer professionals encounter as care takers of sensitive data and designers and developers of systems that can impact the well-being of individuals and organizations.

Credits Required.
Computer Science and Information Security Major 58-63 57-60
General Education 42
Electives 15-20 18-21
Total Credits Required for B.S. Degree 120

Experiential learning opportunities. Students in the Computer Science and Information Security major can participate in a variety of experiential learning opportunities over the course of their studies. During their junior and senior years, students typically engage in hands-on cybersecurity labs and internship experiences related to cybersecurity and cybercrime. The senior capstone courses lead to multiple opportunities to present their work at a departmental poster session. Recent students have interned with the Federal Reserve Bank, collaborated in NSF-funded research with faculty, and participated in local and national computer security contests.

Additional information. Students who enrolled for the first time at the College or changed to this major in September 2015 or thereafter must complete the major in the form presented here. Students who enrolled prior to that date may choose the form shown here or the earlier version of the major. A copy of the earlier version may be obtained in the 2014-15 Undergraduate Bulletin.

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES  SUBTOTAL: 0-3 CR.
Depending on mathematics placement, students may need to complete pre-calculus.

MAT 141 Pre-Calculus
Advisor recommendation: MAT 141 can fulfill the Required Core: Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning area of the Gen Ed Program depending on students’ math placement test score. Additionally, students may have to take MAT 105 College Algebra to meet the prerequisites for MAT 141 Pre-Calculus.

PART ONE. CORE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSES

**Required**
CSCI 271 Introduction to Computer Science
CSCI 272 Object-Oriented Programming
CSCI 274 Computer Architecture
CSCI 360 Cryptography and Cryptanalysis
CSCI 373 Advanced Data Structures
CSCI 374 Programming Languages
CSCI 375 Operating Systems
CSCI 377 Computer Algorithms
CSCI 379 Computer Networking
CSCI 411 Computer Security and Forensics
CSCI 412 Network Security & Forensics

PART TWO. REQUIRED MATH COURSES

**Required**
MAT 204 Discrete Structures
MAT 151 Calculus I (3 cr.) – formerly MAT 241
MAT 301 Probability & Mathematical Statistics I

PART THREE. ELECTIVES

Category A. Computer Science Electives

**Select one**
CSCI 275 Linux System Administration and Security
CSCI 362 Databases and Data Mining
CSCI 376 Artificial Intelligence
CSCI 380 Selected Topics in Computer Science
**CSCI 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience in Computer Science**
CSCI 404 Internship in Management Information Systems
CSCI 421 Quantum Computing

Category B. Mathematics Electives

**Select one**
MAT 152 Calculus II (4cr.) – formerly MAT 242
MAT 253 Calculus III (4 cr.) – formerly MAT 243
MAT 244 Calculus IV
MAT 310 Linear Algebra
MAT 351 Introduction to Ordinary Differential Equations
MAT 371 Numerical Analysis
MAT 380 Selected Topics in Mathematics

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MAT 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience in Mathematics

PART FOUR. ETHICS
 Required
 PHI 216 Ethics and Information Technology

PART FIVE. CAPSTONE COURSES
 Required
 CSCI 400 Capstone Experience in Digital Forensics/Cybersecurity I
 CSCI 401 Capstone Experience in Digital Forensics/Cybersecurity II

SUBTOTAL: 3 CR.
SUBTOTAL: 6 CR.

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 58-63 57-60
Computer Science Minor

Rationale. Computers are the future. By learning to use a computer, students are securing their tomorrows. Good computer skills will build self-confidence and increase students’ marketability and competence in their chosen fields. Computers also allow users to work quickly and efficiently with data and information in a way that no other devices do.

Learning Outcomes. Students will:

- Use and critically evaluate the variety of theoretical approaches that are relevant to Computer Science.
- Use and critically evaluate the variety of practical hands-on research approaches that are relevant to Computer Science.
- Communicate effectively through integrating theory, research and policy in written reports and presentations.
- Understand the ethical considerations and statutory requirements computer professionals encounter as care takers of sensitive data and designers and developers of systems that can impact the well‐being of individuals and organizations.

Credits required. 18

Requirements. The minor requires the completion of 18 credits (six courses) in computer courses offered by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Two courses are required for all minors. Four additional courses must be selected in electives. In selecting the four elective courses, students should consult with a minor advisor. Advisors can suggest courses that will help students be prepared for career opportunities or graduate study.

A maximum of two courses can overlap with a student’s major, other minors or programs.

Additional information. Students who started the minor in September 2020 or after must follow the curriculum listed here. For students who enrolled prior to that, please see the Undergraduate Bulletin 2019‐2020 for the older curricular requirements.

PART ONE. REQUIRED COURSES SUBTOTAL: 6 CR.

CSCI 271 Introduction to Computer Science
CSCI 272 Object‐Oriented Programming

PART TWO. ELECTIVES SUBTOTAL: 12 CR.

Select any four courses
CSCI 273 Graphics and Interface Programming
CSCI 274 Computer Architecture
CSCI 275 Linux System Administration and Security
CSCI 360 Cryptography and Cryptanalysis
CSCI 362 Databases and Data Mining
CSCI 373 Advanced Data Structures
CSCI 374 Programming Languages
CSCI 375 Operating Systems

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CSCI 377 Computer Algorithms
CSCI 379 Computer Networking
CSCI 380 Selected Topics in Computer Science
**CSCI 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience in Computer Science**
CSCI 389 Independent Study 300-level
CSCI 411 Computer Security and Forensics
CSCI 412 Network Security & Forensics
CSCI 421 Quantum Computing
CSCI 489 Independent Study 400-level
**MAT 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience in Mathematics**
PHI 216 Ethics and Information Technology

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 18
John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards

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1. **Date submitted**: 3/05/2021

2. **Department or program proposing these revisions:**
   a. Name and contact information of proposer(s):
      Hunter Johnson
   b. Email address of proposer:
      hujohnson@jjay.cuny.edu
   c. Phone number:
      301.706.5654

3. **Name of major, minor or certificate program being revised**: Mathematics Minor

4. **Department curriculum committee** or other governance body (for interdisciplinary programs) which has approved these changes:
   a. Please provide the meeting date for approval:
      3/3/2021
   b. Name of department chair or major/minor coordinators approving this proposal:
      Hunter Johnson, Math Minor Coordinator

5. **Please describe the curriculum changes you are proposing**:
   (narrative or bullet points are acceptable as long as there is adequate explanation)

   * MAT 151-Calculus I (4 cr) and MAT 152-Calculus II (4 cr) are required.
   * MAT 253-Calculus III (4 cr) will be moved to the elective category.
   * Students will be required to take four (4) additional courses from the elective category for a total of six (6) courses altogether.
   * Therefore, the total number of credits required for the Math Minor is either 20 or 21 depending upon whether MAT 253-Calculus III (4 cr) is chosen as an elective or not.

6. **Please provide a rationale for the changes**:
   (narrative format to go to CUNY and NYSED reports)

   In response to a CUNY directive, the Calculus sequence at John Jay has moved from 3 credit hours per class to 4. This means that the MAT courses 241, 242, 243 and 244 are being replaced with the MAT courses 151, 152 and 253.
The content of the three credit courses Calc I, Calc II and Calc III is largely contained in the new four credit versions of Calc I and Calc II. The new credit structure also implies a substantial increase in the credit burden of the minor. To address these issues, we would like to adjust the minor in the way described above.

To flesh out the changes in greater detail, we would like the structure of the minor to be Calculus I and Calculus II plus a free choice of four upper-level courses. The old structure was Calculus I, II and III plus a free choice of three upper-level courses.

We are also adding MAT 385 Faculty Mentored Research Experience to the elective choices.

7. How do these proposed changes affect other academic programs or departments?
   a. Which program(s) or department(s) will be affected?

      Only the Mathematics Minor will be affected.

8. Please summarize the result of your consultation with other department(s) or program(s) being affected by these changes: N/A

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Mathematics Minor

Description. Mathematics provides excellent preparation for entrance into many quantitative and high–technology careers. Some of these include the actuarial field, financial analysis and work in cryptography. The Mathematics minor will enhance the understanding of quantitative disciplines such as the social sciences, physics, chemistry and biology. Strong math skills also increase a student’s ability to manage life in this increasingly quantitative world.

Learning Outcomes. Students will:

- Reduce real world phenomena to abstract descriptions, and apply theory to solve real world problems.
- Develop the technical ability to operate symbolic systems, including those which arise in the theories of analysis and algebra, and connect these with practical uses.
- Recognize, extract and analyze patterns from data.
- Express quantitative information effectively to others.

Requirements. The Mathematics minor consists of a two three-course calculus sequence plus four three advanced electives at the 300-level or above. A maximum of two courses can overlap with a student’s major, other minor or program.

Part One. Required Courses Subtotal: 8-9 cr.

MAT 151 Calculus I (4. cr.)

MAT 152 Calculus II (4 cr.)

MAT 241 Calculus I

MAT 242 Calculus II

MAT 243 Calculus III

Note: MAT 151 and MAT 152 are prerequisites for most courses in Part Two.

Part Two. Elective Courses Subtotal: 12-13 9-cr.

Select four three

CSCI 360 Cryptography and Cryptanalysis 3

MAT 253 Calculus III (or MAT 243) 4

MAT 244 Calculus IV 3

MAT 250 Elements of Mathematical Proof 3

MAT 301 Probability & Mathematical Statistics I 3

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Total Credit Hours: 18
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The City University of New York
Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee

New Course Proposal Form

Date Submitted: March 8, 2021

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1. a. Department(s) or program(s) proposing this course: Economics
   b. Name and contact information of proposer(s):

   Name: Jay Hamilton, Geert Dhondt and Zhun Xu
   Email address(es) jhamilton@jjay.cuny.edu, gdhondt@jjay.cuny.edu & zxu@jjay.cuny.edu
   Phone number(s) ________________________________

2. a. Title of the course: Movements for Economic Justice
   b. Short title (not more than 30 characters including spaces to appear on student transcripts and in CUNYFirst schedule): Movements for Economic Justice
   c. Level of this course  ____100 Level  ____XX_200 Level  ____300 Level  ____400 Level

   Please provide a brief rationale for why the course is at the level:
   This course serves as a general education requirement for the college’s 200 level Transfer Student Seminar. Students are expected to have experience in college classes but are not expected to have disciplinary prerequisites.

   d. Course prefix to be used (i.e. ENG, SOC, HIS, etc.): __ECO________________

3. Rationale for the course (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should John Jay College offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs.)

   This course is an introduction to economic literacy through the examination of movements for justice. The course emphasizes the need for economic community building as a vital tool of social change and as a means by which to help cement students’ connection to the college. It will help students find their passion for activism while providing them with the knowledge of the larger economic issues at stake for their communities and the planet. The course will help them make the connection between local action and global consequences so they can discover these connections on their own in future settings.

Approved by UCASC, April 16, to College Council, May 11, 2021
Many colleges offer general education economics options built around “Economic Issues” where students get an understanding of both macro and micro economic issues in one semester by examining the issues of the day. This course will provide a similar option at John Jay College with three notable improvements. First, the course will serve sophomore level transfer students as part of a larger program. Second, the course will develop students’ understanding of the economic arguments behind social movements. Third, the course will emphasize the role of collective action in social movement and through experiential collaborative projects.

The topics and case studies will vary by instructor so the course can remain contemporaneous and individual instructors can use their specialized knowledge. Three social movements will be required in every section: the movement for an eight-hour workday, the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and current movements to save the plant from global warming. Other social movements may include: Occupy Wall Street, Menstruation Equity, Free Silver Movement of the 1890s, Movement for Marriage Equality, Anti-globalization movement, Movement for Student Debt Forgiveness, bail reform movements, Women’s suffrage, Earth Day Movement (1960-70s), Consumer Protection Movements, Abolition Movements, Religious based economic justice movements, and Farm Workers Movements.

4. **Course description** as it is to appear in the College Bulletin. (Keep in mind that this is for a student audience and so should be clear and informative; please write in complete sentences; we suggest not more than 75 words.)

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5. **Course Prerequisites or co-requisites** (Please note: All 200-level courses must have ENG 101 and all 300 & 400-level courses must have ENG 201 as prerequisites): **ENG 101**

6. Number of:
   a. Class hours  **3**
   b. Lab hours  **0**
   c. Credits  **3**

7. Has this course been taught on an **experimental basis**?
   
   **X**  No  ____  Yes. If yes, then please provide:
Learning Outcomes (List three to five only). What will the student know or be able to do by the end of the course? How do the outcomes relate to the program’s (major; minor) outcomes?

Learning Outcomes for 200 level Social Justice Transfer Seminars

1. Inquiry: Analyze issues of justice using methodologies appropriate to course subject matter/discipline.
   In Movements for Economic Justice students will demonstrate an understanding of the economic arguments supporting social justice movements.

2. Habits of Mind: Understand one’s own role in the creation of knowledge as it relates to academic and professional goals.
   In Movements for Economic Justice students will practice professional journaling to record their contributions to cooperative work.

3. Collaboration: Develop active collaborative relationships with people of diverse backgrounds to accomplish shared course-related goals.
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4. Community Awareness: Develop understanding of opportunities, resources, and services available in the campus community.
   In Movements for Economic Justice students will demonstrate a knowledge of their place in the community by documenting opportunities for community engagement.

9. Will this course be part of any major(s), minor(s) or program(s)?
   _____ No  ___X___ Yes

   If yes, Indicate major(s), minor(s), or program(s) and indicate the part, category, etc. (Please be specific):

   The BS and Minor in Economics, this course will be an elective choice.

10. Will this course be part of JJ’s general education program?
    No _____   Yes ___X___   If yes, please indicate the area:
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Please explain why this course should be part of the selected area.

This course was developed specifically for transfer students during a year-long series of workshops hosted by Undergraduate Studies.

11. How will you assess student learning?

Final Exam
The Final Exam will test student’s ability to identify and explain the economic goals of the historical and contemporaneous social movement. Exam details to be announced.
This exam counts toward 25% of the final grade.
This exam assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 1: Inquiry.

Journal of the Collective Project Experience.
The Journal format and instructions will be announced. The journal will be graded on quantity and quality of written answers to specific entry prompts.
The journal counts toward 20% of the final grade.
The journal assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 2: Habits of Mind.

Collective Project
Students will be assigned into “Collectives.” Each Collective will decide on a social justice movement and prepare a presentation exploring the economic arguments behind the movement.
The Group Project counts toward 25% of the final grade.
The Collective Project assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 3: Collaboration.

Community Engagement Survey
Student will conduct a survey (exploration, inquiry, inspection, review) of the opportunities for student engagement with the wider John Jay Community. The survey will be graded on quantity and quality of written answers to specific entry prompts.
The journal counts toward 20% of the final grade.
The journal assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 4: Community Awareness.
Reflection Report

Students will submit edited and annotated portions of their Collective Project Journals and Community Engagement Surveys at the end of the semester.

The Reflection Report counts toward 10% of the final grade.

The Reflection Report assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 2: Habits of Mind

12. Did you meet with a librarian to discuss library resources for the course?

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If yes, please state the librarian’s name: Vee Herrington

We are working with Vee Herrington to qualify the course as a low-cost OER course and produce a new libguide for the course.

Did you check the existing OER (Open Educational Resources) to support teaching of this course? [https://johnjay.digication.com/2018-2019-course-conversion-project-oer-and-aer/home-1]

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Are there adequate resources in the library to support students’ work in the course? (Please check all that apply):

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Subject specific library databases:

| ___X__Academic Search Complete | ___Gale Reference Sources |
| ___NexisUni | ___PsycInfo |
| ___Criminal Justice Abstracts | ___X_Sociological Abstracts |

Other (list them here) _______________________________________________________

Are there existing library Research Guides to support your class? [https://guides.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/]

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“Social Activism, Civil Disobedience and Anti-Racism Movements: Anti-Racism”

If you have any acquisitions suggestions (print/electronic/media) for the library list
them here (or attach a separate compilation).

*Strike! 50th Anniversary Edition* by Jeremy Brecher. PM Press, 2020
The electronic edition would be great.

13. **Syllabus** – see attached

14. Date of **Department curriculum committee** approval: **March 5, 2021**

15. **Faculty** - Who will be assigned to teach this course? Jay Hamilton, Geert Dhondt

16. Is this proposed course **similar to or related to** any course, major, or program offered by any **other department(s)**? How does this course **differ**?

   ____X____No
   ____Yes. If yes, what course(s), major(s), or program(s) is this course similar or related to? With whom did you meet? Provide a brief description.

17. Did you **consult** with department(s) or program(s) offering similar or related courses or majors?

   ____X____Not applicable
   ____No
   ____Yes. If yes, give a short summary of the consultation process and results.

18. Will any course be **withdrawn**, if this course is approved?

   ____X____No
   ____Yes. If yes, number and name of course(s) to be withdrawn.

19. Approvals: Geert Dhondt, Chair, Department of Economics
John Jay General Education College Option  
Course Submission Form

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## Learning Outcomes

In the left column explain the course assignments and activities that will address the learning outcomes in the right column.

### I. Justice Core I: Justice and The Individual (200 level transfer seminar)

Please explain how your course meets these learning outcomes. Students will:

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<td>In <em>Movements for Economic Justice</em> students will demonstrate an understanding of the economic arguments supporting social justice movements. Every week students will engage in discussions of reading material. The discussion are designed to demonstrate and cultivate a critical analysis of the issues that give rise to movement for economic justice. Students will receive guidance about how to analyses readings through the discussion and their ability to analyze such texts will be assessed in the final exam. The reading material is deigned to provoke students. The main text, <em>Strike!</em>, is an accessible but thought-provoking history of labor movements in the U.S. It is paired with readings from a variety of sources that focus mainly on racial movements including authors such as W.E.B. Dubois and William Darity and video documentaries about A. Phillip Randolph.</td>
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Movements for Economic Justice
Semester
Instructor Name

Room location and meeting times

Contact Information & Office Hours

Economic Department: 646-557-4835 https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/department-economics

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**Texts**

**Grading**

**Final Exam**
The Final Exam will test students’ ability to identify and explain the economic goals of the historical and contemporaneous social movement. Exam details to be announced.  
This exam counts toward 25% of the final grade.
The exam assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 1: *Inquiry*.

**Journal of the Collective Project Experience.**
The Journal will be due every few weeks, for each submission students will answer prompts about their experience working with others on the Collective Project. Journal entries will not be shared with other students. The instructor will use the journal entries as a means to oversee the Collectives to mitigate any problems. The journal will be graded on quantity and quality of written answers to the prompts. About a page per submission is expected (including bullet lists), but these should be thought of as drafts. Students will draw upon their journal entries when crafting their Reflection Report.  
The journal counts toward 20% of the final grade.
The journal assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 2: *Habits of Mind*.

**Collective Project**
Students will be assigned into “Collectives.” Each Collective will decide on a social justice movement and prepare a presentation exploring the economic arguments behind the movement.  
The Collective Project counts toward 25% of the final grade.
The Collective Project assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 3: *Collaboration*.

**Community Engagement Survey**
Student will conduct a survey (exploration, inquiry, inspection, review) of the opportunities for student engagement with the wider John Jay Community. The survey will be graded on quantity and quality of written answers to specific entry prompts.  
The Community Engagement Survey counts toward 20% of the final grade.
The journal assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 4: *Community Awareness*.

**Reflection Report**
Students will submit edited and annotated portions of their Collective Project Journals and Community Engagement Surveys at the end of the semester.  
The Reflection Report counts toward 10% of the final grade.
The Reflection Report assesses student achievement for Learning Outcome 2: *Habits of Mind*.
Collective Project
Your Collective’s goal is to explain the economic argument behind an historical social movement that is not already covered in the class. Your Collective will make a presentation to the class (and possibly for a showcase of undergraduate research). Collectives will have class time over the first three weeks to organize and more group time in class throughout the semester. However, Collectives are expected to form external communication systems. Blackboard has several options. Students should not feel pressured into giving away private contact information.

Activities:
- Get to know fellow students.
- Forming groups of 4 or 5 (preferably 4).
- Organize roles such as communications leader, note taker, reporter, lead writer, lead editor, fact checker, joke maker (but not insensitive jokes), presentation czar, or chief cynic. At the end of the second week Collectives will report their groups organization. The instructor may recommend changes to help the Collective work more efficiently and equitably.
- Brainstorm ideas.
- Make a collective decision on a movement.
- Research the chosen movement using a variety of sources including breaking news media (like the New York Times) and long form journalism (like The New Yorker), books and Internet sources. Be wary of Internet sources. If an Internet sources has a print analogue cite the print analogue. The Library has excellent tutorials on evaluating Internet sources. My advice is to examine the “about” section of a web sources and “follow the money.”
- Prepare a 10-minute presentation of the collective’s findings that includes a visual aid.

Collective Projects Suggested Movements
Religious Based Economic Justice Movements: Poor People’s Campaign
https://www.breachrepairers.org/
Movements to Save the Planet from Global Warming: Sunrise Movement
https://www.sunrisemovement.org/ & People’s Climate Movement https://peoplesclimate.org/
Movement for Marriage Equality
Consumer Protection Movements see Ralph Nadar (before he ran for President)
Movement for Menstrual Equity: Period Equity https://www.periodequity.org/
Occupy Wall Street
Bail Reform
Free Silver Movement of the 1890s
Student Debt Forgiveness (Careful here – there are lots of “organizations” that seem like popular movement but are really in the business of loan consolidation – which is not always a good thing for the borrower.)
Women’s Suffrage
Cooperative Farms
Earth Day 1960-70s
Anti-Globalization Movements
Another good place to look for specific labor movements is Rebel Voices an IWW Anthology Edited by Joyce L. Kornbluh – available online through the library.

**Transfer Peer Success Coach**
Your coach is a well-accomplished John Jay student dedicated to supporting your success this semester (and beyond). They will keep you informed about upcoming events and opportunities, college policies and deadlines, and is knowledgeable about the services and resources available at the college. They can assist you in following through on a plan to reach your academic and postgraduate goals, including recommending action items, and help you deal with challenges. You should schedule a half hour meeting for some time in the first half of the semester.

**Policies**

**Academic Integrity** (copied from the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin)
*The following information is excerpted from the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity. The complete text of the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity can be accessed at [http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/la/Academic_Integrity_Policy.pdf](http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/la/Academic_Integrity_Policy.pdf).*

Academic dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York. Penalties for academic dishonesty include academic sanctions, such as failing or otherwise reduced grades, and/or disciplinary sanctions, including suspension or expulsion.

**Definitions and Examples of Academic Dishonesty**
Cheating is the unauthorized use or attempted use of material, information, notes, study aids, devices or communication during an academic exercise. The following are some examples of cheating, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Copying from another student during an examination or allowing another to copy your work
- Unauthorized collaboration on a take-home assignment or examination
- Using notes during a closed-book examination
- Taking an examination for another student, or asking or allowing another student to take an examination for you
- Changing a graded exam and returning it for more credit
- Submitting substantial portions of the same paper to more than one course without consulting with each instructor
- Preparing answers or writing notes in a blue book (exam booklet) before an examination
- Allowing others to research and write assigned papers or do assigned projects, including use of commercial term paper services
- Giving assistance to acts of academic misconduct/dishonesty
• Fabricating data (all or in part)
• Submitting someone else’s work as your own
• Unauthorized use during an examination of any electronic devices such as cell phones, palm pilots, smart phones, tablet devices, computers or other technologies to retrieve or send information.

Plagiarism is the act of presenting another person’s ideas, research or writings as your own. The following are some examples of plagiarism, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:
• Copying another person’s actual words without the use of quotation marks and footnotes attributing the words to their source
• Presenting another person’s ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source
• Using information that is not common knowledge without acknowledging the sources
• Failing to acknowledge collaborators on homework and laboratory assignments
• Internet plagiarism includes submitting downloaded term papers or parts of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the Internet without citing the source, and “cutting and pasting” from various sources without proper attribution.

Obtaining unfair advantage is any activity that intentionally or unintentionally gives a student an unfair advantage in the student’s academic work over another student. The following are some examples of obtaining an unfair advantage, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:
• Stealing, reproducing, circulating or otherwise gaining advance access to examination materials
• Depriving other students of access to library materials by stealing, destroying, defacing, or concealing them
• Retaining, using or circulating examination materials, which clearly indicate that they should be returned at the end of the exam
• Intentionally obstructing or interfering with another student’s work

Falsification of records and official documents. The following are some examples of falsification, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:
• Forging signatures of authorization
• Falsifying information on an official academic record
• Falsifying information on an official document such as a grade report, letter of permission, drop/add form, I.D. card or other college document
Attendance (copied from the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin)
Students are expected to attend all class meetings as scheduled. Excessive absence may result in a failing grade for the course and may result in the loss of financial aid. The number of absences that constitute excessive absence is determined by the individual instructor, who announces attendance guidelines at the beginning of the semester in the course syllabus. Students who register during the Change of Program period after classes have begun are responsible for the individual course attendance policy, effective from the first day of the semester.

Extra Work During the Semester (copied from the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin)
Instructors are not obligated to offer extra-credit work in any course. Any extra-credit coursework opportunities offered during the semester for a student to improve his or her grade must be made available to all students at the same time. The term "extra credit work" refers to optional work that may be assigned by the instructor to all students in addition to the required work for the course that all students must complete. It is distinguished from substitute assignments or substitute work that may be assigned by the instructor to individual students, such as make-up assignments to accommodate emergencies or to accommodate the special circumstances of individual students.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (copied from the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin)
A student should make an initial request for accommodation to the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, and provide appropriate supporting documentation. The Student Disabilities Services Coordinator may consult with appropriate college officials such as the instructor or Provost to determine the appropriateness of the requested accommodation consistent with the program requirements. Such consultation shall be confidential, and limited to those officials whose input is necessary to the decision. Students may consult with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities or the 504/ADA Compliance Coordinator at any time to discuss and understand their rights under the Rehabilitation Act, the ADA, and state and local legislation, and they are encouraged to do so. Carrie Dehls is the Human Resources Benefits Coordinator. Employees may reach her at cdehls@jjay.cuny.edu or at 212.237.8504. Malaine Clarke is the Director of Accessibility Services. Students may reach her at maclarke@jjay.cuny.edu or at 212.237.8185. Silvia Montalban is the College’s 504/ADA Compliance Coordinator, She can be reached at smontalban@jjay.cuny.edu or at 646.557.4409. Additional information about this CUNY policy can be accessed at: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/accessibility-services-appeal-process
Course Schedule

Selected Readings, Activities and Assignments are identified as helping us achieve a specific Learning Outcomes for the course. They will be identified below in square brackets.

Week 1: Introductions
Readings:
*Strike!* Preface, Foreword, & Introduction

https://cuny-jj.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01CUNY_JJ/152na4r/cdi_askewsholts_vlebooks_9781136274756

In-Class Activities:
Introduction to the course, the book: *Strike!*, the college, Economic Justice Movements, and each other. [Inquiry]
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Forming Collectives [Collaboration]
You will be placed into Collective Working Groups. While group work can be frustrating, it is also a vital skill for the workplace. It is also important for transfer students to form connections early in their careers at John Jay. You may find someone in your group that you can relate to, or you may bond with others while griping about having to do group work.

Assignments Due:
None

Week 2: Exploration of Current Social Movements
Readings:
New York Times, Gothamist, ProPublica and other news media. You are looking for articles about Economic Justice Movements. [Community Awareness]

In-Class Activities:
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Organizing Collectives, Choosing Projects, & Selecting a Reporter [Collaboration]

Assignments Due:
Group Reports on Collective’s Organization. Due 2 days after last class meeting by email. One email from each group. [Collaboration]

Approved by UCASC, April 16, to College Council, May 11, 2021
**Week 3: Abolition Movement**  
**Readings:**  
Chapters 1 and 7 from *The Economic Aspect of the Abolition of the West Indian Slave Trade and Slavery* by Eric Williams, Dale W. Tomich, and William, Jr. Darity [Inquiry]  
[https://cuny-jj.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01CUNY JJ/152na4r/cdi_askewsholts_vlebooks_9781442231405](https://cuny-jj.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01CUNY JJ/152na4r/cdi_askewsholts_vlebooks_9781442231405)  

**In-Class Activities:**  
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]  
Collective Organization: dividing tasks. [Collaboration]  

**Assignments Due:**  
Collective Journal [Habits of Mind] Due two days after last class meeting of the week.

**Week 4: Labor Movements in America**  
**Readings:**  
*Strike!* “Prologue” & Chapter 1 “The Great Upheaval” [Inquiry]  

**In-Class Activities:**  
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]  

**Assignments Due:**  
Community Engagement Survey. [Community Awareness]

**Week 5: Movement for an Eight-Hour Workday**  
**Readings:**  
*Strike!* Chapter 2 “May Day” and Chapter 3 “The Ragged Edge of Anarchy” [Inquiry]  

*History Lesson - How the 8-Hour Day Was Won* By Kelly Whalen from PBS  
[https://www.pbs.org/livelyhood/workday/weekend/8hourday.html](https://www.pbs.org/livelyhood/workday/weekend/8hourday.html) [inquiry]  

**In-Class Activities:**  
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]  
Collective Project Meeting Time [Collaboration]  

**Assignments Due:**  
Group Report on Topic selection. Due 2 days after last class meeting by email. One email from each group. [Collaboration]
Week 6: Race & Class before World War I

Readings:

In-Class Activities:
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]

Assignments Due:
Collective Journal [Habits of Mind] Due two days after last class meeting of the week.

Week 7: Early 20th Century

Readings:
*Strike!* Chapter 4 “Nineteen Nineteen & Chapter 5 “Depression Decade” [Inquiry]

John Jay and CUNY websites including the CUNY Commons. You are looking for ways your college and university enable you to engage with your communities. This will help you complete your Community Engagement Survey. [Community Awareness]

In-Class Activities:
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Collective Project Meeting Time [Collaboration]

Assignments Due:
None!

Week 8: Race Between the World Wars

Readings:


*Let freedom ring!: a manual adapting to use in classroom and assembly, and in the local broadcasting station, the radio series, Let freedom ring. presenting dramatically our civil rights*
under the Constitution, as broadcast from coast to coast under the auspices of the Office of Education by Harry A Jager, U.S. govt. print. off., 1938. [Inquiry]
https://cuny-jj.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01CUNY_JJ/152na4r/cdi_hathitrust_hathifiles_osu_32435063123343

In-Class Activities:
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Discussion of Community Engagement [Community Awareness]

Assignments Due:
Community Engagement Survey. [Community Awareness] Due two days after last class of the week.

Week 9: Mid-20th Century Labor Action
Readings:
Strike! Chapter 6 “The War and Post-war Strike Wave” [Inquiry]

In-Class Activities:
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Collective Project Meeting Time [Collaboration]

Assignments Due:
Group Report  Presentation progress. [Collaboration]

Week 10: 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom
Readings:
https://cuny-jj.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/view/action/uresolver.do?operation=resolveService&package_service_id=1329272840006128&institutionId=6128&customerId=6120


In-Class Activities:
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]

Assignments Due:
Collective Journal [Habits of Mind] Due two days after last class meeting of the week.
**Week 11: Labor’s Role in Other Activism**

**Readings:**
*Strike!* Chapter 7 “The Unknown Labor Dimension of the Vietnam War-Era Revolt” [Inquiry]

**In-Class Activities:**
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Collective Meeting Time [Collaboration]

**Assignments Due:**
Group Report on draft of presentation. [Collaboration] Due two days after the last class of the week.

**Week 12: Labor Diminished**

**Readings:**
*Strike!* Chapter 8 “American Labor on the Eve of the Millennium” & Chapter 9 “The Significance of Mass Strikes” [Inquiry]

**In-Class Activities:**
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Sharing of community engagement opportunities [Community Awareness]

**Assignments Due:**
Final Community Engagement Opportunity Journal Due [Community Awareness] Due two days after last class of the week.

**Week 13: Mini-Revolts of the Twenty-First Century**

**Readings:**
*Strike!* Chapter 10 “Beyond One-Sided Class War” & Chapter 11 Striking for the Common Good” [Inquiry]

https://cuny-jj.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01CUNY_JJ/152na4r/cdi_askewsholts_vlebooks_9781136274756

**In-Class Activities:**
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Collective Presentations [Collaboration]
Assignments Due:
None!

**Week 14: Reparations**

**Readings:**
*Black Reparations and the Racial Wealth Gap* by William “Sandy” Darby and Kirsten Mullen
https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2020/06/15/black-reparations-and-the-racial-wealth-gap/

*‘From Here to Equality’ Author Makes A Case, And A Plan, For Reparations* by Noel King
Heard on Morning Edition, National Public Radio, June 17, 2020 05:33 PM ET. [Inquiry]

**In-Class Activities:**
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Collective Presentations [Collaboration]

Assignments Due:
None!

**Week 15: Future Movements for Economic Justice: Sustainability**

**Readings:**
*Strike!* Chapter 12 “Harbingers” & “Afterword: Mass Strikes for Common Preservation?”
[Inquiry]

**In-Class Activities:**
Readings Discussion [Inquiry]
Collective Presentations [Collaboration]

Assignments Due:
Reflection Paper Due [Habits of Mind]
Final Collective Journal Due [Habits of Mind]. Due two days after the last class of the week

**Final Exam TBA**
1. a. **Department(s) or program(s)** proposing this course: SEEK

b. **Name** and contact information of proposer(s): Gabrielle Cuesta

Email address(e): gcuesta@jjay.cuny.edu
Phone number(s): 212-393-6857

2. a. **Title of the course:** Education as Power to Heal and Take Action

b. **Abbreviated title** (not more than 20 characters including spaces to appear on student transcripts and in SIMS) Education as Power

c. **Level** of this course:  
   - 100 Level
   - X 200 Level
   - 300 Level
   - 400 Level

Please provide a brief rationale for why the course is at the level:

This course will build on the knowledge and concepts students gain through a 100-level Justice and the Individual course, requiring a more in-depth analysis of the self, positionality in society as it relates to justice, and greater independence in learning. Students will further examine how this injustice plays a role in upholding oppressive structures through the “banking” method, which results in passivity in learning. Students will be encouraged to take an active role in the classroom, serving as both student and teacher in a reciprocal approach to learning with the professor, preparing them for higher independence and greater critical thinking that will enhance their skills to be successful in a 300-level course. This course will utilize scaffolding through analyses of scholarly articles, poetry, song, activist commentary, and current events to advance their comprehension of power and oppression overall and specifically, how it relates to education and the building or inhibiting of societal awareness. Being a 200-level course, students will have the theoretical foundation from their 100 Freshman Seminar course to complete field observations at local CBO/NGO’s for their Mid-Term project. This project will encourage students to apply a critical analysis of the work being done towards justice, the skills/tools required to do this work, and the challenges encountered. Here, students will start the process of connecting their own interests, strengths, and passions to a possible career. In addition, facilitation of the class will include a dialogical approach and consistent self-
evaluation, along with community building that commences in a larger group social action practice; this will challenge students to be uncomfortable with added support and guidance, leading to the growth and confidence that will enable them to be successful in a 300-level course.

d. Course prefix to be used (i.e. ENG, SOC, HIS, etc.): EDU

3. **Rationale** for the course (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should John Jay College offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs.)

John Jay College is an environment that draws students who desire to be “advocates for justice in their community and wider world”. The SEEK program has historically been a model of social justice education and products of this education through student involvement and activism in the larger world. And, we are consistently evolving to meet the desires of our students (as well as John Jay students overall), utilizing their feedback as a mechanism for transformation and strengthening our ability to be student centered. SEEK students continue to express their desire for more courses centered around experiential learning, education and justice, and activism. Additionally, as seen through qualitative evaluations taken at the end of the course EDU 100, Education and Justice, many SEEK students adeptly identify social justice issues on a theoretical level; however, they demonstrate a lack of confidence in individual power to make substantive societal change or confusion on what to do with this increased knowledge and awareness. Hence, EDU 100 is currently showing success in stimulating growth in critical consciousness yet there is a gap in students’ understanding of how to take action to transform unjust systems; EDU 277 will take steps to fill that gap. This course will be addressing students’ desire for more tools that they can bring to their communities, work to build their belief in the “power within” and “power with others” towards justice work, and serve as an impetus to bring their unique gifts and talents to a movement for social change and/or their individual career goals.

Overall, this course will be structured utilizing a Freirean method of seeing, analyzing, and acting (praxis). Through the use of what Freire calls “codification”, the class will engage in drawing, body movement, role playing, song, poetry, etc. to learn about their world (to see), use sources to critically reflect on their experience (analyze), and participate in experiential learning through their field visit research as well as an activism project (act) to engage in popular education. Here, students will largely learn about Freire by fully engaging in and practicing his methodology. First, this course will challenge students to “unlearn” past experiences of education, such as the mere receiving/regurgitating of information (banking education) and strengthen their ability to critically analyze information from an historical, cultural, political, and economic perspective. Students will be encouraged to be active learners in the classroom where all knowledge and voices of the class community are valued and needed for the success of everyone. As this course is founded on anti-racist, liberatory praxis and pedagogy, there will be an emphasis on forming a class culture that demonstrates the theories being learned. The hierarchical structure of the traditional classroom will be explored along with power dynamics that typically place the professor as the bearer of knowledge and the student as the receiver. Through critical dialogue and facilitation to connect student experience

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and knowledge to class material, this power dynamic will be transformed to provide greater student power while still acknowledging the power differential that exists between student and professor. Further connections will be made to power dynamics that are present in student field observations of NGO’s and CBO’s or service departments at John Jay College.

Second, the community will work to form a brave space for students to start exploring the impact of power and oppressions on marginalized groups, including themselves. Students will gain the ability to see themselves as a part of the quantitative and qualitative research they investigate; by not separating the academic knowledge they gain from their reality, this allows for greater “embodied learning” where education is expanded beyond readings, papers, and discussions and into their own lives. Specific attention will be paid to internalized oppression which can result in feelings such as shame, lack of self-worth, and/or unconscious belief of stereotypes as truth; this is often unexplored as a potential cause of students’ struggles with mental health, lower confidence in ability, and discomfort with asking for help, which are issues identified by SEEK counselors as very common roadblocks to student success. At the same time, there can be a lack of time devoted to acknowledging students’ pride in their various identities and how this provides a tool in overcoming systems of oppression. By supporting students in the examination of themselves and equipping them with restorative anti-racist tools through contemplative practices, community exercises, and wellness techniques, students will have a greater ability to see their capacity to create change. By targeting motivation and belonging, connection to their own lives, and confidence in their own power, students will be better prepared to take social action/participate in activist work addressing current justice issues, which will serve as the third step in filling the gaps previously acknowledged. If uninterested in participating in traditional activist work, students will be guided through an analysis of activist work that occurs through everyday resistance to oppression in all workplaces. They will also explore the various tools/skills used by activists in their specific organization that can be applied to any career field of their choice.

Finally, through their participation in field visits, observations, and interviews within an NGO/CBO or service department at John Jay College, students will gain first-hand experience in actions toward justice. As such, activism will appear in practice. The field experience, along with the methodology of community organizing tools, such as a problem tree analysis, action plan/timeline, and “direct hit” action will support students’ ability to be advocates for justice not only in the course, but beyond. This course will be fully in line with John Jay’s vision including the new strategic plan which outlines the goal of advancing “justice education, public awareness, and civic engagement.”

4. **Course description** as it is to appear in the College Bulletin. (Keep in mind that this is for a student audience and so should be clear and informative; please write in complete sentences; we suggest not more than 75 words.)

This course examines the role education can play as both a tool of oppression and also a tool of liberation. By using a process of critical inquiry into what we learn, how we learn it, and what knowledge is traditionally valued in society, this course will focus on student knowledge and
experience as a foundation for understanding larger social issues and theories. Particular attention will be made to personal identities (i.e. - race, class, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, etc.) and individual experiences of power, privilege, and oppression to examine different worldviews and how these are either muted or amplified. This course will build critical consciousness while providing tools to take practical social action (praxis) in tandem with self and community healing. A project at a local community-based, non-profit organization, or service department at John Jay College will be utilized to gain valuable hands-on experience and an insider view on careers working towards social change.

5. **Course Prerequisites or co-requisites** (Please note: All 200-level courses must have ENG 101 and all 300 & 400-level courses must have ENG 102/201 as prerequisites):

ENG 101; Sophomore standing or above and/or Permission of the Instructor.

6. Number of:
   a. Class hours 3
   b. Lab hours _____
   c. Credits 3

7. Has this course been taught on an experimental basis?

   x   No   _____ Yes. If yes, then please provide:

   a. Semester(s) and year(s):
   b. Teacher(s):
   c. Enrollment(s):
   d. Prerequisites(s):

8. **Learning Outcomes** (approximately 3-5 or whatever is required for mapping to the Gen Ed outcomes). What will the student know or be able to do by the end of the course? How do the outcomes relate to the program’s (major; minor) outcomes?

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1) Connect one’s experience in the education system to larger ideologies of oppression, such as white supremacy, patriarchy, and capitalism.
2) Articulate individual experiences of power, privilege, and oppression and the impact of same on social, personal, and mental wellbeing (positive and/or negative).
3) Present a variety of ways social activism organizations are currently impacting communities and distinguish career paths associated with this type of work.
4) Demonstrate the ability to collaborate with others in analyzing a social justice issue, creating an effective plan, and carrying out a practice social action within a team through praxis.
5) Engage with restorative and anti-racist tools and practices to develop personal and community power in fighting for social justice.

9. Will this course be part of any major(s), minor(s) or program(s)?

__x___No  ______Yes

If yes, Indicate major(s), minor(s), or program(s) and indicate the part, category, etc. (Please be specific)

10a. Will this course be part of JJ’s general education program?

No ____  Yes ______  If yes, please indicate the area:

11. How will you assess student learning?

Student learning will be assessed through ongoing journal reflections where they critically analyze readings, film clips, podcasts and to connect these materials to their lived experience. This will assess outcomes 1 and 2. Students will engage in "The Activism in the World or Work" project where they will visit a Community Based Organization/ Non-Profit engaged in social activism to learn about this work and interview an employee of the organization and will present their findings to the larger group. This assignment will assess outcomes 1 and 3. Students will write a critical analysis paper where they will pose possible solutions to any challenges discovered through their site visit. The critical analysis will connect theory, research, and practice. This will assess outcomes 3 and 4. Students will practice using community organizing tools, participate in a direct social action project and write a personal reflection essay connecting what they have learned in the course with a possible career of interest. These activities will assess outcomes 4 and 5.

12. Did you meet with a librarian to discuss library resources for the course?

Yes ___ (via email) No ___

- If yes, please state the librarian’s name: Barbara Carrel
- Are there adequate resources in the library to support students’ work in the course
  Yes ___No________

- Will your students be expected to use any of the following library resources? Check all that apply.
  The library catalog, CUNY+ ____
  EBSCOhost Academic Search ________
  Electronic encyclopedia collections (e.g. from Gale; Sage; Oxford Uni Press)
  Complete ____ LexisNexis Universe _____
Criminal Justice Abstracts ____ and through blackboard/John Jay library PsycINFO ____ online. They will be required to consult with Sociological Abstracts ____ a librarian for research connected to their JSTOR ____ Community Social Action Project and SCOPUS ____ Reflection Paper
Other (please name): All articles
required for the course are available online

13. Syllabus- See addendum at end of course proposal

14. Date of Department curriculum committee approval: Nov 2020

15. Faculty - Who will be assigned to teach this course? Gabrielle Cuesta

16. Is this proposed course similar to or related to any course, major, or program offered by any other department(s)? How does this course differ?

__x__No.

_____Yes. If yes, what course(s), major(s), or program(s) is this course similar or related to? With whom did you meet? Provide a brief description.

17. Did you consult with department(s) or program(s) offering similar or related courses or majors?

_____Not applicable

__x__No

_____Yes. If yes, give a short summary of the consultation process and results.

18. Will any course be withdrawn, if this course is approved?

__x_No

_____Yes. If yes, number and name of course(s) to be withdrawn.

19. Approvals: Monika Son, Chair, SEEK Department
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
The City University of New York

Education as Power, EDU 277

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Room:

Welcome to “Education as Power to Heal and Take Action”

“The paradox of education is precisely this - that as one begins to become conscious, one begins to examine the society in which he is being educated”                James Baldwin

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.”                Alice Walker

“The true focus of revolutionary change is never merely the oppressive situations that we seek to escape but that piece of the oppressor which is planted deep within each of us”                Audre Lorde

“No one is going to give you the education you need to overthrow them”                Assata Shakur

Course Description:  
Prerequisites: ENG 101 and Sophomore Standing and/or Permission from the Instructor

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Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to-

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- Engage with restorative and anti-racist tools and practices to develop personal and community power in fighting for social justice.

Required Readings & Other Sources (Online and Blackboard):


Beyond the Streets (2014). “26 Ways to Be in the Struggle Beyond the Streets”, In Issuu. 26 Ways to Be in the Struggle Beyond the Streets

Brown, a.m. (2017).“Interdependence & Decentralization: who we are and how we share”. Emergent Strategy. (pp. 70 - 83).


Nardino, M. “10 Young Racial Justice Activists You Should Know”. 10 Young Racial Justice Activists You Should Know


“Turntables”, Monae J. Janelle Monáe - Turntables [Emotion Picture]

Vargas, D. “People of Color & Mental Illness Photo Project”. POC & Mental Illness Photo Project

Recommended Readings/Sources


“Changes”, Tupac Shakur, 2Pac - Changes (lyrics)


NPR. Code Switch, “Behind the Lies My Teacher Told Me”: Behind The Lies My Teacher Told Me.

Course Requirements & Instructor Expectations

Below is a list of requirements and expectations necessary for the successful completion of the course:

Class Participation and Preparation: Class attendance is mandatory, as is class participation. Students are expected to attend every scheduled face to face class on time. If absent from class, it is the student’s responsibility to get notes from classmates or the instructor. If an assignment is due and the student is absent from class, the assignment must still be submitted on Blackboard. Your educational experience and success is important so please be sure to communicate with the instructor regarding any difficulties that arise. At the beginning of class, students must turn off all cell phones. It is expected that all students be prepared for each class. Being prepared means having read required readings and actively participating in class discussion. It is also expected that students have a pen/pencil and paper and be ready for note-taking.

E-mail: Students are expected to use their John Jay email address and check emails at least once a day, as professors will use it to inform you of important information on any assignments and syllabus changes.

Academic Support through Tutoring and Learning Facilitation: A Supplemental Learning Facilitator has been assigned to this course. Students are expected to meet with the learning facilitator assigned to the course to work on class assignments and projects. Students should also make use of the SEEK Academic Support Lab and/or the Writing Center at the College to enhance their overall learning experience in the course. Students will have to make an appointment with the learning facilitator in advance to their meeting and please be sure to keep your appointment or inform the facilitator in advance to reschedule.

College Policy on Plagiarism: Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else’s ideas, words, or artistic, scientific, or technical work as one’s own creation. Using the ideas or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations require citations to the original source. Plagiarism may be intentional

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or unintentional. Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve a student of responsibility for plagiarism. It is the student’s responsibility to recognize the difference between statements that are common knowledge (which do not require documentation) and restatements of the ideas of others. Paraphrase, summary, and direct quotation are acceptable forms of restatement, as long as the source is cited. Students who are unsure how and when to provide documentation are advised to consult with their instructors. The Library has free guides designed to help students with problems of documentation. (John Jay College of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Bulletin, http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/654.php, see Chapter IV Academic Standards)

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policies:** If you have a documented disability as described by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 933-112 Section 504) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and would like to request academic and/or physical accommodations please contact The Office of Accessibility (212) 237-8031, as soon as possible. Course requirements will not be waived but reasonable accommodations may be provided as appropriate

**Other services/resources:** Students in the SEEK Program are highly encouraged to visit with their SEEK counselor at least three times during the semester in order to receive added support and referral to additional resources, if needed. In addition, the Wellness Center (located in L.67.10NB) at John Jay offers a Food Bank, Counseling Services, Health Services, Emergency Funding, and Single Stop Services that screens for eligibility for public assistance and other benefits.

**Assessment (Grading)** Assessment and Grades will be discussed in more detail in the course. Below is a description of the assignments and evaluation of students for the class.

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**Class Participation/Field Placement Attendance:** Active participation and engagement in class activities/dialogues are expected of all students. Students will create a Community Contract the first class, which will serve as a guideline for discussions and a method of accountability. It is important that students come to class with the assigned reading/assignment for that day and are prepared to interact with their peers in a meaningful way. Outside field visits will be required as part of the course and is connected to the “Activism in the World of Work” assignment.

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Reflection Journal Writing Assignments: Students are required to keep an active reflection journal throughout the course. The purpose of the journal is to further the student’s application of course readings, class discussions, and activities to their development of self-awareness personally and professionally, as agents of change and emerging leaders in justice work. The reflection journals should be at least 1 page. Reflection journals correspond to the assigned reading for the week and will be submitted half-way through the course and at the end of the semester.

Activism in the World of Work Project & Presentation: Students will choose an organization with a strong social activism background and research the ways power/oppression impacts their work. Questions to be answered include: How does this organization challenge the status quo and aim to dismantle systems of oppression? What actions do they take and what is the impact? What challenges do these organizations face under capitalism, white supremacy, and patriarchy and how do they overcome these challenges? What are the skills/tools required to complete this type of work and how can these be applied to other professions?

- Three site visits to these organizations will be required, which will include in-person interviews of staff members and participation in an event/action.
  - Interview an employee/s of this organization
  - Research this organization through online resources (i.e. – their website)
  - Participate in an event this organization holds (if open to the public)

This project will culminate in a class presentation that answers the questions above and includes a reflection/analysis of how this research can guide each students’ own participation in social activism and/or any career of their choice.

Community Activism Reflection/Critical Analysis Paper: Students will focus on one challenge they discovered from their “Activism in the World of Work” projects they feel needs the most attention. This paper will include a critical analysis of the issue, how the organization is already attempting to overcome this challenge (if at all) and provide possible solutions. Students will have the opportunity to apply community organizing tools/techniques, such as the problem tree analysis, needs/strengths assessment, and action plan to develop steps in overcoming roadblocks to social activism work. Papers should be grounded in theory and include quantitative and qualitative research, along with scholarly sources. All papers must be typed APA style (double-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font), include a minimum of 4 references, and submitted through Blackboard on time. All papers must include a heading (student’s name, date, and assignment title). Students must meet with a Supplemental Instructor to review their paper and submit a draft and final version.

Final Self-Reflection Paper/Creative Project: Students will write a short reflective paper or participate in a creative project that can be completed through either spoken word, music, drawing/painting etc. that demonstrates learnings/take-aways from the course. This will include a reflection on knowledge gained about their own experiences of power/oppression tied to identity, the strengths/tools they can apply to combat systems of oppression, and how they can cultivate personal/community power in any career of their choice.
Final letter grade will be determined according to the following distribution:

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Grades and their meanings:

- A, A-: Excellent
- B+, B, B-: Very good
- C+, C: Satisfactory
- C-, D+, D-, D: Poor (passing, but too many can lead to dismissal)
- F: Failure (not erased when course is retaken and passed)
- WU: Withdrew unofficially
Course Outline

WEEK ONE

1/28/20: Introductions, Intentions, & Expectations

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Lenape land
Introduction of the course and yourself (cultural banners)
Introduction to mindfulness opening practice
Using your knowledge, your voice, and your body/skills
Building a community of learners


1/30/20: What does social justice mean to you?

Defining justice
Justice and fairness in the classroom
Class agreements and rules: What’s fair in the classroom?
Building relationships, community, and a space of trust
Expanding past notions of “education”
Introduction to reflective journaling

Activity: Critical Consciousness & Social Justice Scale

WEEK TWO

2/4/20: Education for Liberation - A Model for the Class

Who is Paulo Freire?
Dialogue, praxis, & education
Consciousness: the power to transform reality & work towards freedom
Becoming fully human in an educational setting

Dialogue: How have we been domesticated and what can we “unlearn”?

Assigned Readings:


2/6/20: “The Self” (Micro): A Part of Interconnected Systems- Power of your Lived Experience & Identity

What makes up who you are?  
How do you view yourself/how others view you  
Knowledge through your reality  

*Activity:* Reading the word and reading the world; Identity Signs

**WEEK THREE**

2/11/20: Your community (Meso)

What are the many communities you are a part of/how do you view these communities?  
What privileges do you hold within these communities and what oppressions do you experience?  
In class journal: What are your community strengths? What are your community needs?  
If you could address any needs in your community, what would you be most passionate about doing?  

In class activity: Researching/mapping of CBO’s (Community Based Organizations)/NGO’s (Non-Profit Organizations) that exist to support communities you are a part of; create a list as a class. *Use source [ActLocal | Homepage](https://example.com) as well as [Student Life | John Jay College of Criminal Justice](https://example.com) for support creating list.

Introduction to Activism in the World of Work project:

- Choosing a Social Justice/Action-Oriented organization to shadow  
- Professional etiquette  
- Awareness of organization culture/resources/capacity  
- Anticipated challenges  
- List of five possible CBO/NGO’s to visit by next week

2/13/20: The Larger Systems (Macro): Institutions We Interact With

What are these institutions/systems: economic, political, cultural, military, media
How do we experience these institutions?
How does history impact our current reality?
Whose story about these institutions and people in them have been told to you?

WEEK FOUR

2/18/20: Power & Oppression: Ideologies, Systems, Isms, & Impact on Self

Power machine
Power within, power with, and power over
Drawing your manifestations of power
Analysis of Power/Oppression through the Power Grid


Assigned video clip: The Audre Lorde Project "Free our Sisters, Free Ourselves”; Audre Lorde Project Action


2/20/20: Power & Oppression in the World of Work

How does power/oppression impact the work done to combat systems of inequity?
How can it impact the various careers you are interested in?
How will power/oppression impact you in the world of work as you hold various identities with or without privilege?

WEEK FIVE

2/25/20: Planning your field visits and setting intention

Importance of research beforehand
Organization mission, values, goals
Focused social justice issue - what is the organization focused on combating and/or providing and how is it currently impacting society/your community

Assigned readings:
Vargas, D. “People of Color & Mental Illness Photo Project”. POC & Mental Illness Photo Project

Assigned Research:
● Information gathering on your organization, its mission, and the focus of its work
● Gathering contact information
● Setting a timeline

2/27/20: Planning your field visits and setting intention

Unpacking professionalism and what it looks like in social justice work
Culture of work environment
Scheduling visits, preparing interview questions, and expectations

WEEK SIX

3/3/20: Analyzing Power & Oppression & Its Manifestation (Self)

Self-Problem Tree
An in-depth analysis
Breaking shame
Our “ontological vocation” of becoming more fully human (Freire)

Activism in the World of Work assignment: Field visits, interviews, research, observation journals

3/5/20: Analyzing Power & Oppression & Its Manifestation (Using issues of justice at your organization)

Justice Issue Problem Tree using your organization
Seeing the issue
Analyzing the root causes
Using articles, interviews, and community-based participation to enhance analysis
Using interviews and community participation

WEEK SEVEN

3/10/20: The Impact We Want to Make in the World

What social justice issues do you care about?
Why do these issues matter? Why are they important to you?

In-class Activity: Persuasive speech on your social justice issue & class vote

*Project Check Ins/Observations/Challenges

Activism in the World of Work Assignment: Field visits, interviews, research, observation journals

Assigned readings:


Beyond the Streets (2014). “26 Ways to Be in the Struggle Beyond the Streets”, In Issuu. 26 Ways to Be in the Struggle Beyond the Streets

3/12/20: Analyzing issue → Taking Action (Praxis)

Analysis & Critical Consciousness → Praxis & Social Action Introduction

What is beyond protesting in the streets to work towards liberation? What have you learned about the different tools/techniques used in your organization?

Can young people make an impact? Can you?

Activity: “Our Activists” Presentation
  ● What did they stand for?
  ● What did they do?
  ● What did they risk/sacrifice?
  ● What did they gain?
  ● Who are the activists you have reached out to/spoken to in your field visit organizations? Do they consider themselves activists?

In class song: “Turntables”, Monae J. Janelle Monáe - Turntables [Emotion Picture]

WEEK EIGHT
3/17/20: Movie - Knock Down the House

*Project check ins

**Assigned readings:**

Nardino, M. “10 Young Racial Justice Activists You Should Know”. 10 Young Racial Justice Activists You Should Know


3/19/20: Movie - Knock Down the House & Debrief

What does “being political” mean to you?
How do we see “people power” in the film?
What stood out to you in the film?

- Do you think it is important to have members of your community representing you in political positions? Why or why not?
- How does this movie connect to your Activism in the World of Work projects and your field observations?

WEEK NINE

3/24/20: Praxis & Social Action: How can you leave a legacy?

Converting “Enrage” at ourselves and others to “Outrage” towards the system
How do we make a dent?
Leadership styles - areas of strength as a leader and how to best utilize in activism/work

**Assigned Readings:** hooks, b (2006). “Love as the practice of freedom”, In Outlaw Culture: Resisting Representations. Outlaw Culture’

**Assigned preparation:** Activism in the World of Work Presentation

3/26/20: Collective Power through Action

How to create an Action Plan to address a social justice issue
Developing realistic long-term and short-term goals

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Identifying targets, allies, opponents
Deciding most effective tactics that fit the issue

WEEK TEN

3/31/20: Activism in the World of Work Presentation - Final Preparation/Final Questions

Come prepared with final questions
Peer review & peer practice

4/2/20: Activism in the World of Work Presentations

WEEK ELEVEN

4/7/20: Activism in the World of Work Presentations Continued & Debrief

Biggest take-aways
Connection to your identities/community
Most significant observations of power/oppression
Application to your world of work

SPRING BREAK

WEEK TWELVE

4/21/20: Class Community Action Plan Creation

Determination of social justice issue as a class community
Creation of action plan for one year (for practice)
Introduction of quick “direct hit” actions
Intent: raise awareness/increase community involvement/fundraise/provide information

Assigned Reading: brown, a.m. (2017). “Interdependence & Decentralization: who we are and how we share”. Emergent Strategy. (pp. 70 - 83).

Assignment due: Community Activism Reflection/Critical Analysis Paper

4/23/20: Working the Action Plan

What are the tactics that we can use?
How do we use our class strengths to accomplish our action plan?
What are the different roles we can play?
Stepping outside comfort zones while staying safe - identities and positionality
WEEK THIRTEEN

4/28/20: Enrolling people in your action plan/embracing your beliefs in justice

Power of authenticity
Connecting with target audience
Sharing your story

4/30/20: Social action “direct hit” practice in the John Jay Community

Debrief:
What did you see/hear?
How did it feel?
What worked/done differently?
Questions/take-aways

WEEK FOURTEEN

5/5/20: Preparing your next steps

Power, self-care, healing
Creating your own definition of success
Your own action plan for life


5/7/20: Semester and Class Reflection

Discussion: Strengths/weaknesses, what went well/did not go well, areas of improvement, growth

Activity: Reviewing beginning goals and legacy work

WEEK FIFTEEN

5/12/20: Bearing witness to self-reflection shares

Final presentations of your main take-aways: transforming injustice in any career

Assignment due: Final Self Reflection

5/14/20: Class Celebration
New Course Proposal Form

When completed, email the proposal form in one file attachment for UCASC consideration and scheduling to killoran@jjay.cuny.edu.

1. a. Department(s) or program(s) proposing this course: Humanities and Justice Program

b. Name and contact information of proposer(s):
   Name: Allison Kavey & Sara McDougall
   Email address(es) _akavey@jjay.cuny.edu ; smcdougall@jjay.cuny.edu
   Phone number(s) (845)269-2030

2. a. Title of the course: Race and Resistance

b. Short title (not more than 30 characters including spaces to appear on student transcripts and in CUNYFirst schedule): Race & Resistance

c. Level of this course ____100 Level __x__200 Level ____300 Level ____400 Level

   Please provide a brief rationale for why the course is at the level:

   This course is appropriate at the 200 level. It introduces students to the three disciplines relevant to the Humanities and Justice Studies major/minor and encourages the development of short, source-determined papers. No independent research is required, and outside sources are not permitted for these assignments. The assignments are based entirely on the course readings and are prompt-based essays that build on the class discussions. The goal is to permit students to elaborate on points of commonality found among the sources in class and to allow them to exercise their skills in using evidence to support their claims. Students will be challenged to use analytical approaches from history, literature, and philosophy to make best use of the sources to support their arguments.

d. Course prefix to be used (i.e. ENG, SOC, HIS, etc.): ____HJS________

3. Rationale for the course (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should John Jay College offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs.)
This course contributes a new and important topic for thinking about race and subjugation in a global context, using the three disciplines of history, philosophy, and literature to examine a series of episodes in which race, ethnicity, and/or theology determined subjugation and, in response, resistance. It contributes to our new racially aware and inclusive curriculum and demonstrates the contributions humanities disciplines provide to students investigating these questions.

4. **Course description** as it is to appear in the College Bulletin. (Keep in mind that this is for a student audience and so should be clear and informative; please write in complete sentences; we suggest not more than 75 words.)

This course examines the ways in which race and related modes of defining genealogical, linguistic, ethnic, or theological hierarchies have been used to justify subjugation and the denial of rights. Especially important, this course examines instances of resistance and rebellion that have sought to counter oppression and realize civil rights. Using the tools of history, literature, and philosophy, students will consider the ways in which definitions of race broadly conceived have been drafted to sustain privilege and empower one group over another. The focus of the course is global and embraces all periods of history. Topics may include Jewish resistance against the Romans in the ancient world; Protestant resistance against Catholics during the Reformation; the racial hierarchies dividing many Latin American countries after colonization; the disenfranchisement of indigenous peoples worldwide; the slave trade and the “peculiar institution” of slavery in the U.S.; the Taiping Rebellion; the Irish “troubles”; the négritude movement; the modern civil rights movement; and modern civil wars.

5. **Course Prerequisites or co-requisites** (Please note: All 200-level courses must have ENG 101 and all 300 & 400-level courses must have ENG 201 as prerequisites): **ENG 101**

6. Number of:
   a. Class hours ___3___
   b. Lab hours _____
   c. Credits ___3___

7. Has this course been taught on an **experimental basis**?
   
   x___ No ______ Yes. If yes, then please provide:
   
   a. Semester(s) and year(s):
   b. Teacher(s):
   c. Enrollment(s):
   d. Prerequisites(s):

8. **Learning Outcomes** (List three to five only). What will the student know or be able to do by the end of the course? How do the outcomes relate to the program’s (major; minor)
outcomes?

**Students will:**

- Analyze primary source documents from different moments of racially driven rebellion using humanities approaches derived from literature, history, and philosophy.
- Read and critically apprehend scholarly arguments from literature, history, and philosophy, and history about racially driven rebellions, in order to discuss how racial identities were used to create and preserve racial hierarchies.
- Write three short papers using assigned sources, as well as demonstrate the ability to develop and sustain an evidence-driven argument utilizing appropriate academic language and citations.

9. Will this course be part of any **major(s), minor(s) or program(s)**?
   
   ______ No ______ x____ Yes

   If yes, Indicate major(s), minor(s), or program(s) and indicate the part, category, etc. (Please be specific)

   Humanities and Justice major elective (Part II. HJS Electives) and minor elective (Part II. Electives), elective in Global History major (Part III Non-US History Electives), and History (Part II. Electives) and History and Law (Part II. Electives) minors.

10. Will this course be part of JJ’s **general education program**?

    ______ No ______ x____ Yes

    If yes, please indicate the area: **College Option: Learning from the Past**

**Please explain why this course should be part of the selected area.**

That students be able to "demonstrate knowledge of formative events, ideas or works in the humanities or social sciences," that they can "analyze the significance of major developments in history" and "differential multiple perspectives on the same subject" are all key components of the course. This course requires students to use the scholarly tools of literature, philosophy, and history to assess subjugation and resistance. Through guided readings that consistently draw their attention to the tools and ideas framing the scholarship, students will learn the fundamental approaches and assumptions that form the foundation of literary, historical, and philosophical work. They will identify the strengths and weaknesses in these approaches in their annotated bibliographies and make use of them in their short papers. Readings examine racial/ethnic/religious subjugation and resistance over time. Each section of the syllabus is devoted to examining the ways in which particular forms of racial/ethnic/religious subjugation produced resistance from the subjugated group. By reading primary sources from each episode of subjugation, students will be given access to the voices that faced erasure at that moment and see the variety of circumstances that forced the subjugated to fight back. Annotated bibliographies, class discussions, and the short paper assignments bring these moments of

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pressure to the forefront, allowing students to concentrate on the forces that turn two groups of people—seemingly very similar—into enemies fighting for their own survival.

11. How will you assess student learning?

- Discussion Board postings 10%
- 10 annotated bibliographies of assigned secondary sources—you may choose the 10, but annotations are due on the day the sources are assigned: 50%
- 4 short papers (no more than 5 pages), using assigned sources only: 40%

Examples of assignments:

**Discussion Board posts in unit 2.**

*Annotated bibliographies of secondary sources should be no more than 1 single-spaced page.* They must identify the article’s main argument, the kinds of evidence used, where the evidence supports the argument and where it fails to do so, and a brief assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the article. This develops several critical skills that students should have at their command at the 200-level of work. They learn to critically read secondary material from three different academic disciplines, determining the ways in which each discipline poses different kinds of questions, starts from a series of assumptions, and uses different kinds of evidence in different ways. Part of this includes learning to dissect academic arguments—students will learn to identify primary and supporting arguments, as well as how to locate the types of evidence used to support those arguments. Students will be asked to pay special attention to the conclusions authors draw, determining whether the evidence provided fully or only partially supports the thesis statements. They will then be asked to write their own summaries and paraphrases of these sources, identifying particularly important quotes (with appropriate citations). This will contribute to their papers, which are the second form of assessment, because they can use these to develop their literature reviews and provide a synthesis of existing scholarship. This skill is required in many of the college’s humanities majors, including history, literature, and humanities and justice.

**Short papers:** These papers capitalize on two important aspects of the course: the students’ annotated bibliographies and our class discussions. They also permit students to pursue questions that interest them and concentrate on a few sources from each section of the class, rather than necessarily using all of them. They will be expected to demonstrate the scholarly skills of defining a thesis statement, selecting appropriate secondary sources from at least two of the contributing disciplines (history, literature, philosophy), and choosing meaningful evidence from relevant primary sources. Students will be expected to use appropriate academic language and the citation format chosen by the faculty member (Chicago or MLA). These papers will be a good exercise to help train students to become efficient academic writers by producing clearly written, logically developed, evidence-driven arguments. Our hope is that every section will produce several papers worthy of being included in *John Jay’s Finest*, as is consistently the case in HJS 310.

**Sample assignment for paper 3:** The paper is to be no more than 5 pages, have appropriate citations, include only sources assigned for this class, and address some of the following questions: what is *négritude* and how have philosophers used the Haitian rebellion against the French to frame a philosophy of race and resistance? How does the specific history of slavery in the United States and the French Antilles provide a series of moments of resistance by which we can better understand the lived reality of being enslaved, the identities of enslaved people, and the organization employed by slaves to make meaning in their lives and resist enslavement? Compare the underground railroad and slave rebellions—were they two sides of the same coin, so similar as to be the considered the same kind of resistance, or too different to be considered in the same section of this class? Remember that your thesis must be framed within existing scholarship and supported by primary sources from this section of the class.

12. Did you meet with a librarian to discuss library resources for the course?

Yes _____  No __x__
• If yes, please state the librarian’s name____________________________
• Are there adequate resources in the library to support students’ work in the course
  Yes__x______  No________
• Will your students be expected to use any of the following library resources? Check all that apply.
  ➢ The library catalog, CUNY+ _x___
  ➢ EBSCOhost Academic Search Complete _____
  ➢ Electronic encyclopedia collections (e.g. from Gale; Sage; Oxford Uni Press) _____
  ➢ LexisNexis Universe _____
  ➢ Criminal Justice Abstracts _____
  ➢ PsycINFO _____
  ➢ Sociological Abstracts _____
  ➢ JSTOR _x___
  ➢ SCOPUS _____
  ➢ Other (please name) _Project Muse

13. **Syllabus – see attached sample**

14. Date of Department curriculum committee approval: Dec 16, 2020

15. **Faculty** - Who will be assigned to teach this course? Stephen Russell, Bettina Carbonell, Toy Fung Tung, Kyoo Lee, Hyunhee Park, Amie MacDonald, Allison Kavey, David Munns

16. Is this proposed course similar to or related to any course, major, or program offered by any other department(s)? How does this course differ?
   ___x__No
   ____Yes. If yes, what course(s), major(s), or program(s) is this course similar or related to? With whom did you meet? Provide a brief description.

17. Did you consult with department(s) or program(s) offering similar or related courses or majors?
   ___x_ Not applicable
   ____No
   ____Yes. If yes, give a short summary of the consultation process and results.

18. Will any course be withdrawn, if this course is approved?
   ___x__No
   ____Yes. If yes, number and name of course(s) to be withdrawn.

19. Approvals: Allison Kavey, Major Coordinator, Humanities and Justice

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## John Jay General Education College Option

### Course Submission Form

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**Sample Syllabus**

Syllabus must be included with submission, 5 pages max recommended. See attached.

### Indicate the status of this course being nominated:

- [] current course
- [] revision of current course
- [x] a new course being proposed

### John Jay College Option Location

Please check below the area of the College Option for which the course is being submitted. (Select only one.)

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# Learning Outcomes

In the left column explain the course assignments and activities that will address the learning outcomes in the right column.

## I. Learning from the Past -

Please explain how your course meets these learning outcomes

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<td>The goal of this course is to use the tools of history, literature, and philosophy to consider how definitions of race, broadly conceived, have been deployed to sustain privilege and empower one group over another.</td>
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<td>Students will prepare three papers of no more than five pages each, to demonstrate well-reasoned written arguments supported by evidence. For example, one paper asks the students to write a clear thesis statement that will engage with primary and secondary sources from the class to produce an evidence-driven argument that addresses some of the following questions. What is négritude and how have philosophers used the Haitian rebellion against the French to frame a philosophy of race and resistance? How does the specific history of slavery in the United States and the French Antilles provide a series of moments of resistance by which we can better understand the lived reality of being enslaved, the identities of enslaved people, and the organization employed by slaves to make meaning in their lives and resist enslavement? Compare the underground railroad and slave rebellions—were they two sides of the same coin, so similar as to be the considered the same kind of resistance, or too different to be considered in the same section of this class? This is a standard essay, wherein students gather information from the course texts, supplemented by minimal external reading, and make an argument to explain a certain historical event or decision. They will be evaluated on how well they frame the subject and describe the historical context in which the event/decision took place. Use of argument, evidence, and citation style is graded.</td>
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Resistance movements motivated by racial/ethnic/religious subjugation are the focus of this course. Both the subjugating and subjugated groups in this course are determined by racial, ethic, or religious orientation. Students will engage with the literature used to create and maintain these positions of difference and have opportunities to discuss and write about the ways in which the process of enhancing difference and creating cultural fractures relies on reinforcing the idea that humanity has more differences than common characteristics. The moments of resistance that this course examines are, of course, the product of extensive and lengthy campaigns to exaggerate an "us vs. them" mentality in which one group accrues power at the expense of another. For example, the focus on slave revolts relies on a critical investigation of slavery itself, an institution that required white people to believe that the color of their skin made them intellectually and culturally superior to the black people they treated as property and abused. This discussion, which will be an integral part of this section of the class, gives students insight into the role that social constructs of differentiation play in maintaining fault lines such as race and class. But similar rationales may also be ethnic and religious.

| Differentiate multiple perspectives on the same subject |  |
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HJS 2xx: Race and Rebellion
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Office Hours: TBD

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-Discussion Board postings 10%
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Week 1, session 1. Introduction, review of syllabus, discussion of race as a cultural construct that has privileged some while subjugating others.
Due by midnight before class on Blackboard discussion board—500-word post. Please write a paragraph or so in which you address the following questions: What is a “racial hierarchy”? Do you think every culture has one, and is that true across history? How do race and religion intersect in this discussion? What about race and gender? Race and sexuality? (These are questions we will pursue throughout the term, so do not expect to have perfect answers by the end of today’s class!)

Unit One

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Week 1, session 2. Masada—the heroic stand of the few Jews who defended Masada against the marauding Romans has become synonymous with minority religious resistance against an imperial power. We will discuss what led to the standoff at Masada, the meaning of resistance and where suicide falls in that discussion, as well as the religious-political forces that brought the Romans once again to persecute the Jews around 73-74 CE. Discussions will also address the ways in which authorship of primary sources determines their content and how Masada has been claimed by different religious groups to establish their authority.

And “Josephus describes the mass suicide at Masada”; https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/maps/primary/josephusmasada.html

Week 2: Masada, continued—the long history of Masada
Read for session 1: Read for session 2: Jodi Magness, Masada: From Jewish Revolt to Modern Myth (Princeton: University of Princeton Press, 2019)—ch. 2 and 3 (available on Blackboard)


Weeks 3 and 4. Taiping Rebellion. This civil war occurred in China between 1850 and 1864. It was a political contest with a religious aspect, which pitted the established Qing dynasty against the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom. We will devote two weeks to this topic because it reflects so many important themes we concentrate on in this class: resistance by a minority against a powerful majority, the collapsing of religious and political identities, and the ways in which imperial powers and their religion affected seemingly national or even local conflicts, since the leader of the rebellion claimed to be Christ’s younger brother.


FIRST PAPER DUE—in a paper of no more than 5 pages using Chicago or MLA citation form and appropriate academic language, please address the following questions. How does existing scholarship allow us to bring together disparate episodes of resistance such as the siege at Masada and the Taiping Rebellion to better understand the forces of religion and imperial power in determining personal and regional/national/ethnic identity? How have the narratives that emerged from these episodes continued to shape ideas about identity among Jews in the Middle East, and among the various racial and ethnic groups in China? You may only use sources assigned in this class for weeks 1 to 4.

Unit Two
In this Unit we will consider the course themes of race, resistance, and justice in the context of the struggle of Native Americans from the 19th to the 21st centuries as they seek to assert their human rights, regain “lost” ground, and retrieve cultural connections. All required readings, including the Course Packet / Native American Poetry and the links to media, are available on Blackboard / Course Materials. The Oxford English Dictionary Online is available under “Databases by Title” at the Lloyd Sealy Library.

Week 5–Foundations
1st class} We will start with definitions of key terms and later apply them to specific focal points; be sure to consult the specific reference identified in parenthesis.

- “indigenous”; “dispossession”; “survival” (source = Oxford English Dictionary Online)
- “cultural genocide” (source = facinghistory.org. Readings 1, 2, and 3)
- “survivance” (source = Gerald Vizenor (Ojibwe Anishinaabe). Survivance: Narratives of Native Presence. pp __ - __)

In order to understand the extent to which indigenous values and beliefs differ from those of the dominant (in this case white settler / colonial culture) we will read and discuss:

- “Native American Philosophy” by Adam Arola (Ojibwe Anishinaabe) in The Oxford Handbook of World Philosophy.

2nd class} In order to gain general knowledge of the history of activism among tribal peoples we will read and discuss selections from The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee by David Treuer (Ojibwe Anishinaabe): “Becoming Indian: 1970-1990.”

Discussion Board Assignment: Initial Post and Response to Peers
Awakening to the Issues
Initial Post: What was the single most surprising fact you encountered in reading David Treuer’s book chapter? How / did this fact challenge a belief you already hold?
Follow-up Response to Peers: Reply to at least two posts that identified “new” facts other than the one you identified.
Week 6 – Historical Cases-in-Point: The Ghost Dance Movement (1869-1891); The Ghost Dance War (1890-91); the Wounded Knee Massacre (1890)

1st class
Reading Assignment:
Mooney, James. Selections from *The Ghost-Dance Religion and the Sioux Outbreak of 1890*
John G. Neihardt. Selections from *Black Elk Speaks*

2nd class
Reading Assignment:
Michelene E. Pesantubbee (Choctaw). “Wounded Knee: Site of Resistance and Recovery”
Christopher Lindsay Turner. “Native American Objects of Memory and Journey from the National Museum of the American Indian.” *Many Voices, One Nation: Material Culture Reflections on Race and Migration in the United States*

Discussion Board Assignment Week #6: Initial Post and Response to Peers

Religion
Initial Post: Using James Mooney’s first-hand accounts of *The Ghost-Dance Religion and the Sioux Outbreak of 1890* as your primary source, identify and compare three different points of view on the meaning and the intention of the revival of the Ghost Dance ritual. Be sure to note the name and the subject position of the sources (contained in Mooney) that you are using. Follow-up Response to Peers: Reply to at least two posts that you think have done a good job of identifying and comparing Mooney’s sources. Be specific about what you find to be important and insightful in these posts.

Week 7 – Cultural Activism—Poets Speak: We will look at how Native American poets have used their work as a vehicle for social and political critique. In the words of Paiute poet Adrian C. Louis: “I have no sylvan glades of dreams / just dust words / for my people dying.”

1st and 2nd class
Reading Assignment:
*Course Packet / Poetry* selections from the work of: Sherman Alexie (Spokane / Coeur d’Alene); Louise Erdrich (Chippewa / mixed); Joy Harjo (Creek); Linda Hogan (Chickasaw); Adrian C. Louis (Lovelock Paiute); Victoria Lena Manyarrows (Eastern Cherokee/ mixed); Simon J. Ortiz (Acoma Pueblo); Wendy Rose (Hopi-Miwok); Mary TallMountain (Koyukon / Scotch-Irish)

Discussion Board Assignment: Initial Post and Response to Peers
Recurring Themes in Native American Poetry
Initial Post: Select one poem from the *Course Packet* that affected you deeply. Explain your choice: paraphrase the poem and analyze its message by quoting specific words, phrases, and / or lines. Follow-up Response to Peers: Reply to a peer who chose a different poem, but be sure you have read their chosen poem before submitting your reply.

Second Paper (5 pages + Works Cited list):
Brief Overview / Choice of Topics:
1. Develop your initial post to Discussion Board #2 using at least three different perspectives found in Mooney’s archive.

2. Compare and contrast three poems from our Course Packet on the basis of a common image, symbol, and / or theme.

   *Actual visit if possible or:
   https://americanindian.si.edu/static/exhibitions/infinityofnations

   We’ve been considering the importance of cultural heritage—its suppression, retrieval, performance, and preservation—and, as Christopher Lindsay Turner explains, the preservation of objects is an important part of that effort (see reading assignment for Week 2). In a formal written review of your actual or virtual visit to the NMAI, focus on (describe and analyze) at least three specific objects. Note the title of the object, the maker, the date, the region (available on the object label). Be sure to look carefully at the objects associated with the Ghost Dance tradition, including the Arapaho Ghost Dance Dress and Pawnee Ghost Dance Drum. Take notes on the large thematic wall texts and smaller informative object labels. The wall texts emphasize themes that will be familiar to you given your work in this course Unit. These themes include: struggles against colonial aggression; survivance; and the devotion to spiritual beliefs and rituals. Use some relevant quotations from the NMAI texts (and indicate source in parenthesis with the citation “NMAI wall text” or “NMAI label”). Also reflect on the connections between the overall exhibition subjects and themes and our course texts. Integrate at least one direct reference to one of the following sources: Arola, Vizenor, Treuer, Neihardt, Mooney, Turner, Pesantubbee, or one of the poets in our Course Packet.

THIRD PAPER DUE—in a paper of no more than 5 pages with appropriate citations and using only sources from weeks 4 to 7, please consider some of the following questions. How do the moments of indigenous resistance we covered reflect different tribal identities, and do we lose anything by compressing these very different tribes into “indigenous peoples”? How did the United States abuse its constitutional power over sovereign nations in its own territory? How do tribal histories contribute to our knowledge of indigenous motivations to stand against the United States military? What does “survivance” mean and how does it continue to shape our understanding of indigenous resistance? Remember that you must provide a framework of secondary sources to support your own thesis.

Unit Three
Weeks 8 to 10. Slavery and Slave Rebellions. This three-week section of the course concentrates on slave rebellions, both outright and occult, in the United States before 1865. By examining the many ways in which slaves organized, identified, and resisted against seemingly insurmountable white owners and a government that denied their humanity and their sovereignty, we learn to appreciate the ways in which plantations became sites of resistance and well as violent oppression.
Read for Week 8: Betty DeRamus, *Forbidden Fruit: Love stories from the Underground Railroad* (NY: Atria Books, 2005); available through JJ Sealy Library online—pick 3 that interest you.


Read for Week 9: Harriet Tubman, *The Life and Life Stories* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2004); available online through JJ Library


**Weeks 11 to 13. The Haitian Revolution and Négritude in the French Antilles:** This three-week section of the class focuses on the Haitian revolution and the negotiations with imperial power France that preceded and followed it. By examining this successful moment of resistance, we will understand the hope that continues to inspire moments of desperate resistance against seemingly impossible odds across history and around the world.


**Week 12. Background of French Rule in the French Antilles: Emancipation, Citizenship, and Racism**


**Week 13: Négritude continued.**


**Week 14: Race and Rebellion in the 21st century—crises ongoing and reflections on a legacy of resistance**


*****FINAL PAPER DUE—the final paper on slave rebellions and négritude will be due at the date and time for the final exam. In a paper of no more than 5 pages with appropriate citations and using only sources assigned from weeks 8 to 13, please address some of the following questions. What is négritude and how have philosophers used the Haitian rebellion against the French frame a philosophy of race and resistance? How does the specific history of slavery in the United States and the French Antilles provide a series of moments of resistance by which we can better understand the lived reality of being enslaved, the identities of enslaved people, and the organization employed by slaves to make meaning in their lives and resist enslavement? Compare the underground railroad and slave rebellions—were they two sides of the same coin, so similar as to be the considered the same kind of resistance, or too different to be considered in the same section of this class? Remember that your thesis must be framed within existing scholarship and supported by primary sources from this section of the class.
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
The City University of New York
Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee

New Course Proposal Form

Date Submitted: 3.26.21

When completed, email the proposal form in one file attachment for UCASC consideration and scheduling to kkiloran@jjay.cuny.edu.

1. a. **Department(s) or program(s) proposing this course:**

   Department of Interdisciplinary Studies / Interdisciplinary Studies Program

   b. **Name and contact information of proposer(s):**

   Name: Amy S Green
   Email address(es) ___agreen@jjay.cuny.edu___________________
   Phone number(s) __917 817-2155__________________________

2. a. **Title of the course:** Laughing at Ourselves: Comedy and Identity

   b. **Short title** (not more than 30 characters including spaces to appear on student transcripts and in CUNYFirst schedule): COMEDY & IDENTITY

   c. **Level** of this course

      ___100 Level  ___X_200 Level  ____300 Level  ____400 Level

      Please provide a brief rationale for why the course is at the level:

      Students will be required to read and analyze a wide range of literary, historical, and theoretical texts. They will also be writing in different genres and disciplines. ENG 101 will prepare them for these challenges.

   d. **Course prefix** to be used (i.e. ENG, SOC, HIS, etc.): _____ISP_______

**Rationale** for the course (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should John Jay College offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs.)

Comedy is both a genre and a lens through which to understand human beings and societies; identity, both individual and social, is a fundamental element of the human condition. Comedies of identity embrace both similarity and difference, celebration and heartbreak, solidarity and isolation. From ancient roots to contemporary times - from Greek gender roles through Roman slavery, from Medieval cosmology through ethnic sitcoms to LGBTQ standup – comedies of identity galvanize aesthetic distance to leaven confrontations with potentially painful truths. The balm of comedy invites us to dwell long enough in uncomfortable situations to gain insight into the causes and possible solutions to intra- and inter-personal and group conflict. Comedy takes a wide variety of forms in the arts (ie: drama, literature, poetry, film, the visual arts, cartoon and caricature, music, dance, etc.) as well as journalism and other forms of public discourse. As a course in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, **Comedy and Identity** will embrace manifestations and examples across forms, time, place, and culture.

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4. Course description as it is to appear in the College Bulletin. (Keep in mind that this is for a student audience and so should be clear and informative; please write in complete sentences; we suggest not more than 75 words.)

Comedy helps us understand identity through its unique embrace of similarity and difference, celebration and heartbeat, solidarity and isolation. From ancient to contemporary times - from Greek gender roles through Roman slavery, from Medieval cosmology through ethnic sitcoms to LGBTQ standup -- artists use comedy to explore and express their experience of identity. Some hide their vulnerability behind the mask of comedy; others use it as a megaphone to speak their truth. This interdisciplinary course draws examples of comedies of identity spanning time, place, and culture in a wide variety of artistic forms, such as drama, literature, poetry, film, the visual arts, cartoons, clowning, caricature, music, and dance.

5. Course Prerequisites or co-requisites (Please note: All 200-level courses must have ENG 101 and all 300 & 400-level courses must have ENG 201 as prerequisites): ENG 101

6. Number of:
   a. Class hours ___3___
   b. Lab hours _____
   c. Credits ___3___

7. Has this course been taught on an experimental basis?  
   _X___ No  ____  Yes. If yes, then please provide:
   a. Semester(s) and year(s):
   b. Teacher(s):
   c. Enrollment(s):
   d. Prerequisites(s):

8. Learning Outcomes (List three to five only). What will the student know or be able to do by the end of the course? How do the outcomes relate to the program’s (major; minor) outcomes?

   - Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view.
   - Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically.
   - Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.
   - Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring creative expression, including, but not limited to, arts, communications, creative writing, media arts, music, and theater.
   - Articulate how meaning is created in the arts or communications and how experience is interpreted and conveyed.
   - Demonstrate knowledge of the skills involved in the creative process.

In addition to the learning outcomes for the Creative Expression area of Pathways, students who complete Comedy and Identity will be able to:

   - analyze strategies comedians employ to inspire a wide variety of responses in audiences.
   - distinguish among different forms and formats of comedy (such as satire vs. farce, or sketch comedy vs. stand-up) and analyze how they are used as tools of social critique.
• analyze humorists’ political content and intentions across eras and nations, in order to analyze their impact and reception.

9. Will this course be part of any major(s), minor(s) or program(s)?
   
   ____No    _X___Yes
   
   If yes, Indicate major(s), minor(s), or program(s) and indicate the part, category, etc. (Please be specific)

   Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies

10. Will this course be part of JJ’s general education program? (remember to fill out the CUNY Common Core Form if part of Required or Flexible Core or the JJ’s College Option form)

   No _____    Yes _X__    If yes, please indicate the area:

   Flexible Core:

   | A. World Cultures and Global Issues |   |
   | B. U.S Experience in Its Diversity  |   |
   | C. Creative Expression              | _X_
   | D. Individual and Society           |   |
   | E. Scientific World                 |   |

   Please explain why this course should be part of the selected area.

   The course examines comedy as a broad genre used in literature, the performing arts, film, journalism and public discourse. The course addresses the learning outcomes for the Creative Expression area of Pathways.

11. How will you assess student learning?

   Students will be assessed on their:
   1. Analytical responses to weekly readings and videos
   2. Participation in class discussions, debates and role-plays
   3. Term project in which they assess the impact of course materials on their experience of personal and social identity.

12. Did you meet with a librarian to discuss library resources for the course?

   Yes _X__  No___

   • If yes, please state the librarian’s name ___Kathleen Collins____________________
   • Are there adequate resources in the library to support students’ work in the course  Yes ___x__    No ______

   • Will your students be expected to use any of the following library resources? Check all that apply.
13. **Syllabus – see attached**

14. **Date of Department curriculum committee** approval: March, 2021

15. **Faculty** - Who will be assigned to teach this course? Professors Michael Blitz, Susannah Crowder, Amy S Green, Richard Haw, Katie Gentile and others

16. Is this proposed course **similar to or related to** any course, major, or program offered by any **other department(s)**? How does this course **differ**?

   ___No  
   ___X_Yes. If yes, what course(s), major(s), or program(s) is this course similar or related to? With whom did you meet? Provide a brief description.

   PHI 238: Philosophy of Comedy. I met with Philosophy Professors Michael Brownstein and Sergio Gallegos. As I understand it, PHI 238 is oriented toward universal and foundational dynamics and theories of comedy and humor. Comedy and Identity focuses on concrete examples of how different identity-oriented comedians use genre and form to express their individual and/or collective identities.

17. Did you **consult** with department(s) or program(s) offering similar or related courses or majors?

   ___Not applicable  
   ___No  
   ___X_Yes. If yes, give a short summary of the consultation process and results.

   After an initial consultation, this course was revised to overlap less with PHI 238. The same Philosophy faculty reviewed the revision, and they agreed their concerns with the similarities were addressed by the new version.

18. Will any course be **withdrawn**, if this course is approved?

   ___X_No  
   ___Yes. If yes, number and name of course(s) to be withdrawn.

19. **Approvals:** **Katie Gentile**
   Chair, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

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**CUNY Common Core**

**Course Submission Form**

Instructions: All courses submitted for the Common Core must be liberal arts courses. Courses may be submitted for only one area of the Common Core. All courses must be 3 credits/3 contact hours unless the college is seeking a waiver for another type of Math or Science course that meets major requirements. Colleges may submit courses to the Course Review Committee at any time. Courses must also receive local campus governance approval for inclusion in the Common Core.

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**Special Features (e.g., linked courses)**

**Sample Syllabus**

Syllabus must be included with submission, 5 pages max recommended

**Indicate the status of this course being nominated:**

☐ current course  ☐ revision of current course  X ☐ a new course being proposed

**CUNY COMMON CORE Location**

Please check below the area of the Common Core for which the course is being submitted. (Select only one.)

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II. Flexible Core (18 credits)
Six three-credit liberal arts and sciences courses, with at least one course from each of the following five areas and no more than two courses in any discipline or interdisciplinary field.

C. Creative Expression
A Flexible Core course must meet the three learning outcomes in the right column.

Course materials are both practical and theoretical. Students write reaction papers to a wide variety of comedic texts and performances as well as theories of comedic genre and identity.

Varied reaction prompts require them to compare and contrast genres, forms, perspectives, and individual artistic approaches.

In Week 14 they reflect on how Crenshaw’s theory of intersectionality is reflected in Hanna Gadsby’s TED Talk, *Three ideas. Three contradictions.*

In Week 9 students will analyze and respond to the historical resonance of the Lynn Nottage’s *Fabulations, or the Re-education of Undine.*

Students will analyze how comedians explore, contextualize and express identity in their work

- Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view.
- Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically.
- Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.
and the consequences they may face for breaking social and artistic norms.

In Week 10 students will analyze the boundary-busting audacity of Mae West’s performances and career and debate the fairness and legitimacy of censorship (and prosecution!) for comedic works.

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A course in this area (II.C) must meet at least three of the additional learning outcomes in the right column. A student will:

In Week 2 students reflect on the ways that John Leguizamo and George C. Wolfe deploy parody and exaggeration to challenge racial and ethnic stereotypes.

- Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring creative expression, including, but not limited to, arts, communications, creative writing, media arts, music, and theater.

- Analyze how arts from diverse cultures of the past serve as a foundation for those of the present and describe the significance of works of art in the societies that created them.

In Week 13, students will reflect in writing on the ways that transgender and gender nonconforming comedians translate their complex experiences into standup comedy and who they think the target audiences and what the comedians’ hope to achieve by in telling their stories in this form.

- Articulate how meaning is created in the arts or communications and how experience is interpreted and conveyed.

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills involved in the creative process.

- Use appropriate technologies to conduct research and to communicate.
Satire is traditionally the weapon of the powerless against the powerful. I only aim at the powerful. When satire is aimed at the powerless, it is not only cruel—it’s vulgar.”
-Molly Ivins 1991

ISP 2xx Comedy and Identity
(Creative Expression; Pre-req ENG 101)

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Course description

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This is a hybrid online and in-person class. Online components will be delivered via Blackboard. In-person components will be delivered on campus whenever possible and on Zoom when campus is not accessible, as during pandemic restrictions.

Pathways Learning Outcomes

- Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view.

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• Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically.
• Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.
• Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring creative expression, including, but not limited to, arts, communications, creative writing, media arts, music, and theater.
• Articulate how meaning is created in the arts or communications and how experience is interpreted and conveyed.
• Demonstrate knowledge of the skills involved in the creative process.

**Required Texts**


A full list of readings and videos is on the Course Schedule on the last pages of this syllabus.

**Assignments and Grading**

• Homework and weekly response writing challenges students to interpret and respond to course materials prior to class
• Reading/viewing quizzes (if necessary)
• Term Project: *Reflections, Comedy, Identity and Me*
  
  Choose ONE of the following options

  a. Using your 10 short analytical response papers as a database, write a 4-5 page paper describing how the materials in this course affected your familiarity with, insights into, and empathy for the experiences of people who identify as members of identity groups to which you do not belong.
  
  b. Write, cast and perform a 8-10 page comic scene featuring yourself and three of the comedians or characters we encountered in this class. Talk to each other about your experience of your own intersectional identities.
  
  c. Drawing on the comic strategies and styles of one or more of the works and/or theories we encountered during the semester, write and perform a 3-minute standup routine about your experience of your own intersectional identity.

• Class preparation and participation: The faculty of this class will not lecture or tell you what to think. Our learning will be constructed together. That means we will engage in active learning. We are all responsible for the success of the course. Do your part by coming to class having read and taken notes on the assigned materials and participate in class activities as discussion, debate, role-play, low and high-stakes writing, small group projects, etc.

• Assignments will be submitted through Blackboard and run through SafeAssign, a software program that will check your work for plagiarism. Proven plagiarism will result in failure for the assignment and may also mean failure in the course as well as disciplinary action by the

**Participation**: Coming to class on time, having closely read the assigned material, and prepared to engage in discussions and small-group activities is worth 25% of your final grade. Please take this seriously. You cannot participate if you are on social media, etc.

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Attendance: Because Interdisciplinary Studies courses meet only once a week and active class participation is required, the department allows only two absences during the semester. Two latenesses of 15 minutes or greater equal an absence. Excessive absence will result in a final grade of F.

Discussion Board: Weekly post and response prompts will be required on the Discussion Board. Some weeks you will be asked to post a written comment on the Discussion Board. Other times you will be asked for an audio, visual, or video post. Some weeks it will be your choice. See the Discussion Board Rubric for guidelines.

Papers: Papers should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, double spaced and with 1-inch margins. Papers should be submitted through Assignments no later than Wednesdays at noon. Late papers will be marked down. Excessively late papers will not be accepted.

Final grades will be based on:

- Weekly participation, including consistent, on-time attendance and having read/viewed/listened to assigned materials, pop quizzes 20 pts
- Reading and viewing responses 10 @5pts 50 pts
- Prepared in-class activities (debates, presentations) 15 pts
- Term Project: Comedy, Identity and Me 15 pts

Total 100 pts

Course Policies and Requirements

Responsibility for all reading and writing assignments lies with the student. Please consult the Weekly folders for the most up-to-date and easily accessible information. Changes to the syllabus will be announced in class and posted on Blackboard. Weekly folders will be the most current.

Active participation is required. The focus of the class is on active learning. Your professors will not give lectures. Virtual classes will meet on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra. They will be run as discussions and other interactive exercises. The quality of your class participation will affect your final grade significantly.

Cameras on. Phones off. You are expected to participate actively in virtual class activities. The best way is by having your camera on, using the Raise Hand feature, and contributing to discussions, asking questions, and responding to polls. Static displays of your name or photo do not indicate that you are active in class. If you do not have a working camera, please notify and make arrangements with the professors by Week 2.

Courtesy and Netiquette: We expect that everyone in the room will treat everyone else with courtesy and respect.

- Online comments in the Discussion Board or Chat can easily be misinterpreted as negative or offensive. Please review your comments before you post them. If you think something might not be appropriate or easily misinterpreted, run it by someone you trust and edit accordingly.
- No private chats will be allowed.
- Class members should be on Mute until called on. We will acknowledge and unmute speakers via the Raise Hand function.
- Courtesy must also extend to differences of opinion. We will present and debate controversial, even provocative, topics. Together, we must establish an environment in which all considered, thoughtful, and evidence-based perspectives are welcome and respected.
Writing Support: Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the online services of the John Jay Writing Center, [http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/contact.htm](http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/contact.htm). To schedule an appointment, go to [http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/onlinetutoring.htm](http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/onlinetutoring.htm) or call 212 237-8569. We will add an additional 2 points to any paper that you hand in with a receipt from a session at the Writing Center.

Diversity and Inclusion for Students with Disabilities: We encourage students with disabilities to let us know how we can best support your success in this class. Students with documented disabilities are encouraged to register with the Office of Accessibility Services ([https://doitapps2.jjay.cuny.edu/accessibility/](https://doitapps2.jjay.cuny.edu/accessibility/)) which will contact us about your specific accommodations.

CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity

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Academic dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York. Penalties for academic dishonesty include academic sanctions, such as failing or otherwise reduced grades, and/or disciplinary sanctions, including suspension or expulsion.

Plagiarism is the act of presenting another person’s ideas, research or writings as your own. The following are some examples of plagiarism, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Copying another person’s actual words without the use of quotation marks and footnotes attributing the words to their source
- Presenting another person’s ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source
- Using information that is not common knowledge without acknowledging the source
- Failing to acknowledge collaborators on homework and laboratory assignments

Internet plagiarism includes submitting downloaded papers or parts of papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the Internet without citing the source, and “cutting and pasting” from various sources without proper attribution. (From the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Bulletin)

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College Wide Policies for Undergraduate Courses


Incomplete Grade Policy (search INC)

Extra Work During the Semester


“Qualified students with disabilities will be provided reasonable academic accommodations if determined eligible by the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS). Prior to granting disability...”
accommodations in this course, the instructor must receive written verification of a student’s eligibility from the OAS which is located at L66 NB (212-237-8031). It is the student’s responsibility to initiate contact with the office and to follow the established procedures for having the accommodation notice sent to the instructor.” (Source: Reasonable Accommodations: A Faculty Guide to Teaching College Students with Disabilities, 4th ed., City University of New York, p.3.)

Wellness and Student Resources (http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/wellness-resources)
Sample syllabus statement: “Students experiencing any personal, medical, financial or familial distress, which may impede their ability to fulfill the requirements of this course, are encouraged to visit the Wellness Center (L.68 NB). Available resources include Counseling Services, Health Services, Food Bank, and legal and tax aid through Single Stop.”

Plagiarism:
Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else’s ideas, words, or artistic, scientific, or technical work as one’s own creation. Using the ideas or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations require citations to the original source.

Plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional. Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve a student of responsibility for plagiarism.

It is the student’s responsibility to recognize the difference between statements that are common knowledge (which do not require documentation) and restatements of the ideas of others. Paraphrase, summary, and direct quotation are acceptable forms of restatement, as long as the source is cited.

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ISP 2XX Laughing at Ourselves: Comedy and Identity

Course Schedule

Week 1: Laughing at Ourselves
Intro, comic ice breakers, and identity
Define personal identity; social identity and intersectionality

Watch in class: “Kimberle Crenshaw Describes Intersectionality” (YouTube)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWP92i7JLlQ
Work together to create a rubric for evaluating the value of comic works

UNIT 1: ETHNIC SELF-SATIRE
Week 2: Spoofing or Dissing?

Read:
- Leguizamo, John. “Manny the Fanny,” from Mambo Mouth
- Wolfe, George C. “Git on Board,” from The Colored Museum

Due: Response #1: Imagine that you are Gilbert Hight. Explain how Wolfe and Leguizamo achieve comic effects in their monologues.

EXTRA CREDIT: Perform a 1-page excerpt from one of the monologues.

Week 3: Laughing to Cope: Asian-American Identity

Read:
- Stoff, Andrew “Comic Identity” in Comedy pp 40-60.
- Yee, Lauren. Ching Chong Chinaman.

Due: Response #2: How or does the playwright get away with depicting the Chinese-American family’s prejudice and bias?

Week 4: Laughing to Remember: The Latinx Experience

Watch: Leguizamo, John. Latin History for Morons, 2018, (1:30:00) [Netflix]

Due: Response #3: What pieces of Latin history in the play were new to you? How is one of those stories affected by Leguizamo’s comic approach?

Week 5: Laughing to Love: Italian-American Food and Family

Read: Albert Innaurato, Gemini.

Due: Response #4: This play was written almost 50 years ago. It contains language and behaviors that were funny then but may not be acceptable to an audience today. Choose one of those scenes, lines or moments and argue whether or not the play should be performed as written now or in the future.

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Week 6: Laughing Instead of Crying: Busting Middle Eastern-American Myths

Watch

- What to Say if You’re Interrogated by an Extremist Militia - Mohanad Elshieky - Stand-Up
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvojMzXYR8o 9:36
- Joshua Ncube Tales of a Zimbabwean Comedian
  https://www.ted.com/talks/earl_joshua_ncube_tales_of_a_zimbabwean_comedian 3:20
- Maz Jobrani: Did You Hear the One about the Iranian-American? 8:58
  https://www.ted.com/talks/maz_jobrani_did_you_hear_the_one_about_the_iranian_american
- Shazia Mirza: “Islamic State group are the 'One Direction' of Islam”
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0JbFHj4sGg (11:38 mins)

Due

- Response #5 How does the standup form create space for one of these comics to push back against stigma? How did you feel listening to their routines?

Week 7: Laughing to Resist: African American Comedy 1

Read

- Stoff, Andrew. “African American Comedy,” in Comedy; pp 115-121.
- Beaty, Paul HOKUM (excerpts)
  - “Introduction,” Paul Beatty
  - “Pose Outs,” Langston Hughes
  - “The Mulatto Millennium,” Danzy Senna
  - “How to Be A Street Poet,” John Rodriguez

Due

Term Project Planning (1-2 pages): Which of the three term project options do you expect to take and why? What attracts or deters you from the other two options?

Week 8: Laughing to Resist, African American Comedy 2

Read


Watch

- Gina Yashere, Laughing to America. Netflix (1:07:33)

Due

Response #6: Who or what is being satirized in Yashere’s show? Choose a bit from the show and discuss whether or not it conforms to Finley’s analysis of black postmodern performance.

Week 9: Laughing to Resist: African-American Comedy 3

Read


Due

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• Response #7: Imagine yourself as Undine. In a first-person monologue, explain how your status change over the course of the play? Do you think your story is funny? If you could speak directly to the audience, what would you ask or tell them about their laughter?

UNIT 2: SEX, GENDER, COMEDY: BREAKING THE RULES

Week 10: Claiming the Power of Female Sexuality 1
Read

Watch
  https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/mae-west-dirty-blonde-documentary/14998/

Due Response #8 Why didn’t satire seem to protect Mae West from censorship?

Week 11: Claiming the Power of Feminine Sexuality 2
Read
• Cisneros, Sandra. Guadalupe the Sex Goddess. PDF 4pp

Due Term Project Outline

Week 12: Queering Comedy: New Takes on Old Narratives
Read
• Stoff, “Comedy, Queered” in Comedy, pp 127-143
• Rudnick, Paul. The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told, pp 11-140.

Due Response #9: How does retelling Genesis through a gay lens change the story? How does this version change the meaning of the original?

Week 13: Queering Comedy: Trans- and Non-gender Conforming Standup
Read

Watch
• Flame Monroe https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PuRyNWeN-k
• Sam Jay https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLniKc2NY3Y
  https://taggmagazine.com/sam-jay-opinion/
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbRKICqNPpE

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Due: Term project draft for peer review and feedback

Week 14: Intersections of Otherness: “To tell my truth”
Read

Watch
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87qLWFZManA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87qLWFZManA)
  [https://www.ted.com/talks/maysoon_zayid_i_got_99_problems_palsy_is_just_one?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/maysoon_zayid_i_got_99_problems_palsy_is_just_one?language=en)

Due: Response #10 Why is doing comedy important to Gadsby or Zayid (choose one)? How does their TED Talk affect your understanding of intersectionality?

Week 15: Final Project Presentations: *Comedy, Identity, and Me*
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
The City University of New York
Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee

New Course Proposal Form

When completed, email the proposal form in one file attachment for UCASC consideration and scheduling to killoran@jjay.cuny.edu.

1. a. Department(s) or program(s) proposing this course: Interdisciplinary Studies

b. Name and contact information of proposer(s):
   Katie Gentile, Nina Fischer, Gerry Markowitz

   Name: Katie Gentile
   Email address(es) kgentile@jjay.cuny.edu
   Phone number(s) 212-237-8110

2. a. Title of the course: Colorism: A Global Perspective on Colonial Violence

b. Short title (not more than 30 characters including spaces to appear on student transcripts and in CUNYFirst schedule): Colorism & Colonial Violence

c. Level of this course _____100 Level   XX 200 Level _____300 Level _____400 Level

   Please provide a brief rationale for why the course is at the level:

   The course requires a range of skills—reading, writing, analytical, meta-cognitive—and texts that make it appropriate for the 200-level. It is designed primarily for sophomores and lays a firm foundation for more specialized study at the 300-level.

   d. Course prefix to be used (i.e. ENG, SOC, HIS, etc.): ISP

3. Rationale for the course (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should John Jay College offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs.)

   We live in a world influenced by “colorism” both overtly and covertly, stemming from a white supremacist historical, socio-political context. While we have classes on racism and ethnic based violence, there is a need for an interrogation of colorism and biases within communities based on skin color. This oppressive structure forms the basis of colorism and its foundations in white colonization and in slavery. This class is also responding to a burgeoning
discussion about colorism in an intersectional context - how it intersects with gender, sexuality, nationality...and its effects both around the globe and in academic settings.

4. **Course description** as it is to appear in the College Bulletin. (Keep in mind that this is for a student audience and so should be clear and informative; please write in complete sentences; we suggest not more than 75 words.)

This course explores the complex topic of colorism, a reality that touches and affects all races and ethnicities around the globe. Students will investigate the divisive history and colonial origins of colorism and the ways in which colorism manifests itself around the world, in art, fashion, law, film, employment, music, and/or politics. This course will also investigate how colorism intersects with important identities, such as ethnic, gender, sexual, racial, class, and familial. Calling on personal experience, students will think critically about colorism as a force in the world, reflect on its role in their own lives, and identify and practice ways of addressing and resisting its harmful effects through learning about resistance movements like “Black Power” and “La Raza.”

5. **Course Prerequisites or co-requisites** (Please note: All 200-level courses must have ENG 101 and all 300 & 400-level courses must have ENG 201 as prerequisites): **ENG 101**

6. Number of:
   a. Class hours 3
   b. Lab hours _____
   c. Credits 3

7. Has this course been taught on an experimental basis?

   XX No _____ Yes. If yes, then please provide:
   a. Semester(s) and year(s):
   b. Teacher(s):
   c. Enrollment(s):
   d. Prerequisites(s):

8. **Learning Outcomes** (List three to five only). What will the student know or be able to do by the end of the course? How do the outcomes relate to the program’s (major; minor) outcomes?

   • Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view
   • Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically.
   • Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.
   • Analyze and describe culture, globalization, or global diversity
   • Analyze a major movement that has shaped a non-U.S. society
• Analyze the role of identity categories in a non-U.S. society

9. Will this course be part of any major(s), minor(s) or program(s)?

   ____ No    XX Yes

   If yes, Indicate major(s), minor(s), or program(s) and indicate the part, category, etc. (Please be specific)

   Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies, electives section

10. Will this course be part of JJ’s general education program? (remember to fill out the CUNY Common Core Form if part of Required or Flexible Core or the JJ’s College Option form)

    No ____    Yes XX    If yes, please indicate the area:

    Flexible Core:

    A. World Cultures and Global Issues  XX
    B. U.S Experience in Its Diversity
    C. Creative Expression
    D. Individual and Society
    E. Scientific World

    Please explain why this course should be part of the selected area.

    Colorism is an oppressive structure that functions internationally, influencing and affecting a wide range of practices and policies across the globe. It has a long history with urgent contemporary implications. We are living in a world struggling to discuss, reconcile and resolve colorism. The course itself will be international in scope and the materials and discussions will be comparative. It will treat colorism as a critical global issue.

11. How will you assess student learning?

    • Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view.
      Students will be required to gather, interpret, and assess a variety of types and kinds of information about colorism, vs. racism, in their daily lives. For example, students will be asked to keep a “Colorism Observations Journal” during the semester in which they record and respond to any examples of colorism in the media, or any instance where colorism plays a role, overtly or covertly, positively or negatively. This journal will be a place for students to investigate and analyze the issue of colorism in the world outside of the classroom, to engage with colorism as a lived reality rather than simply as an intellectual assignment.
• Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically.  
Students will be required to evaluate each week’s reading in preparation for a fuller analysis during the in-class discussions. For example, students will be asked to write a series of short response papers where they set out the argument being made in the readings and respond to them critically. These papers will be short but must stress analysis over summary. They will be due at the beginning of class on the day we discuss the readings.

• Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.  
Students will produce well-reasoned arguments using evidence to support their claims almost every week during in-class discussions. They will, for example, debate the different elements and ramifications of colorism in different societies around the globe. To do this effectively, students will need to construct solid and logical arguments drawing evidence from a variety of different texts.

• Analyze and describe culture, globalization, or global diversity.  
Students will analyze and describe the global phenomena of colorism throughout the semester. They will compare how colorism has impacted and influenced several areas of the world in class discussions and in formal papers. They will think about how colorism in Asia is different from and/or similar to colorism in Africa, the US or India, for example, or the implications of colorism for Latinx communities across the Americas. Students will also analyze how white supremacy and different forms of colonialism are contexts for colorism including how media outlets with corporate levers, persist in perpetuating whiteness as the ideal.

• Analyze a major movement that has shaped a non-U.S. society.  
Students will analyze how colorism has affected society. In a final paper, students will research the issue of colorism in one specific location, exploring the issue through a legal, cultural, artistic and/or media-related lens. Students will need to draw from at least five different sources and develop a substantial thesis about how and in what ways colorism has shaped that society or some critical part of that society.

• Analyze the role of identity categories in a non-U.S. society  
Students will analyze various identity categories from across the globe. They will write a short paper analyzing the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender and socio-economic class in at least one non-US society. Students will be asked to examine and define how colorism and gender interact, reinforcing, engaging and potentially disrupting each other, for example. They will need to think about and analyze how colorism might be different for men or women, for the LGBTQ community, or for people of different classes. The aim is to analyze how colorism is shaped by multiple identity categories.

12. Did you meet with a librarian to discuss library resources for the course?
Yes XX No

- If yes, please state the librarian’s name **Kathleen Collins**
- Are there adequate resources in the library to support students’ work in the course
  Yes XX No

- Will your students be expected to use any of the following library resources? Check all that apply.
  - The library catalog, CUNY+ XX
  - EBSCOhost Academic Search Complete XX
  - Electronic encyclopedia collections (e.g. from Gale; Sage; Oxford Uni Press) _____
  - LexisNexis Universe XX
  - Criminal Justice Abstracts _____
  - PsycINFO _____
  - Sociological Abstracts _____
  - JSTOR XX
  - SCOPUS _____
  - Other (please name) ____________________________

13. **Syllabus – see attached**

14. Date of **Department curriculum committee** approval: February 25, 2021

15. **Faculty** - Who will be assigned to teach this course? 

**Full-time and experienced and qualified part-time regular ISP faculty.**

16. Is this proposed course **similar to or related to** any course, major, or program offered by any **other department(s)**? How does this course differ?

 XX No

 ____Yes. If yes, what course(s), major(s), or program(s) is this course similar or related to? With whom did you meet? Provide a brief description.

17. Did you **consult** with department(s) or program(s) offering similar or related courses or majors?

 ____Not applicable

 ____No

 ____x Yes. If yes, give a short summary of the consultation process and results.

We sent this proposal to Prof. Teresa Booker and her department’s curriculum committee had no changes for it and agreed to help find good co-teachers if needed.

18. Will any course be **withdrawn**, if this course is approved?

 XX No
___Yes. If yes, number and name of course(s) to be withdrawn.

19. Approvals:

Chair, Proposer’s Department

Richard Haw

Major or Minor Coordinator (if necessary)
CUNY Common Core Course Submission Form

Instructions: All courses submitted for the Common Core must be liberal arts courses. Courses may be submitted for only one area of the Common Core. All courses must be 3 credits/3 contact hours unless the college is seeking a waiver for another type of Math or Science course that meets major requirements. Colleges may submit courses to the Course Review Committee at any time. Courses must also receive local campus governance approval for inclusion in the Common Core.

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Indicate the status of this course being nominated:

- [ ] current course
- [ ] revision of current course
- [ ] XXX a new course being proposed

CUNY COMMON CORE Location

Please check below the area of the Common Core for which the course is being submitted. (Select only one.)

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II. Flexible Core (18 credits)
Six three-credit liberal arts and sciences courses, with at least one course from each of the following five areas and no more than two courses in any discipline or interdisciplinary field.

A. World Cultures and Global Issues

A Flexible Core course must meet the three learning outcomes in the right column.

- Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view.

| Students will be required to gather, interpret, and assess a variety of types and kinds of information about colorism, vs. racism, in their daily lives. For example, students will be asked to keep a "colorism observations journal" during the semester in which they record and respond to any examples of colorism in the media, or any instance where colorism plays a role, overtly or covertly, positively or negatively. This journal will be a place for students to investigate and analyze the issue of colorism in the world outside of the classroom, to engage with colorism as a reality and a fact of life rather than simply as an intellectual assignment. |

| In short response papers students will compare and contrast information they have read in class. Their final paper will involve students interrogating colorism within a particular culture, conducting research from a variety of sources from the class and through their library research. |

| Students will be required to evaluate each week’s reading in preparation for a fuller analysis during the in-class discussions. For example, students will be asked to write a series of short response papers where they set out the argument being made in the readings and respond to them critically. These papers will be short but must stress analysis over summary. Students will be expected to evaluate the arguments in the interdisciplinary readings and assess them based on the evidence provided. Written or oral quizzes in the form of the professor asking students direct questions about the readings will also be used to assess the ways they are reading and analyzing the evidence provided. They will be due at the beginning of class on the day we discuss the readings. All of these assignments require that they prepare evidence to support their understanding of the readings, the author’s respective arguments and the evidence put forth. |

| Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically. |

| Students will produce well-reasoned arguments using evidence to support their claims almost every week during in-class discussions. They will, for example, debate the different elements and ramifications of colorism in different societies around the globe. To do this effectively, students will need to construct solid and logical arguments drawing evidence from a variety of different texts. Weekly journal reflections and reading response papers will require students examine the arguments made by authors and weigh their use of evidence. |

| Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions. |

A course in this area (II.A) must meet at least three of the additional learning outcomes in the right column. A student will:
Students will analyze and describe the global phenomena of colorism throughout the semester. They will compare how colorism has impacted and influenced several areas of the world in class discussions and in formal and informal writings. Throughout the class students will read about some of the ways colonialism and white supremacy has shaped colorism. They will read interdisciplinary works from history, anthropology, economics and capitalism, law, and psychology, as well as select memoirs. Students will examine the ways colonial white supremacy has shaped cultures throughout the globe and how colorism is manifest in these different cultures in terms of family, beauty standards, gender ideals, and social and economic opportunity. They will synthesize their understandings in response papers and a final research paper.

- Analyze and describe culture, globalization, or global diversity

The class readings represent research and personal memoir detailing experiences of colorism in different non-US locales and the ways colonialism and white supremacy has shaped it. Students will track the ways colorism manifests in different geographic countries and areas through the readings and their response papers. For their final paper students will research the issue of colorism in one specific non-US locale, exploring the issue through a legal, cultural, artistic and/or media-related lens, specific to that geographic and cultural area. Students will need to draw from at least five different sources and develop a substantial thesis about how and in what ways colonialism is retained through colorism and how these ideals have shaped that society and its values.

- Analyze a major movement that has shaped a non-U.S. society

Students will analyze various identity categories from across the globe. They will collect research and representations of colorism in at least one non-U.S. culture. In this paper and all the readings and writing assignments intersectionality – the ways colorism changes depending on race, class, ethnicity, gender and socio-economic class – is the focus. Students will be asked to examine and define how colorism and gender interact, reinforcing, engaging and potentially disrupting each other. They will need to think about and analyze how colorism might be different for men or women, and for the LGBTQ community. The aim is to analyze colorism both as an identity category itself but also how colorism shapes and is shaped by other important identity categories. Research and memoir forms written by authors from different countries will help illustrate the ways colorism is always an intersectional phenomenon.

- Analyze the historical development of one or more non-U.S. societies.

- Analyze how colorism intersects with multiple identities.
Colorism: A Global Perspective

This course explores the complex topic of colorism, a reality that touches and affects all races and ethnicities around the globe. Students will investigate the divisive history and colonial origins of colorism and the ways in which colorism manifests itself around the world, in art, fashion, law, film, employment, music, and/or politics. This course will also investigate how colorism intersects with important identities, such as ethnic, gender, sexual, racial, class, and familial. Calling on personal experience, students will think critically about colorism as a force in the world, reflect on its role in their own lives, and identify and practice ways of addressing and resisting its harmful effects through learning about resistance movements like “Black Power” and “La Raza.”

Course Goals and Objectives:

Students will:

• Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view
• Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically.
• Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.
• Analyze and describe culture, globalization, or global diversity
• Analyze a major movement that has shaped a non-U.S. society
• Analyze the role of identity categories in a non-U.S. society

Required Reading:

Students will need to purchase the following books:

All the other readings for the class will be available as PDFs on the course Blackboard site.

Schedule:

The following are the readings to be completed by the indicated class period. As the course relies on classroom participation rather than lectures, it is essential to do the readings, bring the readings to class and come to class on time.

Week 1

Introduction – Situating colorism in white supremacy and colonialism
Watching: Naomi Grant, 50 Shades of Melanin (2017)
Week 2
What is Colorism?
Reading: Alice Walker, “If the Present Looks Like the Past, What Does the Future Look Like?” from *In Search of Our Mother’s Gardens* (1983)

Due: Response Paper #1

Week 3
Colorism and Families
Reading: Margaret Hunter, “The Persistent Problem of Colorism: Skin Tone, Status, and Inequality,” *Sociology Compass* (2007)
Lori Tharps, *Same Family, Different Colors: Confronting Colorism in America’s Diverse Families* (2016), pages 1-64

Week 4
Colorism and Families
Reading: Lori Tharps, *Same Family, Different Colors: Confronting Colorism in America’s Diverse Families* (2016), pages 65-177

Week 5
Personal Stories
Reading: Anne Mai Yee Jansen, “What Are You?” (2020)
Kim D. Chanbonpin, “Born Filipina, Somewhere in Between” (2020)
Marimas Hosan Mostiller, “The Perpetual Outsider” (2020)
Tanzila Ahmed, “Brown Arms” (2020)

Due: Colorism Observations Journal

Week 6
Colorism: It’s not just a woman’s issue…

Week 7
Colorism - Integrating Western colonialism
Lillian Lu, “Cartographies of Myself” from *Whiter: Asian Women on Skin Color* (2020)

Due: Response Paper #2
Week 8  **Colorism and whiteness**  
Due: Response Paper #3

Week 9  **Colorism as history**  
Reading: George Washington Cable, “‘Tite Poulette” (1874)  
Due: Response Paper #4

Week 10  **Colorism as resistance and complicity?**  
Reading: Interview with Beverley Naya (https://www.essence.com/beauty/skin/the-documentary-skin-explores-colorism-in-a-new-way/)  
Franz Fanon, *Black Skin, White Masks* (1967) (extracts)  
Due: Response Paper #5  
Colorism Observations Journal

Week 11  **Colorism as a continuation of Colonialism?**  
Due: Response Paper #6

Week 12  **Resisting colorism**  

Week 13  **Can colorism with its history, be resisted?**  
Looking: Selection of images by Chioma Ebinama, Kwame Braithwaite  
Do: Bring in a magazine you do not mind cutting up
Week 14  Colorism and the Beauty Industry Wrap-Up and Conclusions

Reading:  “India Debates Skin-Tone Bias as Beauty Companies Alter Ads,” New York Times, June 28, 2020

Due:  Final Research Paper
Colorism Observations Journal

Course Requirements

Responsibility for all reading and writing assignments lies with the student. Please consult your syllabus at all times. No emailed assignments will be accepted; be sure to keep a copy of every assignment turned in.

Informed Class Participation: Classes will be run as discussions, not lectures. You must attend class having completed all reading assignments. You will be expected to engage fully in class discussions, responding thoughtfully to your peers and using ideas and evidence from the readings to frame your contributions.

Reading Response Papers: Students are required to complete a series of reading response papers. These are clearly listed in the course schedule above and are due at the beginning of class. Please note: no late reading responses will be accepted. The responses are not long but they should demonstrate substantial engagement with the reading matter for that week. These papers should analyze not summary the readings. They will be organized by question prompts. Each reflection should involve identifying the evidence the author uses to answer the question posed by the professor, whether it is persuasive to you as the reader, how it does or does not compare to ideas from the previous readings (pick at least one to compare and contrast), and whether and how the ideas from that particular reading do or do not reflect your experiences.

Colorism Observations Journal: Throughout the semester students are asked to think about colorism as an issue as the follow the news on print and on television and keep a journal of their reactions. Your journals will be handed in for comment three times during the course of the semester. Students are expected to average reflections of at least 100-150 words.

Final Paper. All students will undertake a final research paper. This project will draw on all the skills and insights you have learned this semester. Each student will need to pick a non-US country and research how colorism has shaped that society, in either a legal, cultural, artistic manner or through that country’s media. Students will need to draw from five at least different sources of information. Students will have to collect evidence supporting their claims as to the ways colorism has shaped that particular society. In the final paper students will integrate the evidence they have collected with the theory and research they have found discussing that particular locale.

Quizzes: These will be unannounced, and always during the first 5 minutes of class or the first 5 minutes after the break, and always on the assigned reading for the day. Quizzes will test your basic knowledge of the assigned reading. Some quizzes may take the form of short response papers.

1) Academic Integrity: Plagiarism is the presentation of somebody else’s ideas as your own; this includes material taken from the internet without citation. Plagiarism and cheating are extremely serious violations of academic behavior. In all written work, you must clearly indicate (using quotation marks and citations) when you are quoting or paraphrasing. Plagiarism and cheating will result in a final course grade of D- and/or
disciplinary action. If you are unsure of what constitutes plagiarism, please consult with your professors or the Writing Center. See John Jay statement on plagiarism:

“Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else’s ideas, words, or artistic, scientific, or technical work as one’s own creation. Using the ideas or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations, require citations to the original source. Plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional. Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve a student of responsibility for plagiarism. It is the student’s responsibility to recognize the difference between statements that are common knowledge (which do not require documentation) and restatements of the ideas of others. Paraphrase, summary, and direct quotation are acceptable forms of restatement, as long as the source is cited. Students who are unsure how and when to provide documentation are advised to consult with their instructors. The Library has free guides designed to help students with problems of documentation.” From the John Jay College Bulletin.

2) Writing Tutors: Students who want to take their writing to the next level and earn better grades are encouraged to consult the professors and visit the John Jay Writing Center. The Writing Center is a free tutorial service available to all students enrolled in the college. Appointments can be made online at http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/writing-center. Always remember: the communication of your ideas is wholly dependent on the clarity of your writing.

3) Vocabulary: Students are expected to look up any words they are unfamiliar with. Vocabulary building is an important part of any college course. You may be tested on your understanding of the vocabulary in the assigned texts during quizzes.

4) Problems?: If you have any difficulties with the course—big or small—please consult with your professor. Please remember, ISP’s staff and faculty are here to ensure your academic success.

Grading

Final grades will be based upon the following:
1. Informed class participation 10%
2. Reading response papers 40%
3. Colorism Observations Journal 20%
4. Final Paper 30%

Grading Criteria

A, A- Excellent
B+, B+ Very Good
B, B- Good
C+, C, C- Satisfactory
D+, D, D- Poor
F Fail

Attendance and Class Conduct

Attendance: Students are allowed only two absences, for any reason. Three absences will lead to automatic course failure.

Students with a documented, ongoing serious health issue—which may affect their attendance—should speak with the professors.

Lateness: You must make it to class on time. Three late arrivals count as one absence. If you are more than 30 minutes late, you will be marked absent.

***General Rule: Please be considerate to your fellow students; do not disrupt class***
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The City University of New York
Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee

New Course Proposal Form

Date Submitted: March 2, 2021

When completed, email the proposal form in one file attachment for UCASC consideration and scheduling to killoran@jjay.cuny.edu.

1. a. Department(s) or program(s) proposing this course: English Department

b. Name and contact information of proposer(s):

Name: Al Coppola
Email address(es) acoppola@jjay.cuny.edu
Phone number(s) 646-577-4600

2. a. Title of the course: Crime Stories

b. Short title (not more than 30 characters including spaces to appear on student transcripts and in CUNYFirst schedule): Crime Stories

c. Level of this course _X___100 Level ____200 Level ____300 Level ____400 Level

Please provide a brief rationale for why the course is at the level:

This course explores a genre of literature, i.e. crime fiction, and considers how the genre emerged and transformed over time to remain relevant in different historical and cultural contexts. The emphasis will be on how to engage with primary sources, not secondary scholarship, which indicates that this should be an introductory level class. By acquainting students with the basic concepts of literary study and focusing them on the fundamentals of reading closely and writing evidence-based arguments, this class is designed for the 100 level and is intended to complement the fundamental work in research-based academic writing that first-year students will undertake in ENG 101

d. Course prefix to be used (i.e., ENG, SOC, HIS, etc.): _____LIT__

3. **Rationale** for the course (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should John Jay College offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs.)
This class will investigate crime fiction from Sherlock Holmes to today so that students may acquire a basic knowledge of the concepts and vocabulary of literary study, which they will then use to analyze how literature works and what literary forms are capable of expressing. With its focus on the ubiquitous and influential “crime story,” the course’s theme aligns with John Jay’s identity as a college of criminal justice.

As a 100-level course eligible for the Pathways Creative Expression Flexible Core requirement, this class is designed to train John Jay students in the skills of close reading, critical thinking and analytic writing that they need to build up from the very start of their undergraduate careers. In doing so, the class asks students to read and analyze challenging but highly engaging literary texts that stretch from the late 19th century to the contemporary moment, and which represent a range of authors as well as protagonists who are diverse in terms of gender, race, sexual orientation and national identity.

Through completing weekly reading responses and quizzes, students will receive training in the fundamentals of literary analysis by mastering 25 essential literary terms and using them to analyze the assigned readings. Students will learn to critique this traditionally white, western and masculinist tradition through the analysis of latter-day examples of the form that challenge the racial and gender ideologies that inform the classics of the genre. This work will culminate in two formal essays and a final exam.

4. **Course description** as it is to appear in the College Bulletin. (Keep in mind that this is for a student audience and so should be clear and informative; please write in complete sentences; we suggest not more than 75 words.)

The crime story can hold a cracked mirror up to society’s ideas about justice, violence, community and the law—but what it reflects is rarely pretty. Whether the focus is detective fiction, criminal biographies, courtroom dramas, or true-crime narratives, this course will explore what literature is capable of expressing while confronting the hard questions that crime stories can raise about power, race, privilege, gender, sexuality, and national borders.

5. **Course Prerequisites or co-requisites** (Please note: All 200-level courses must have ENG 101 and all 300 & 400-level courses must have ENG 201 as prerequisites): None

6. Number of:
   a. Class hours ___3___
   b. Lab hours ______
   c. Credits ___3___

7. Has this course been taught on an experimental basis?
   _X_ No         ___ Yes. If yes, then please provide:

Approved by UCASC, April 16, to College Council, May 11, 2021
a. Semester(s) and year(s):
b. Teacher(s):
c. Enrollment(s):
d. Prerequisites(s):

8. Learning Outcomes (List three to five only). What will the student know or be able to do by the end of the course? How do the outcomes relate to the program’s (major; minor) outcomes?

This course is designed to satisfy the three Flexible Core Learning Objectives as well as a required three of the Creative Expression Learning Objectives

Flexible Core
- Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view.
- Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically.
- Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.

Creative Expression
- Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring creative expression, including, but not limited to, arts, communications, creative writing, media arts, music, and theater.
- Analyze how arts from diverse cultures of the past serve as a foundation for those of the present, and describe the significance of works of art in the societies that created them.
- Articulate how meaning is created in the arts or communications and how experience is interpreted and conveyed.

9. Will this course be part of any major(s), minor(s) or program(s)?
   ___X___No  _____Yes

   If yes, indicate major(s), minor(s), or program(s) and indicate the part, category, etc. (Please be specific) N/A

10. Will this course be part of JJ’s general education program? (remember to fill out the CUNY Common Core Form if part of Required or Flexible Core or the JJ’s College Option form)
   No _____  Yes ___X___  If yes, please indicate the area:

   Flexible Core:

   | A. World Cultures and Global Issues | 
   | B. U.S Experience in Its Diversity |
C. Creative Expression  X
D. Individual and Society  
E. Scientific World

Please explain why this course should be part of the selected area.

This course asks students to examine literary productions drawn from a wide range of time periods and across a range of perspectives. They will read crime stories from the late 19th century to the present time, and they will assess how these literary forms gave voice to competing ideas about what the role and limits of the law should be in the maintaining of social order and the demarcation of civil society. They will explore what the protagonists of crime stories have signified about notions of social justice and consider how that has changed across time periods and cultural contexts. In doing so, students will receive training in the fundamentals of literary analysis by mastering 25 essential literary terms and using them to analyze how literary texts make meaning.

11. How will you assess student learning?

Students will demonstrate their comprehension of the readings and grasp of literary terms by completing weekly quizzes and a final exam. Students will apply literary terms to the analysis of assigned texts in weekly 250-word responses (Reflections) which will prepare them to write 2 analytical papers of 3-5 pages (1000-1500 words). As indicated on the attached sample syllabus, sections of this class may also ask students to complete a (pass/fail) group presentation and a (graded) reflective essay on the project.

12. Did you meet with a librarian to discuss library resources for the course?
   No______Yes___X___

   If yes, please state the librarian’s name________Marta Bladk____________________

   Did you check the existing OER (Open Educational Resources) to support teaching of this course? https://johnjay.digication.com/2018-2019-course-conversion-project-oer-and-aer/home-1
   No______Yes__Y____

   Are there adequate resources in the library to support students’ work in the course? (Please check all that apply):
   _____OneSearch (the library discovery tool)
   ___X____eBooks
Subject specific library databases:

__X__Academic Search Complete  ___X__Gale Reference Sources
___NexisUni            ___PsycInfo
___Criminal Justice Abstracts  ___Sociological Abstracts

Other (list them here) ____________________________________________

Are there existing library Research Guides to support your class?
https://guides.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/

No ___X___ This is a 100-level class that will not require research
Yes_____  

If you have any acquisitions suggestions (print/electronic/media) for the library list them here (or attach a separate compilation).

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13. **Syllabus – see attached**

14. Date of **Department curriculum committee** approval: February 25, 2021

15. **Faculty - Who** will be assigned to teach this course?
   - Al Coppola
   - Caroline Reitz
   - J. Paul Narkunas

16. Is this proposed course similar to or related to any course, major, or program offered by any other department(s)? How does this course differ?
   ___X__No
   ___Yes. If yes, what course(s), major(s), or program(s) is this course similar or related to? With whom did you meet? Provide a brief description.

17. Did you **consult** with department(s) or program(s) offering similar or related courses or majors?
   ___X__Not applicable
   ___No
   ___Yes. If yes, give a short summary of the consultation process and results.

18. Will any course be **withdrawn**, if this course is approved?
   ___X__No
   ___Yes. If yes, number and name of course(s) to be withdrawn.

19. Approvals: Jay Gates, Chair, English Department
CUNY Common Core  
Course Submission Form

Instructions: All courses submitted for the Common Core must be liberal arts courses. Courses may be submitted for only one area of the Common Core. All courses must be 3 credits/3 contact hours unless the college is seeking a waiver for another type of Math or Science course that meets major requirements. Colleges may submit courses to the Course Review Committee at any time. Courses must also receive local campus governance approval for inclusion in the Common Core.

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Indicate the status of this course being nominated:
- ☐ current course
- ☐ revision of current course
- X a new course being proposed

CUNY COMMON CORE Location

Please check below the area of the Common Core for which the course is being submitted. (Select only one.)

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### II. Flexible Core (18 credits)
Six three-credit liberal arts and sciences courses, with at least one course from each of the following five areas and no more than two courses in any discipline or interdisciplinary field.

#### C. Creative Expression

A Flexible Core course must meet the three learning outcomes in the right column.

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<th>Students will read several texts of detective fiction from time periods and which represent a range of authors as well as detective protagonists who are diverse in terms of gender, race, sexual orientation and national identity. They will assess shifts in attitude toward law, violence and justice. They will assess characters' various points of view, the limits of their knowledge and the reliability of their statements. This work is fundamental to the class although it is particularly in evidence in their formal essays, which will require students to develop an analysis through the comparison of two different texts, as well as in weekly Reflections 3 (on unreliable narration), 5 (analyzing dialogue), 7 (on revising earlier authors), 7 (repetition of imagery), and 10 (multiple narrators).</th>
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A course in this area (II.C) must meet at least three of the additional learning outcomes in the right column. A student will:

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<th>Students will identify and apply fundamental concepts of literature such as genre, character, setting, imagery and metaphor. Students will demonstrate mastery of 25 fundamental literary terms through weekly quizzes and a final exam. Students will then use those concepts to analyze the assigned readings in each week's Reflection. The list of core literary terms, and the prompts for students to apply them, is listed below in the syllabus.</th>
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| Students will evaluate the ways in which crime fictions from a range of historical periods and geographies reflected the social conditions of their time and place (particularly in Reflection 1, an analysis of the social values represented by the protagonist; and Reflection 12, an | |
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| ● Analyze how arts from diverse cultures of the past serve as a foundation for those of the present, and describe the significance of works of art in the societies that created them. |
Students will analyze the significance of the specific literary tropes (particularly Reflection 6, which asks students to analyze an author’s use of metaphor; and Reflection 8, which asks them to evaluate the significance of the repetition of imagery); as well as by analyzing the point of view of characters (particularly in Reflection 3, which asks students to distinguish between competing viewpoints on a crime and draw inferences about character, motivation and knowledge; and in Reflection 10, where they must evaluate the statements of multiple narrators.)

- Articulate how meaning is created in the arts or communications and how experience is interpreted and conveyed.

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills involved in the creative process.

- Use appropriate technologies to conduct research and to communicate.
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Crime Stories

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Department of English  
Office:  7.65.23 NB  
Office Hours: TBA  
Email: acoppola@jjay.cuny.edu

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
The crime story can hold a cracked mirror up to society’s ideas about justice, violence, community and the law—but what it reflects is rarely pretty. Whether the focus is detective fiction, criminal biographies, courtroom dramas, or true-crime narratives, this course will explore what literature is capable of expressing while confronting the hard questions that crime stories can raise about power, race, privilege, gender, sexuality, and national borders.

In this section of Crime Stories, we will focus on the figure of the detective. Why are we obsessed with stories about detectives? Is it because they are gifted with superhuman powers of observation, or is it because they’re just average people surviving by their wits in extraordinary circumstances? They tend to operate just outside of the law, yet we depend on them to solve the mystery, catch the bad guys and pick up the pieces of a fractured society. This 100-level LIT class will investigate the genre of detective fiction from Sherlock Holmes to today. We will read classic stories by A. Conan Doyle and Agatha Christie that established the genre alongside the “hard-boiled” fiction of Raymond Chandler as well as contemporary re-inventions of the genre by Walter Mosely, Mary Wings and Manuel Ramos. You will also work in groups to develop a presentation on a popular crime TV show that situates that work in the class’s critical conversation.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

● Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view.
● Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically.
● Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.
● Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring creative expression, including, but not limited to, arts, communications, creative writing, media arts, music, and theater.
● Analyze how arts from diverse cultures of the past serve as a foundation for those of the present, and describe the significance of works of art in the societies that created them.
● Articulate how meaning is created in the arts or communications and how experience is interpreted and conveyed.

REQUIRED TEXTS:
In this course, we will read 8 works of detective fiction. All except one are available freely online or will be provided via pdf on blackboard. You will have to purchase Walter Mosley’s novel (approximately $15 at the John Jay Bookstore):

A. Conan Doyle, “A Scandal in Bohemia” and “The Boscombe Valley Mystery.” (1892)  
http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1661

Agatha Christie, “The Tuesday Night Club.” (1932) Blackboard PDF

Approved by UCASC, April 16, to College Council, May 11, 2021
Ryunosuke Akutagawa, “In a Grove.” (1922) Blackboard PDF
Raymond Chandler, *The Big Sleep* (1939)
[https://gutenberg.ca/ebooks/chandlerr-bigsleep/chandlerr-bigsleep-00-h.html](https://gutenberg.ca/ebooks/chandlerr-bigsleep/chandlerr-bigsleep-00-h.html)


Mary Wings, “Kill the Man for Me.” (1992) Blackboard PDF

**GRADING:**
Your grade will be based on the following:

- **Participation 10%:** Our class only works if everyone is learning from each other. Students are expected to complete reading assignments and tasks before they are due, and they are expected to actively share ideas, ask questions, and (anonymously) workshop their writing in class.

- **Quizzes 10%:** Our investigation of detective fiction will be grounded by a core group of 25 literary terms that students will be expected to master. Students will demonstrate their grasp of these terms by completing 11 quizzes, where they will be asked to correctly identify the definitions of terms and then answering companion questions that test whether they are able to accurately apply those terms in the analysis of sample passages drawn from the texts. These quizzes will also test basic comprehension of the plot and other essential elements of the reading assignments. These quizzes are to be completed on Blackboard before in-person class sessions. Students will be able to take each quiz up to three times to achieve full credit. Questions in any given quiz will be drawn at random from a larger bank of questions, so that each attempt will feature fresh questions. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

- **VoiceThreads 10%:** Students will be given a selection of quotations drawn from the week’s readings and asked to leave a short video or voice comment reflecting the passage’s relevance to the concepts we have studied to that point, or just to raise questions for discussion among their peers. These comments are expected to be completed before the next in-person class session. There are 11 VoiceThreads scheduled: engaged participation earns full credit, and the lowest grade will be dropped.

- **Reflections 20%:** For most weeks of the course, after completing the quiz and VoiceThread, students will be asked to write a 250-word response to that week’s writing prompt. Building on the discussion, these 10 writing prompts will allow students to articulate their ideas and back them with evidence while practicing how to write clear prose that meaningfully and accurately integrates other sources. Reflections will train students in the skills of paraphrase, evidence selection, integration of quotations, and proper citation.

- **Papers 20%:** Students will write 2 analytical papers of 3-5 pages (1000-1500 words) that will derive from and build upon their weekly reflections. Students will be asked to construct an argument and support it with multiple examples drawn from our texts. They will be assessed on 1) how well they grasp and apply the literary concepts introduced in the course; 2) how well they comprehend and interpret the assigned texts; and 3) how well they follow the conventions of academic prose and MLA style requirements. Outside research is not permitted, and all Analytical Papers will be submitted through Turnitin.com

- **Group Project 20%:** Over the course of the semester, students will work with their peers in small groups to watch and discuss at least five episodes of a popular crime TV show that features a detective protagonist. Students will be required to keep a viewing log, hold regular conferences, and then produce a presentation and reflective essay on the project. Full details on this assignment are listed below. Please note:

Approved by UCASC, April 16, to College Council, May 11, 2021
The instructors of LIT 1xx plan to organize a colloquium for all sections of this course, where students can share their work with members of other classes who are also engaged in the investigation of detective fiction this semester.

Final Exam 10%: Students will take a final exam that will assess their mastery of the assigned literary terms as well as their ability to apply them in their analysis of select passages from the assigned readings. The final exam will also include a self-reflective essay.

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION
Because your participation directly impacts the ability of others to learn, attendance and participation are critically important. You are expected to complete tasks before their deadlines and come to class ready to participate actively in discussions. While there is no such thing as an “excused absence”—you are either here or you aren’t!—you may miss up to 4 classes for any reason without penalty beyond any possible impact on your participation score.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Qualified students with disabilities will be provided reasonable academic accommodations if determined eligible by the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS). Prior to granting disability accommodations in this course, the instructor must receive written verification of a student’s eligibility from the OAS which is located at 1233N (212-237-8144). It is the student’s responsibility to initiate contact with the office and to follow the established procedures for having the accommodation notice sent to the instructor.

Source: Reasonable Accommodations: A Faculty Guide to Teaching College Students with Disabilities, 4th ed., City University of New York, p.3. (http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/studentlife/Reasonable_Accommodations.pdf)

PLAGIARISM
Plagiarism is a serious offense, and one of the objectives of this class is to teach you how to engage with other people’s ideas in a way that doesn’t result in academic dishonesty. We will work during the semester on the skills needed to handle quotations, paraphrases, and summary without plagiarism. However, incidents of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Deans, and penalties may include failing the assignment, receiving a final grade reduction, and/or failing the course.

In this class, students will be required to write their essays in accordance with MLA style and documentation protocols. Plagiarism and cheating are violations of CUNY’s policy on academic integrity:

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else’s ideas, words, or artistic, scientific, or technical work as one’s own creation. Using the ideas or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations require citations to the original source.

Plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional. Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve a student of responsibility for plagiarism.

It is the student’s responsibility to recognize the difference between statements that are common knowledge (which do not require documentation) and restatements of the ideas of others. Paraphrase, summary, and direct quotation are acceptable forms of restatement, as long as the source is cited. The Library has free guides designed to help students with problems of documentation. See (http://www1.cuny.edu/portal_ur/content/2004/policies/image/policy.pdf)
By registering in this course, you are promising to abide by all the requirements stated in this policy. Students in breach of this policy are liable to severe penalty, including disciplinary action. See also pp. 44–5 of the JJC Undergraduate Bulletin for further explanation. See also *MLA Handbook*, 7th ed., p. 2.

**GROUP PROJECT: WATCHING THE DETECTIVES**

This is a three-part assignment which will occupy a certain portion of your homework time and in-class time over the course of the semester. *This small group project is worth 20% of your final grade.*

**Part One: Watching and Talking.** You will watch at least 5 episodes of an agreed-upon show. You will keep a log of your responses, writing at least a paragraph each week, which you will submit with your final paper. You will discuss your responses to this show in your small groups each week.

**Part Two: Presenting.** Your group will have 30 minutes during the final week of class to present on your show to an audience of your peers. You will almost certainly want to show a scene or two. You might set up a debate, or raise questions for the class to answer. You could also do a compare-and-contrast with a scene from one of the novels or stories on our syllabus. The main idea is to show how the show/figure you’ve chosen responds to the issues raised in class this semester. The presentation is pass/fail.

Note that pending scheduling, we are planning to organize a colloquium with students who are taking this course in other sections this semester. This will be an opportunity to build community and share ideas with a wider circle of peers. It will also be instructive to learn about the kinds of conversations other groups of students have been having in their own investigations of detective fiction.

**Part Three: Writing.** Each student will submit a 2-3 page paper analyzing your show, in addition to the log (though you can draw from the log for your paper). You should take a position on some of the issues that you and your group have discussed over the 5-6 weeks. A formal grading rubric will be provided closer to the end of the semester.

**Choosing a show.**

Think about a show that is not too hard to find for your group (Network TV? Netflix? etc.). Think especially about the problems with the tradition of the detective story in terms of diversity/inclusivity. This might be an excellent opportunity to see where the genre is going and how it might be speaking back to masculinist/white/western tradition.

You should try to choose a show from the past 20 years, though recent series are preferred. You need to watch a minimum of 5 episodes. Come see me if you have questions or concerns. Some examples:

- *Luther*, 2010-2019. (BBC – UK)
- *iZombie*, 2015-2019
Cold Case, 2003-2010.
Without a Trace, 2002-2009.
Top of the Lake, 2013, 2017. (New Zealand/Australia.)
The Fall, 2013-2018 (Northern Ireland).
Broadchurch, 2013-2017 (ITV - UK)

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS AND READINGS

Week 1
Keywords: Fiction, Author, Genre, Short Story, Protagonist
Doyle, “A Scandal in Bohemia” (17pp)
Icebreaker VoiceThread
Syllabus Quiz
Reflection 1: Stephen Knight has written that a detective must “embody a set of values which the audience finds convincing, forces which they can believe will work to contain the disorders of crime.” In “A Scandal in Bohemia,” how does the protagonist behave and what kind of values does he represent? Analyze at least two specific passages from the story to develop your ideas in this 250-word reflection.

Week 2
Keyword: Setting
Doyle, “The Boscombe Valley Mystery” (19pp) and Christie, “The Tuesday Night Club” (16pp)
Classical Detection VoiceThread
Keyword Quiz 1
Reflection 2: What difference does the environment in which a story unfolds have on the meaning of that story? Do different places acquire different associations, and how does that shape the reader’s understanding and expectations? Select one of the stories so far and analyze how a particular setting is described, and how it shapes what can happen and how it happens in the story.

Week 3
Keywords: Character, Point of View
Akutagawa, Ryunosuke. “In a Grove” (14pp)
Character VoiceThread
Keyword Quiz 2
Organize Group Project: Watching the Detectives
Reflection 3: “In a Grove” recounts the evidence of a shocking crime from a number of very different perspectives. Select one account and analyze what can be inferred about the character of the person giving testimony. What is their point of view, and how does that impact what they are able (or willing) to say in their account?

Week 4
Keywords: Image, Tone, Diction, Literature, Novel
Chandler, The Big Sleep, Chapters 1-10 (73pp)
Raymond Chandler, excerpts from “The Simple Art of Murder” (Bb)
Chandler VoiceThread 1
Keyword Quiz 3
Reflection 4: Pick a short passage (a paragraph or less) from The Big Sleep that you think best exemplifies the “hard-boiled” style. In a 250-word reflection, identify a number of specific language choices and analyze their imagery, tone and/or diction. What is important about these particular words and phrases, and how do they show us what Chandler is doing differently than his predecessors? Whatever you do, DON'T pick a passage that was already covered in lecture or class discussion.

Week 5
Keywords: Dialogue, Irony
Chandler, The Big Sleep, Chapters 11-20 (85pp)
Keyword Quiz 4
Chandler VoiceThread 2
Reflection 5: Select one of the characters that Marlowe has detailed conversations with. You might pick one of Sternwood’s daughters, but you could also consider Bernie Ohls, Eddie Mars or General Sternwood. Select one especially telling exchange between these characters, and analyze what they say, and don’t say, to each other. What is really being communicated in this dialogue? Be sure to quote and analyze specific details from the text in your response.

Week 6
Keywords: Figurative Language, Symbol, Trope
Chandler, *The Big Sleep*, Chapters 21-32 (75pp)
Keyword Quiz 5
Chandler VoiceThread 3
Reflection 6: Critics often remark on the inventive use of metaphor, simile and symbol in Chandler’s prose. Why does Marlowe view his world this way, and what is the effect of his use of figurative language? In your response, be sure to quote and analyze a handful of examples of Marlowe’s use of figurative language from at least two separate moments in the text.

Week 7
Analytical Paper #1 Due (3-5 pages)
Group Work Project Check-in – Submission of Viewing Logs

Week 8
Keyword: Theme
Mosley, *Devil in a Blue Dress*, Chapters 1-10 (89 pp)
Mosley, excerpts from “Poisonville” (Bb)
DBD VoiceThread 1
Keyword Quiz 6
Reflection 7: In “Poisonville,” Mosley articulates his own definition of hard-boiled fiction by revisiting and revising Chandler’s account of Hammett in “The Simple Art of Murder,” suggesting that Chandler’s bleak assessment has only gotten more dire in our time: “From our prisons to our ghettos, from our boardrooms to the Oval Office, from gangsta rap to the Patriot Act, America is a hardboiled nation.” In a 250-word response, explain what is different about how Mosley handles the themes of hard-boiled detective fiction, and give an example of where you see this at work in Mosley’s novel.

Week 9
Keyword: Rhythm
Mosley, *Devil in a Blue Dress*, Chapters 11-20 (103pp)
DBD VoiceThread 2
Keyword Quiz 7
Reflection 8: Harold Shueb has written, “Rhythm—the artistic repetition and manipulation of images and image sets—is the instrument whereby the message is remembered and communicated; rhythm forms the grid against which the work of art is produced, and is itself a part of that work: the message is revealed, but it is a message composed largely of emotion.” Review the chapters of *Devil in a Blue Dress* we have read so far and identify an image that you see repeated (perhaps not exactly, but recognizably). In a 250-word response, describe the images and analyze how they develop over the course of the chapters. How do they reveal a message, and what is their emotional impact? Be sure to quote specific details from the text to develop your argument.

Week 10
Keywords: Plot, Narrative
DBD VoiceThread 3
Keyword Quiz 8
Reflection 9: *Devil in a Blue Dress*, like *The Big Sleep*, features a protagonist who refuses to call off his investigation despite the fact that there are indications that he could, or should, do so. Why is this the case in *Devil in a Blue Dress*? What are the elements of Mosley’s novel that you believe are essential for the
resolution of its central conflict? In what way is the discovery of Daphne Monet’s secret necessary for the successful conclusion of the narrative?

Week 11
Keyword: Narrator
Wings, Mary, “Kill the Man for Me” (14pp)
Wings VoiceThread
Keyword Quiz 9
Reflection 10: There are two narrators in “Kill the Man for Me,” an abused wife who orchestrates an elaborate revenge killing, and the female police officer assigned to the case. Why do you think the author chose to tell the story this way? What is similar and different about the style of their narration?
Group Presentation Check-in – Presentation Proposals Due

Week 12
Keyword: Allusion, Motif
Manuel Ramos, “The Skull of Pancho Villa.” (22pp)
Ramos VoiceThread
Keyword Quiz 10
Reflection 11: “The Skull of Pancho Villa” is in many respects a straightforward story about a mysterious break-in that leads the protagonist into more serious danger when he starts investigating it. So why is the stolen object, of all things, the mummified head of Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa? What exactly is being alluded to here, do you think, and what layers of meaning is this allusion bringing into the story?

Week 13
Analytical Paper #2
Students work on presentations

Week 14
Group Presentations

Week 15
Final Exam
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
The City University of New York
Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee

New Course Proposal Form

Date Submitted: March 1, 2021

When completed, email the proposal form in one file attachment for UCASC consideration and scheduling to kkilloran@jjay.cuny.edu.

1. a. **Department(s) or program(s) proposing this course:**
   The Writing across the Curriculum Program (Tara Pauliny, Tim McCormack) along with faculty from the Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration and International Criminal Justice.

   b. **Name and contact information of proposer(s)**

       Yuliya Zabyelina, International Criminal Justice/Political Science
       Jon Shane, Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration
       Heath Grant, Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration
       Tim McCormack, English, tmccormack@jjay.cuny.edu 646-557-4654
       Tara Pauliny, English, t pauliny@jjay.cuny.edu 718-427-3747

2. a. **Title of the course**
   Writing in Criminal Justice: Bridging Theory and Practice in Research

   b. **Abbreviated title** (not more than 20 characters including spaces to appear on student transcripts and in SIMS): Writing in Criminal Justice

   c. **Level** of this course


Please provide a brief rationale for why the course is at the level:

This course, which targets students either majoring or minoring in any Criminal Justice major or related majors, will introduce students to the foundations of scholarly writing in Criminal Justice. Placing the course at the 200 level will provide students the opportunity to advance their rhetorical knowledge and practice of disciplinary writing early enough in their undergraduate studies, so that they are better prepared for more advanced research-based writing projects in upper-level courses and in their Capstone. Moreover, locating the course at the 200 level will also help make the course available to transfer students, who often enter John Jay in need of discipline specific writing instruction as they enter directly into their major coursework in Criminal Justice.
d. **Course prefix** to be used (i.e. ENG, SOC, HIS, etc.): SSC

3. **Rationale** for the course (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should John Jay College offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs.)

Students at John Jay majoring or minoring in any Criminal Justice major or related majors do not have access to a dedicated writing course in the disciplines between the completion of ENG 201 and the beginning of their capstone projects. When these students are then, as juniors and seniors, asked to conduct original research, write a research project, or undertake writing in their new careers, they understandably struggle immensely. John Jay transfer students are especially unprepared for writing assignments that require a thorough understanding of the Criminal Justice writing style for reporting original research, making evidence-based arguments, synthesizing ideas from scholarly sources, or the more general academic writing style, scholarly writing conventions and structural organization of long-form research papers. The proposed course will offer students rehearsal time to practice their writing skills prior to exposure to the research-based written projects required in their disciplines at the senior level.

Written by faculty with expertise in Criminal Justice, the course will teach critical reading and rhetorical awareness to students enabling them to understand the particular disciplinary writing moves in Criminal Justice minors/majors. The curriculum will ask students to gather, evaluate, critique, summarize, and synthesize credible secondary research and describe methods for conducting primary research. Students will employ critical thinking-to-write theory-informed arguments and evidence-based claims and will practice forms of written persuasion needed for a professional career in Criminal Justice and related fields. Rehearsing these research-based academic writing abilities prior to entering their upper-level coursework will enable students to develop more sophisticated and thorough Criminal Justice projects in upper-division courses and in their capstones.

4. **Course description** as it is to appear in the College Bulletin. (Keep in mind that this is for a student audience and so should be clear and informative; please write in complete sentences; we suggest not more than 75 words.)

This research-based academic writing course prepares students to write effectively in their upper-level Criminal Justice courses. Focused on empirical writing, students will write about observations and patterns of behavior, investigating how arguments are made in the field of Criminal Justice. They will also learn to make original scientific inquiries, to structure empirical arguments, and to utilize a guided peer-reviewed writing process. This writing course also focuses on recognizing power structures and bias embedded in scholarly research and in the role of the researcher-writer’s position. Overall, the course will prepare students to produce logically organized, complex research-based writing projects within the field of Criminal Justice.
5. **Course Prerequisites or co-requisites** (Please note: All 200-level courses must have ENG 101 and all 300 & 400-level courses must have ENG 102/201 as prerequisites):

   ENG 101: Composition I  
   ENG 201: Composition II

6. Number of:  
   a. Class hours 3  
   b. Lab hours _____  
   c. Credits 3

7. Has this course been taught on an **experimental basis**?  
   ___X___ No  
   ___ Yes. If yes, then please provide:
   a. Semester(s) and year(s):  
   b. Teacher(s):  
   c. Enrollment(s):  
   d. Prerequisites(s):

8. **Learning Outcomes** (approximately 3-5 or whatever is required for mapping to the Gen Ed outcomes). What will the student know or be able to do by the end of the course? How do the outcomes relate to the program’s (major; minor) outcomes?

   Students will learn to:
   
   ● Analyze and produce effective writing in criminal justice disciplines that deploys awareness of writing style, tone, and conventions;
   
   ● Locate, evaluate, critique, summarize, and synthesize credible secondary research and describe and write up methods for conducting primary research;
   
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   ● Recognize power structures and bias embedded in scholarly research and in the role of the researcher-writer in criminal justice.

9. Will this course be part of any **major(s), minor(s) or program(s)**?  
   ____No  
   ___X___Yes  
   This class will be added to the Writing and Rhetoric Minor as one of many options for the Professional and Academic Writing category.
10a. Will this course be part of JJ’s general education program? (Remember to fill out the CUNY Common Core Form if part of Required or Flexible Core)

No _____ Yes ___X___ If yes, please indicate the area

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Please explain why this course should be part of the selected area.

The learning outcomes of Communications are best aligned with the goals for the course, which will focus on students being able to communicate clearly within the criminal justice discipline. Placed at the Gen Ed level, the curriculum of this course scaffolds the rhetorical knowledge and writing practice to prepare students for the specific kind of empirical writing that they will need to be successful in their major coursework in Criminal Justice. This intense work will enable students to thoughtfully consider the complex and conflicted researcher-writer position in Criminal Justice scholarly research as they enter their major.

11. How will you assess student learning?

Student learning will be assessed through the completion of a number of short and longer writing assignments, which will receive instructor and peer feedback, before being revised into final drafts. Assessment for the course will be based on both the student’s research and writing process, and on their writing deliverables. Process work for the course includes low-stakes scaffolding writing, peer review assignments, and revision of original submissions in light of feedback provided by instructor and peers.

12. Did you meet with a librarian to discuss library resources for the course?

Yes ___X__ No___
● If yes, please state the librarian’s name—Vee Herrington____________________
● Are there adequate resources in the library to support students’ work in the course
  Yes__X____   No________
● Will your students be expected to use any of the following library resources? Check all that apply.

  The library catalog, CUNY+__X___  Criminal Justice Abstracts _X___
  EBSCOhost Academic Search _______  PsycINFO _______  Sociological Abstracts _______
  Complete __X__  JSTOR __X__
  Electronic encyclopedia  SCOPUS __X__
  collections (e.g. from Gale; Sage;  Other (please name)
  Oxford Uni Press) __X__
  LexisNexis Universe __X__

13. **Syllabus** – see attached

14. **Date of Department curriculum committee** approval: N/A This course is being proposed by the Writing Across the Curriculum Program within Undergraduate Studies and has the support of UGS Dean Dara Byrne.

15. **Faculty** (Who will be assigned to teach this course?)

  Faculty in departments that have offerings in Criminology, Criminal Justice, and International Criminal Justice programs (e.g., Department of Criminal Justice; Department of Sociology; Department of Political Science; Department of Law, Police Science & Criminal Justice Administration; Department of Anthropology; etc.) could teach this course. Faculty in the John Jay Vertical Writing Program who have knowledge of disciplinary Writing could also teach this course. Currently, Jon Shane, Heath Grant, Yuliya Zabyelina, Kim Liao, Tim McCormack, Tara Pauliny have all expressed an interest in and willingness to teach it.

16. Is this proposed course **similar to or related to** any course, major, or program offered by any **other department(s)**?  How does this course **differ**?

  __X__ No
  ____Yes. If yes, what course(s), major(s), or program(s) is this course similar or related to? With whom did you meet? Provide a brief description.

17. Did you **consult** with department(s) or program(s) offering similar or related courses or majors?
  ___X___ Not applicable

Prepared for UCASC, April 16, 2021
Will any course be withdrawn, if this course is approved?

_X__No
___Yes. If yes, number and name of course(s) to be withdrawn.

19. Approvals:

This is being proposed by The Writing Across the Curriculum Program, housed within Undergraduate Studies and has the approval of Dean Byrne.

Tim McCormack Writing and Rhetoric Minor Coordinator

Name of Major or Minor Coordinator giving approval (if necessary)
## Course Submission Form

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**Sample Syllabus**

| Syllabus must be included with submission, 5 pages max recommended |

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**Indicate the status of this course being nominated:**

- current course
- revision of current course
- a new course being proposed

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**John Jay College Option Location**

Please check below the area of the College Option for which the course is being submitted.

(Select only one.)

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**Learning Outcomes**

In the left column explain the course assignments and activities that will address the learning outcomes in the right column.

V. Please explain how your course meets these learning outcomes

Students will:

- Students will practice writing clearly and effectively during all assignments in the course. For example, in the Argument Critique Response assignment, students are asked to evaluate the claims, evidence, and warrants of successful criminal justice arguments.

- Express oneself clearly in one or more forms of communication, such as written, oral, visual, or aesthetic.
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SAMPLE SYLLABUS

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PREREQUISITE: ENG 101: Composition I, ENG 201: Composition II.

COURSE READINGS

This course uses only open educational resources (OER) which will be provided to you on Blackboard.
Below are some recommended textbooks which you may consider borrowing from the library or purchasing:


**Using Technology**

Blackboard. This course uses Blackboard, a web-based learning management system in which a password-protected site is created for each course. You will be responsible for checking the Blackboard course site regularly for course work and announcements.

As with all computer systems, there are occasional scheduled downtimes as well as unanticipated disruptions. Notification of these disruptions will be posted on the Blackboard login page. Scheduled downtimes are not an excuse for late work. However, if there is an unscheduled downtime for a significant period of time, assignment deadlines will be adjusted accordingly.

**Course Documents.** Course documents shall be obtained from Blackboard; no hard copies will be distributed.

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All course requirements must be completed by the end of the semester. If the course requirements are not met, then a failing grade will be assigned.

**Course Grading Breakdown**

**Unit 1: Evaluating Arguments and Proposing a Research Project: 25%**

In Unit 1, we investigate the rhetoric of texts in the field of Criminal Justice, with an eye to understanding what makes a piece of evidence-based writing successful. We begin by critiquing arguments in the discipline, examining how authors use evidence to make claims with effective warrants, and developing original inquiry questions to form Research Proposals. You’ll write an
informal overview outlining your original research question and plan to begin your research, drafting an early version of your Introduction section.

**Unit 2: Synthesizing Secondary Sources into a Literature Review: 30%**
In Unit 2, we find, evaluate, synthesize, and incorporate secondary sources into your own logical arguments. Through a number of smaller steps, together we’ll build that all-important section of a research report or proposal: the Literature Review.

**Unit 3: Finalizing the Empirical Research Proposal and Presentation: 45%**
In Unit 3, we pull all the pieces of your Criminal Justice Research Proposal together. Based on the feedback from your instructor and peers, you’ll revise the Research Proposal and create a Presentation to share your proposal with a particular audience, justifying the need for your research and/or sharing your findings and policy recommendations with a particular group.

**Unit Breakdown of Points per Assignment:**

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**Attendance**
Since assignments are heavily dependent on participation, students are expected to attend every class. Three or more absences will result in the loss of one full letter grade without suitable documentation as described by University policy. More than six absences (three weeks of class) will result in a failing grade.

**General Classroom Conduct and Responsibilities**
Discussion is a key aspect of this course. Each of us has unique backgrounds, life experiences and opinions. Sharing these is invaluable to the classroom experience. Feel free to challenge the course material. If you have a different experience or completely disagree with a point someone else has made, please present to the contrary. Please disagree with me and your classmates. Express your opinions and experiences freely; just do so in a mature and intellectual manner. Your argument should be logically based.

There is to be no argument by *ad hominem*. All discussions will be mature and free of personal bias, which includes being rude toward others. Be respectful when voicing your opinion, and be receptive to other people’s point of view. This is a very enriching part of learning.

Ask questions!! The only stupid questions are those that do not get asked! This is important to your overall academic experience as well as a process you should carry with you beyond the classroom.

You are responsible for all readings whether or not they are covered in the lectures. The readings serve as source materials for your project.

Do not be late to class, it is disruptive and rude. Be punctual!

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Do not disrupt others by talking, not paying attention, or reading outside materials such as your phone or other media/technology.

Turn off all electronic devices, cell phones, pagers etc. that can be disruptive. Interruptions from cell phones are particularly annoying because of the ring tones. Such interruptions may result in you being asked to leave the classroom. If you are using a laptop computer to take notes, turn the volume off.

**Policies, Procedures and Academic Integrity**

Cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, and all other violations of academic integrity will not be tolerated and will be reported to university officials for proper action. Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else’s ideas, words, or artistic, scientific, or technical work as one’s own creation. Using the ideas or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations require citations to the original source. Plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional. Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve you from responsibility for plagiarism. It is your responsibility to recognize the difference between statements that are common knowledge (which do not require documentation) and restatements of the ideas of others. Paraphrase, summary, and direct quotation are acceptable forms of restatement, as long as the source is cited. Students who are unsure how and when to provide documentation should consult me, although a good rule of thumb is “when in doubt, cite it.”

The Library has free guides designed to help with problems of documentation (see John Jay College of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Bulletin, http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/654.php, see Chapter IV Academic Standards).

Refer to [“A Guide to the APA Documentation Style”](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/654.php) for assistance with citations. Basic guideline:

- If you quote it, then cite it and add quotation marks;
- If you paraphrase it, then reference it;
- If you don’t know, then contact the instructor.

Please refer to the [“Academic Integrity”](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/654.php) website, or your student handbook of conduct/ethics for further details.

Violating the University policy on academic integrity may result in disciplinary action ranging from Level 1 sanctions (least serious) to Level 4 sanctions (most serious).

**Accessibility Accommodations**

Qualified students with disabilities will be provided reasonable academic accommodations if determined eligible by the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS). Prior to granting disability accommodations in this course, the instructor must receive written verification of a student’s eligibility from the OAS which is located at 1233N (212-237-8144). It is the student’s responsibility to initiate contact with the office and to follow the established procedures for having the accommodation notice sent to the instructor. Students requiring special consideration relating to a disability covered under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Acts (ADA) of 1990 should notify me at once.

**Course Documents**

All course documents shall be obtained from BlackBoard under the “Course Documents” section. Hard copies will not be distributed.

Examples in the empirical literature are cited in this syllabus and are posted to Blackboard under Supplemental Readings.

**General Requirements and Expectations for Homework Assignments**

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The expectation is that all students complete the assignments after attending the lecture, reading the assigned material and participating in discussion; this is why attendance is so important. There is a concurrent expectation that all students know how and where to locate solutions (e.g., required texts, Google Scholar, peer-reviewed sources, John Jay College library).

A complete assignment will have all of the questions answered and will contain all of the relevant material; you are expected to know what material is relevant and what material must be reported in written form for each assignment. Please consult your textbooks, handouts, journals articles, notes and Blackboard materials for industry standards on reporting.

Research Proposal Specifications: Please Refer to this Throughout the Semester

I. Title (include your name, date, professor’s name, and course title).

II. Abstract (do not exceed 150-250 words. Use MS Word at the end of the abstract; Draft your abstract last after all else is written. Abstract should appear just above the Introduction).

III. Introduction. Must include:
   A. Statement of the problem (why are you conducting the study?)
   B. Goals (what do you hope to achieve?)

IV. Literature Review, including the theoretical framework you are using for your research.

V. Project Design and Potential Impact, including:
   A. Methodology Section:
      1. Research questions (only a single sentence. Just one research question).
      2. Hypotheses (only a single sentence that must include measurable variables. Do not exceed two testable hypotheses).
      3. Explain how you would plan to conduct your study, what variables you would examine, and how you would collect data.
   B. Potential impact section
   C. Strengths and limitations section

VI. References (must comport with APA style; use as many sources as needed, but cite only those sources that appear in the proposal).

When formatting, please use only the following:
Times New Roman, 12 point font, 1.5 line spacing, 1” margins on all sides, number every page, and do not exceed 15 pages.
# Course Schedule: for an in-person class meeting twice a week

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| 2       | Analyzing Arguments Through De-Colonizing Criminal Justice | Toulmin’s Model of Argumentation: Claim, Evidence, Warrant  
Argument Critique Response (500-750 words) |
| 3       | Developing Original Inquiries and Considering the Responsibility of the Researcher | Developing Inquiry Questions and Interrogating the Role of the Researcher  
Reflection on the Role of the Researcher (500 words) |
| 4       | Writing research hypotheses | Analyzing Research Overviews and Introductions  
*Reading Due: Pyrczak, Writing Empirical Research Reports, “Chapter 2: Writing Simple Research Hypotheses” and “Chapter 4: Writing Research Objectives and Questions”* | Assignment Due:  
Texts in Dialogue Response (2-3 pages) |
| 5       | Starting Your Research and Analyzing Literature Reviews | Discussion about Finding and Evaluating Credible Scholarly Sources  
Discussion of Selected Example Lit Reviews  
*Reading Due: Krause, The Process of Research Writing, “Chapter 3: Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Avoiding Plagiarism”* | Assignment Due:  
1-2 page Research Overview |
| 6       | Conducting Research at the John Jay Library | Possible Librarian Visit/Consultation  
*Reading Due: Pyrczak, “Chapter 6: Writing Introductions and Literature Reviews”* |  |
| 7       | Overview of Annotated Bibliographies | Analysis of the Structure and Function of an Annotated Bibliography  
*Reading Due: Krause, The Process of Research Writing, “Chapter 6: The Annotated Bibliography Exercise”* | Assignment Due:  
First Draft Introduction of 3-5 pages (end Unit 1) |
| 8       | Annotated Bibliography Drafting Day | Annotated Bibliography Writing and Revision Activity | Assignment Due:  
Blog Evaluation of Sources |
| 9       | Paraphrasing and Summarizing | Avoiding Plagiarism Through Careful Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing of Sources  
John Jay Writing Center Tutor Presentation/Workshop |  |

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1 This schedule is tentative and may be altered at any point during the semester without prior notice. Check for syllabus revisions each session on Blackboard.

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Unit 1: Investigating Criminal Justice Rhetoric and Forming an Original Inquiry

Your Call to Write:
In this unit, we are going to investigate the rhetoric of texts in the field of Criminal Justice, with an eye to understanding what makes a piece of evidence-based writing successful. We will begin by critiquing arguments in the discipline, examining how authors use evidence to make claims with effective warrants, in order to develop your original inquiry questions.

Once you begin identifying issues in the field that interest you, you’ll develop a research question that you want to answer through research throughout the term. This will lead to your Criminal Justice Research Proposal, so make it something that really interests you!! You’ll write an informal overview outlining your original research question and plan to begin your research, drafting an early version of your Introduction section as the last assignment in this unit.

Your Tasks:

1) In an Argument Critique Response of 500-750 words, critique the logic of an argument (identifying claim, evidence, warrant) in one of the assigned course readings. Finish your response by listing three questions about Criminal Justice that this article raises for you.

2) In a Reflection on the Role of the Researcher of 500 words, reflect on your own identity as a researcher, writer, and scholar in the field of criminal justice. Consider how the authors of course readings take on the responsibility, ethical concerns, and authority of their position as they conduct empirical research.

3) In a Texts in Dialogue Response of 2-3 pages, find a reading of your choice that responds to a topic raised by one of the course readings, and analyze the similarities and differences in the authors’ use of rhetoric. Evaluate the texts’ appeals to their audiences, purpose, claims, stances, and use of evidence. Brainstorm what inquiry questions are raised by a comparison of these texts. What perspectives, stances, or research angles are missing? What issues do you want to explore further?

4) In a 1-2 page Research Overview, develop an inquiry-based research question that you want to answer in our research project. Using the questions you developed above, or any new questions you have to develop a complex and feasible inquiry that matters to you related to criminal justice. Within this inquiry, write a clear and powerful question framed by “how,” “why,” or “what” that you would hope your research could answer.
Articulate any initial hypotheses that you may have at this point, and consider your stance on the issue, adding sub-questions and providing an overview of how you will begin your secondary source research.

5) Using what you have written in Steps 1-4 (Argument Critique Response, Reflection on the Role of the Researcher, Texts in Dialogue Response, and Research Overview), compose a first draft of your Introduction to your eventual Criminal Justice Research Proposal (3-5 pages total, not including your eventual list of References).

This does not need to be the FINAL version! Most writers do not complete the introductions of their articles until they have finished their research. But outlining your questions, why the topic matters to you, what the current issues are and unsolved problems can be, as well as how you plan to investigate them, can be extremely helpful groundwork for the research and writing you’ll do over the course of the semester.

Introduction Drafts can have gaps in them with planning notes in bold brackets (for example, [ADD A SOURCE LATER WHEN I HAVE THIS STATISTIC] or something to that effect).

Due Dates:

XX/YY  Argument Critique Response of a Course Reading Due
XX/YY  Reflection on the Role of the Researcher Due
XX/YY  Texts in Dialogue Response of a Course Reading with a Student-Selected Reading on the Same Topic Due
XX/YY  Research Overview with Original Inquiry-Based Research Question Due
XX/YY  First Draft of Introduction Due

Grading Breakdown: 25% of total course grade, 250 points available

Argument Critique Response: 25 points
Reflection on the Role of Researcher: 25 points
Texts in Dialogue Response: 25 points
Research Overview: 75 points
First Draft Introduction: 100 points
Unit 2: Synthesizing Secondary Sources into a Literature Review

Your Call to Write:
Now that you are embarking on the steps of a research project in the field of criminal justice, it’s time to find out what’s been recently published that could illuminate and deepen your research question. Time to find, evaluate, synthesize, and incorporate secondary sources into your own logical arguments. Through a number of smaller steps, together we’ll build that all-important section of a research report or proposal: the Literature Review.

Your Tasks:
1) In a short blog post evaluating at least 3-4 scholarly sources that you’ve found, analyze each source in 1-2 paragraphs (per source), considering the following: credibility (how do you know this source is credible?), publication (where was this published? Is it scholarly? Is it peer-reviewed? How do you know?), and author (Who wrote this? Why are they an expert?). Also consider, what are the main trends/conflicts/issues raised by your sources as a group? Are several sources tackling the same issue from different angles or looking at different groups of people affected?

2) In an Annotated Bibliography of at least 5 sources (~1 page per entry), evaluate the best sources you’ve found and note how you plan to use them in your Literature Review. Recommended sections of a Reflective Annotated Bibliography: 1) citation, 2) summary of the main claims and evidence of the source, 3) response with evaluation of how you will use this source to provide context in your Literature Review, 4) selection of one or more direct quotations that you may use, with appropriate APA citations.

3) In 2-4 Synthesis Paragraphs, use 2-3 sources to identify trends, commonalities, and distinctions between different research that illuminates your research question. Putting sources into conversation with one another, note how your own research question/hypothesis addresses the limitations or implications of these sources.

4) Compose a First Draft of the Literature Review (eventually 4-5 pages, so the first draft should be at least 3+ pages, not including References List). In the Literature Review, each introduction of a secondary source should do the following: 1) explain the context of the source, what research was performed, and the results of the research; 2) evaluate the claims, evidence, and conclusions of the source, noting what questions it raises and why these questions are important for continuing research in this area; 3) consider your mini-claim about the source, and how this mini-claim helps you introduce and propose your idea for further research (for example, does this source only look at rural populations and you want to look at urban populations, or does this research not consider a broad spectrum of racial and ethnic backgrounds?)

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5) **In a detailed Peer Review response to each group member (~1 page per response),** give constructive feedback on the strengths of your peers’ drafts, and advice for expanding and revising their Literature Reviews.

For example, how many sources are included? How clear are the explanations of the source, and what questions do you have? To what degree does your colleague describe their own “mini-claim” about a source, and how do they integrate their analysis into their larger justification for their research? What three things would you recommend that they do to expand and revise?

6) **Finally, revise your Literature Review into a polished, 4-5 page Final Draft, with a separate References List.** Keep in mind the feedback you have received from your peers and instructor, and think about the most effective ways to put the secondary sources that you’ve found into conversation with one another and with your own ideas.

**Note:** Be extremely careful to DISTINGUISH between the words of the authors and your own ideas – and make sure to use direct quotes if you are citing a source directly! Paraphrasing the conclusions of others is fine, but make sure that you are really interpreting the ideas in your own words with your own mini-claims! In class, we’ll discuss a number of ways to avoid accidental plagiarism.

**Due Dates:**

- XX/YY Evaluation of Sources Due
- XX/YY Annotated Bibliography with 5 entries Due
- XX/YY Synthesis Paragraphs Due
- XX/YY First Draft of Literature Review Due
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- XX/YY Final Draft of Literature Review Due

**Grading:** 30% of course grade, 300 total points for assignment

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Unit 3: Finalizing the Empirical Research Proposal and Presentation

Your Call to Write:
In this unit, we’ll pull all the pieces of your Criminal Justice Research Proposal together, analyzing models and considering the audience and purposes of each section. Based on the feedback from your instructor and peers, you’ll revise the Research Proposal and create a Visual Presentation to share your proposal with a particular audience, justifying the need for your research and/or sharing your findings and policy recommendations with a particular group.

Your Task:
1) **Draft a Methodology Section:** In 1-2 pages, propose how you would plan to conduct original research to answer your research question. Consider whether you would use experiments, surveys, observations, or other methods of primary research, and how you would evaluate your hypothesis either by measuring the effect of an independent variable on dependent variables or by drawing a correlation or other relationship between factors through quantitative or qualitative analysis. (Since this is a writing course, not a research course, you won’t actually conduct this research—remaining a proposal! But with your understanding of the language, tone, and communication style of Methodology sections in published examples, you’ll offer the reader an explanation of how you *would plan* to proceed.)

2) **Draft a Potential Impact section:** In 1-2 paragraphs, write an impact statement in which you answer the following questions: Who might benefit from this research? How might they benefit from this research? To answer these questions, please i) clearly articulate impact goals or policy implications, and ii) explain who is impacted, i.e., your audience and/or stakeholders.

3) **Draft a Strengths and Limitations section:** In 1-2 paragraphs, describe the strength and potential limitations of your research project, in terms of scope, methods, or implications of your research as it stands now in your hypothetical proposal.

4) **Revise your Introduction,** polishing it into a 2-4 page theoretical basis for your research question, using secondary sources. Include in your revision a one-paragraph Abstract and a snappy Title!

5) **Conduct a peer review session** where you evaluate the draft proposal of a peer and receive peer feedback on your own. This will be done in written or audio form and you will be responsible for the quality of your evaluation and how you address the concerns of your evaluators.

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6) **Revise and finalize a polished, final draft of the Criminal Justice Research Proposal**, including a Title, Abstract, Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology, Potential Impact, and Strengths and Limitations sections, with an APA References page. The entire proposal should be at least 7-10 pages.

7) **Create a 5-minute Multimedia Presentation** detailing the importance and potential implications of your Research Proposal in progress, with ideas for what next steps should be taken. Please use a presentation software such as Powerpoint or Prezi to create a slideshow, or use other visual aids.

To do this: 1) Pick a specific academic or professional audience of stakeholders who would be interested in the significance of your research, and 2) present a justification of the importance of your research to us through a multimedia presentation that includes visual aids, infographics, sound, or video.

Show us why your research and its potential impact is important to the discipline!

**Due Dates:**

- XX/YY: Methodology Section Due
- XX/YY: Potential Impact Section & Strengths and Limitations Sections Due
- XX/YY: Revised Introduction with Title & Abstract Due
- XX/YY: Peer Review Feedback Due
- XX/YY: Final Draft of Complete Research Proposal Due with Reflective Letter
- XX/YY: Multimedia Presentation Due

**Grading: 45% of course grade, 450 total points for assignment**

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The City University of New York
Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee

New Course Proposal Form

Date Submitted __3/5/20__________________

When completed, email the proposal form in one file attachment for UCASC consideration and scheduling to killoran@jjay.cuny.edu.

1. a. Department(s) or program(s) proposing this course: The Writing across the Curriculum Program (Tara Pauliny, Tim McCormack) along with faculty from Sociology, Anthropology, and Political Science.

b. Name and contact information of proposer(s)__________________________

Samantha Majic, Political Science, smajic@jjay.cuny.edu
Shonna Trinch, Anthropology, strinch@jjay.cuny.edu
Richard E. Ocejo, Sociology, rocejo@jjay.cuny.edu
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Tara Pauliny, English, tpauliny@jjay.cuny.edu

2. a. Title of the course: Writing in the Social Sciences: Learning Powerful Authorship

b. Abbreviated title (not more than 30 characters including spaces to appear on student transcripts and in SIMS) __Writing in Soc Sciences __________________

c. Level of this course   ____100 Level   _X_200 Level   ____300 Level   ____400 Level

Please provide a brief rationale for why the course is at the level:

This course is meant to help students learn the rhetorical strategies and disciplinary writing styles for writing in the social sciences, including stating research problems/questions, reviewing existing literature, writing from collected data, and presenting and discussing findings in multiple social science genres and for varied audiences. As such, this course needs to be taken at the 200 level so that students may advance their understanding and practice of social science writing prior to taking courses in their majors, which feature advanced disciplinary writing forms, voices, and styles. This course will also introduce and give students practice with the writing process and research-based academic writing genres that they will need to succeed with the more long-form writing required by their upper-level courses and their capstone projects.
d. **Course prefix** to be used (i.e. ENG, SOC, HIS, etc.): ___SSC___

3. **Rationale** for the course (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should John Jay College offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs.)

The social science disciplines of anthropology, political science, economics, psychology, and sociology share the same grounding: identifying problems and arguments and empirical, evidence-based analysis of real world phenomena and human behavior. Currently there is no class dedicated to teaching the abilities and practices required for successful disciplinary writing for upper-level courses in the social sciences. As a result, when students are asked to write substantial research projects in upper division courses, they struggle to express their analysis in the expected disciplinary voice, structure, style and conventions required. “Writing in the Social Sciences” would, therefore, teach students the research-based writing process and the “linguistic code” needed to write with authority in the varied voices and styles needed for the Social Science disciplines.

In this writing course, special emphasis is placed on the role of the researcher-writer’s position of authority in writing about, with, and for other people, communities, and locations. The researcher-writers in the course will encounter and model non-normative and anti-racist social science writing practices, including reading inclusive model texts, authoring from full and multiple points of view, and researching/writing from diverse sources and viewpoints. The course therefore prepares students to write as social scientists with an inclusive and justice focus.

This course introduces students to four central elements of research-based academic writing in the social sciences: problem formation, literature reviews, original research analysis, and public writing. Students will practice formulating, analyzing, and explicating problems and questions studied in the social sciences; finding, evaluating, summarizing and citing library resources; writing up analyses from original research; and translating academic writing into public-facing genres. Students will learn to use social science texts as models, to analyze their rhetorical functions, and to practice methods of composing, drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading to communicate effectively to a variety of audiences.

Upon completion of the course, students will have rehearsed the core writing process and abilities that can be applied to any upper-division social science course or capstone. Successful students will be equipped with the writing and analysis skills they need to communicate their research effectively and powerfully within their discipline.

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Note: this course will be offered as a WI course and utilize Open Educational Resources (OER), with $30 or less book/resources price for students.

4. **Course description** as it is to appear in the College Bulletin. (Keep in mind that this is for a student audience and so should be clear and informative; please write in complete sentences; we suggest not more than 75 words.)

This course prepares students for upper-division disciplinary writing in the social sciences by introducing key genres and conventions common to anthropology, political science, economics, psychology, and sociology. Students will learn how to identify and articulate a social problem as they locate and discuss relevant literature. Students will also learn to write about their observations of society and communicate evidenced-based arguments to academic and public audiences within a framework of justice and equality. This writing course places special emphasis on the role of the researcher-writer’s position of authority in writing about, with, and for other people, communities, and locations.

5. **Course Prerequisites or co-requisites** (Please note: All 200-level courses must have ENG 101 and all 300 & 400-level courses must have ENG 102/201 as prerequisites):

   ENG 101 and ENG 201

6. Number of:
   a. Class hours  _3__
   b. Lab hours  _N/A_
   c. Credits  _3__

7. Has this course been taught on an experimental basis?

   _X_ No  ____ Yes. If yes, then please provide:
   a. Semester(s) and year(s):
   b. Teacher(s):
   c. Enrollment(s):
   d. Prerequisites(s):

8. **Learning Outcomes** (approximately 3-5 or whatever is required for mapping to the Gen Ed outcomes). What will the student know or be able to do by the end of the course? How do the outcomes relate to the program’s (major; minor) outcomes?

   Students will become familiar with a rhetorical understanding of writing genres in the social science disciplines of anthropology, political science, sociology, economics, and psychology. Students will identify and state a social problem, locate and review relevant literature, make
evidence-based arguments, and translate those arguments for multiple audiences. Through experiential practice in drafting, revision, and peer review, students will learn the structures, voices, forms, styles, and conventions of Social Science writing.

During this course, students will learn how to:

- Identify and state worthy and meaningful social science questions within a framework of justice and equality
- Communicate how social science problems are situated in existing literature by finding, evaluating, and writing about diverse scholarly resources
- Write logical and evidence-based arguments using a variety of data
- Work within the collaborative social science environment to compose, draft, peer review, revise, edit, and proofread to hone and craft successful Social Science projects
- Write in multiple genres for academic and public audiences using the structures, voices and conventions of social science writing
- Understand and relate their complex positions as researcher-authors writing about cultures, people, and societies

9. Will this course be part of any major(s), minor(s) or program(s)?

   _____No  ____X__Yes

   If yes, Indicate major(s), minor(s), or program(s) and indicate the part, category, etc. (Please be specific)

   Writing and Rhetoric Minor as one of many options for the Professional and Academic Writing Category.

10a. Will this course be part of JJ’s general education program?

   No _____  Yes _X_ If yes, please indicate the area:

   **College Option:**

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10b. Please explain why this course should be part of the selected area.

As a Gen Ed requirement in Communication, this course offers transfer and “resident” students valuable, additional instruction beyond First-Year Writing, preparing them for the research-based academic writing demanded by upper-level courses in their major course of study. The learning outcomes of the course align with the learning outcomes of the Communications area because the course offers students to work collaboratively with sustained attention to and practice in writing in multiple genres for varied disciplinary audiences.

10c. If yes, frequency and number of sections to be offered for General Education:

Every semester ___X___ Number of sections: ___1___
Fall semesters only _____ Number of sections: _____
Spring semesters only _____ Number of sections: _____

11. How will you assess student learning?

Student learning will be assessed through the completion of a number of short and longer writing assignments, which will receive instructor feedback and peer feedback (before being revised into final drafts, where relevant). Assessment for the course will be based on both the student’s writing process, as well as on the written products produced. Process work for the course includes attendance, homework, low-stakes writing, peer review, and revision.

12. Did you meet with a librarian to discuss library resources for the course?

Yes _X_ (2/22/2021) No ___

- If yes, please state the librarian’s name__Vee Herrington____
- Are there adequate resources in the library to support students’ work in the course
  Yes _X_ No __________

- Will your students be expected to use any of the following library resources? Check all that apply.

  The library catalog, CUNY+ _X_  Criminal Justice Abstracts _X_
  EBSCOhost Academic Search  PsycINFO _X_
  Complete _X_  Sociological Abstracts _X_
  Electronic encyclopedia  JSTOR _X_
  collections (e.g. from Gale; Sage;  SCOPUS _X_
  Oxford Uni Press) ____  Other (please name)
  LexisNexis Universe _X_  __________________________
13. **Syllabus – see attached**

14. Date of **Department curriculum committee** approval: Not needed since this course is being proposed by the Writing Across the Curriculum Program and has the support of Dean Byrne.

15. **Faculty** - Who will be assigned to teach this course? ______________________________

   Samantha Majic Political Science
   Shonna Trinch, Anthropology
   Richard Ocejo Sociology
   Edward Kennedy, English
   Tim McCormack, English
   Tara Pauliny, English
   And/or other faculty attached to these departments.

16. Is this proposed course **similar to or related to** any course, major, or program offered by any **other department(s)**? How does this course **differ**?

   ___ No
   _X_ Yes. If yes, what course(s), major(s), or program(s) is this course similar or related to? With whom did you meet? Provide a brief description.

   This course is part of a four-course offering of writing in the disciplines courses that includes Writing in the Sciences, Writing in the Humanities, and Writing in Criminal Justice. While this course is somewhat related to ANT 325, it is a wholly distinct course. This course introduces students to writing across the social science disciplines, while ANT 325 focuses specifically on one genre of writing in anthropology.

17. Did you **consult** with department(s) or program(s) offering similar or related courses or majors?

   _X_ Not applicable
   ____ No
   ____ Yes. If yes, give a short summary of the consultation process and results.

18. Will any course be **withdrawn**, if this course is approved?

   _X_ No
   ___ Yes. If yes, number and name of course(s) to be withdrawn.

19. **Approvals**: This is being proposed by The Writing Across the Curriculum Program, housed within Undergraduate Studies and has the approval of Dean Byrne.

   Tim McCormack Writing and Rhetoric Minor Coordinator

   **John Jay General Education College Option**
**Course Submission Form**

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### Sample Syllabus

Syllabus must be included with submission, 5 pages max recommended

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### Indicate the status of this course being nominated:

- current course
- revision of current course
- a new course being proposed

### John Jay College Option Location

Please check below the area of the College Option for which the course is being submitted.

(Select only one.)

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### Learning Outcomes

In the left column explain the course assignments and activities that will address the learning outcomes in the right column.

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### V. Communications

- Please explain how your course meets these learning outcomes

Students will:

| Write in multiple genres for academic and public audiences using the structures, voices and conventions of social science writing. The course features four units with a different | Express oneself clearly in one or more forms of communication, such as written, oral, visual, or aesthetic. |
| Genre of writing required for each unit. | Maintain self-awareness and critical distance |
| Understand and relate their complex positions as researcher-authors writing about cultures, people, and societies. Identify and state worthy and meaningful social science questions within a framework of justice and equality. The course features four interrelated units that ask students to consider their role as a social science researcher-writers who ask questions about how and why social science research matters, especially in Unit 1, which asks students to answer the question “so what?” about a social science research topic. For example in the primary research assignment, students are taught to analyze their data and write about it from multiple perspectives. | Work collaboratively |
| Work within the collaborative social science environment to compose, draft, peer review, revise, edit, and proofread to hone and craft successful social science projects. All of the assignments feature both peer development steps and peer review steps. | |
| Identify and state worthy and meaningful social science questions | Listen, observe, analyze, and adapt messages in a variety of situations, cultural contexts, and target audiences in a diverse society |
within a framework of justice and equality.
Communicate how social science problems are situated in existing literature by finding, evaluating, and writing about diverse scholarly resources.
Understand and relate complex positions as researcher-authors writing about cultures, people, and societies.
This course foregrounds diversity in the required readings in Unit 1, in the gathering of sources for Unit 2, in the primary research subject’s location in Unit 3, and in the multi-positional framework of authorship in writing about data.
Sample Syllabus

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
524 West 59th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019

Writing in the Social Sciences: The Power of Authorship

Fall 20XX
SSC 2XX (Course Code # XXXX): M/W TBA

Prerequisite: ENG 201

Instructor:
Email:
Office Hours:
Office Location:

Course Description:

This course prepares students for upper-division disciplinary writing in the social sciences by introducing key genres and conventions common to anthropology, political science, economics, psychology, and sociology. Students will learn how to identify and articulate a social problem as they locate and discuss relevant literature. Students will also learn to write about their observations of society and communicate evidenced-based arguments to academic and public audiences within a framework of justice and equality. This writing course places special emphasis on the role of the researcher-writer’s position of authority in writing about, with, and for other people, communities, and locations.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will become familiar with writing and reading in the social science disciplines of anthropology, political science, and sociology. Students will work in a variety of research genres and through multiple assignments, learn the styles and conventions of social science writing. Through hands-on practice in writing, students will learn how to identify and state a social problem, locate and review relevant literature, make evidence-based arguments, and translate those arguments for multiple audiences.

During this course, students will learn how to:
• Identify and state worthy and meaningful social science questions within a framework of justice and equality
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Course Requirements and Evaluation:
Note: All assignments are attached.

GRADING CHART

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**Please Note**: An F is not erased from a student's transcript when the course is taken again and passed.

**Attendance**: Coming to class is your responsibility. Regular attendance is expected. If you have any questions about attendance, please contact me. Class participation is expected of all students, and it counts towards your grades 10%.

**Participation**: Students who come to class prepared and willing to participate will see the benefit of this work in their grade. Note the writing process, which includes peer review, is part of this participation grade. Writing Center attendance may also count toward this grade.

**Preferred Pronouns**: As part of an inclusive environment, please refer to your classmates by their preferred pronouns. A "preferred gender pronoun" (or PGP) is the pronoun that a person chooses to use for themselves. For example: If Xena's preferred pronouns are she, her, and hers, you could say "Xena ate her food because she was hungry." (From CCUSD: to read more, click here)

**Accessibility**: If you have a physical, psychological, medical or learning disability that may impact your course work, please contact Disability Services at (212) 237-8031 or (212) 237-8233 for TTY (rm L.66.00 New Building). The office provides support services and counseling for students who are

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physically challenged, have learning disabilities and/or medical conditions that affect their performance in the classroom setting.

Students should inform the professor promptly (i.e. during the first week of class) about their status. I will make the appropriate accommodations, in accordance with the guidelines established by the Disability Services Office. For more information, visit [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/johnJay/johnJayDisability.asp](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/johnJay/johnJayDisability.asp)

**Writing Center:** The Writing Center, located in 1.68 New Building, is a service that provides free tutoring to students of John Jay. The Center has a staff of trained tutors who work with students to help them become more effective writers, from planning and organizing a paper, to writing and then proofreading it.

If you are given a Referral form to the Writing Center, you must attend to get further instruction on the specific items addressed on the form. This is not optional. For more information, please visit: [http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/homepage.htm](http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/homepage.htm)

Before the end of the semester, you must visit the College’s Writing Center (virtually) **at least once** during the semester. To make an appointment, visit [http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/Writing%20Center%20Online.htm](http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/Writing%20Center%20Online.htm)

Your visit may be for any service that is helpful to you, and examples of services include (but are not limited to) the following: proofreading a draft of an assignment, attending a workshop on a particular topic, and receiving help with citations.

**Wellness Services:** Students experiencing any personal, medical, financial or familial distress, which may impede on their ability to fulfill the requirements of this course, are encouraged to visit the Wellness Center (L.65 NB). Available resources include Counseling Services, Health Services, Food Bank, and legal and tax aid through Single Stop. For more information, visit [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/wellness-resources](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/wellness-resources)

**Student Advising:** Advisers are available to meet with students to discuss degree requirements, academic planning, graduate study, and careers after graduation [insert contact information for departmental advisors here].

**Late Work:** You are strongly encouraged to stay abreast of when assignments are due and to hand things in on time. Late work is discouraged, but if there are circumstances that you know will make it difficult to hand work in on time, you should consult me. Also, if unforeseen circumstances occur that prevent you from handing in work, please let me know as soon as you can. And finally, I urge you to keep the lines of communication open so that I can help you complete your work in a timely manner.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic Dishonesty is prohibited in the City University of New York and is punishable by penalties including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion. Please review the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity on the college website under “Students”. Do not copy anything “word-for-word” from the Internet.
Statement of College’s Policy on Plagiarism: Plagiarism is the act of presenting another person’s ideas, research or writings as your own. The following are some examples of plagiarism, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Copying another person’s actual words without the use of quotation marks and footnotes attributing the words to their source
- Presenting another person’s ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source
- Using information that is not common knowledge without acknowledging the source
- Failing to acknowledge collaborators on homework and laboratory assignments.
- Internet plagiarism includes submitting downloaded term papers or part of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the Internet without citing the source, and “cutting and pasting” from various sources without proper attribution. (From the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Graduate Bulletin, p. 89)
- Students who are unsure how and when to provide documentation are advised to consult with their instructors. The Library has free guides designed to help students with problems of documentation.

Assigned Readings found on Blackboard or in Electronic Journals at JJ College Library:

   Chapter 4: Making Sense of the Scholarly Answers to Your Research Question: Writing the Literature Review

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**Course Schedule - Writing in the Social Sciences**

The course is divided into five modules: Introduction, Social Science Problems, Literature Review, Ethnography, and Public Writing. The following is a tentative course schedule. I reserve the right to make changes based on the needs of the class. All work is due before class on the day listed below.

### Introduction

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| Class #2 | ● Reading: The Rhetorical Situation ([Link](#))  
● Reading: What is a Rhetorical Situation? ([Link](#))  
● Reading and Writing: What we do when we write to represent cultures, people, and societies | ● Rhetorical Situations of Social Science Writing  
● Genres of Social Science Writing  
● The Position of the Author in Social Science Writing |

### Social Science Problems

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| Class #3 | ● Reading: Alford excerpt  
● Reading: Jensen and Auyero ch.  
● Reading: Berger article | ● What is a social problem?  
● Understanding yourself in relation to the problem (basic positionality)?  
● Empirical v. Theoretical entry points  
● Elements of introductions: background, puzzle, so what? |
| Class #4 | ● Reading: short examples (excerpts) | ● Identifying Social Problems  
● Workshop |
| Class #5 | ● Writing: Ideas for a social problem | ● Brainstorming  
● Group work: In their groups students will take turns discussing their ideas for a social problem, and offer constructive feedback. |
| Class #6 | ● Writing: Assignment 1: Write one paragraph introducing your social problem. Try to “hook” the reader in with background on the problem, the puzzle itself, and an answer to the “so what?” question. Share your work in advance with the members of your group, and be prepared to offer feedback on their work before class starts. | ● Peer Review  
● Peer discussion of students’ social problems |
| Class #7 | ● Reading: short examples (excerpts)  
● Writing: Assignment 2 due: Revise your paragraph based on feedback from the professor and your peers. | ● Preliminary Concepts  
● Discuss how authors have made connections between their social problems and a larger concept in the literature  
● Group work: Identify some concepts that connect to your social problem  
○ What do they have to say about it?  
○ How can they help explain your puzzle? |
Class #8

- Writing: Assignment 3 (due the following class): Expanding and building from the one paragraph, write a 2-page introduction for your social problem. Provide background on it from the real world. Describe an element from it that we can’t explain. Hook the reader in by answering “so what?” and arguing its importance. And discuss some concepts that may help us understand it a bit better.

- Elements of Introductions: background details, hooking readings, and addressing “so what?”

Literature Review

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  ● Reading: Chapter 4: Making Sense of the Scholarly Answers to Your Research Question: Writing the Literature Review  
  ● Big picture: What is “scholarly literature”? Distinguish between primary versus secondary sources; cover components of a scholarly article in the social sciences: sections, peer review, etc. (NOTE: not covering scholarly books here)  
  ● Preview/definitions: read about literature reviews and their functions within scholarly articles |
| Class #10 |  ● Reading: Majic, Samantha. 2014. "Political Participation Despite the Odds: Examining Sex Workers’ Political Engagement." New Political Science 36 (1):76-95. |  ● What is a literature review “doing”?  
  ● Identifying the lit review: where is a literature review in a scholarly article?  
  ● Rhetorical analysis: what is the lit review “doing” in the paper? How is it written (eg. what do topic sentences say)? What topics does it cover (seeing a lit review as a “funnel” that moves from broad theory to a specific topic)? |
| Class #11 |  ● Reading: “How to find Articles” at the JJ Library website: https://guides.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/c.php?g=288334&p=1922426  
  ● Watch: the following videos on this site: “scholarly vs. Popular Periodicals” and “How to find articles using One Search” |  ● Finding the Literature  
  ● Using the library to search for scholarly articles  
  ● Session with JJ College librarian on using databases and keywords to search for scholarly articles |
| Class #12 |  ● Reading: work with the articles you collected in the previous (library) class |  ● What is the literature saying?  
  ● Reading scholarly articles  
  ● Identifying the “main point”: topic, question, methods, central argument, supporting findings in an article  
  ● Summarizing the articles: concisely stating the “main point” |
| Class #13 |  ● Reading: What is an annotated bibliography? https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/common_writing_assignments/annotated_bibliographies/index.html |  ● Reviewing the literature Part A: annotating  
  ● Evaluating the articles: who is the author and who are they writing about?  
  ● What do they contribute to research on a broader topic/question? |
Class #14

- Reading: Preparing an annotated bibliography: [https://guides.library.cornell.edu/annotatedbibliography](https://guides.library.cornell.edu/annotatedbibliography)
- Presenting the evaluation via annotation
- Annotations v. abstracts

- Writing: Annotate your articles
- Reading: Chapter 4: Making Sense of the Scholarly Answers to Your Research Question: Writing the Literature Review
- Reviewing the Literature Part B: synthesizing the literature
- Differentiating: moving from summarizing and annotating individual articles to synthesizing and discussing them thematically

Class #15

- Writing: Annotate your articles
- Reading: Chapter 4: Making Sense of the Scholarly Answers to Your Research Question: Writing the Literature Review
- Pulling it all together: writing a lit review
- Creating “the funnel”: organizing the lit review so it moves from broad themes to more narrow ones
- Clarity of writing: ensuring each paragraph has a transitional topical sentence that makes a clear statement about a particular theme/overall finding of the literature

Class #16

- Writing: Draft literature review (final assignment) for peer review
- Writing: Final Draft due next class
- Peer Review

Research-Based Writing

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  • Writing: Do a mini-ethnographic observation of the mirrors in your home. | • Workshop: Share examples of field notes                                                |
|          | • Discuss Geertz reading                                                                | • More on operationalizing observations:                                               |
|          | • Workshop their mini-ethnographies                                                     | • Practice observation                                                                 |
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engaging in. Write down what you see in rich and thick description as fieldnotes. See handout from
● Reading: excerpt from Lucia Trimbur
● Reading: https://anthropod.net/2013/08/14/a-template-for-writing-fieldnotes/
● Writing: Bring a typed field note to the next class to share in a workshop

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  ● Writing: Taking photographs and then write in your journal about the photographs you have
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  ● Reading: Read Clifford Geertz’s, “Thick description:” Toward an Interpretive Theory of Culture
  ● Writing: Think about how you will organize and report on the data to make a claim. Begin to analyze the data | ● Writing: Penultimate draft of research paper | ● Reading: Grazian’s article on mating rituals. See how you can connect your work to what he finds for mating rituals. Find a way to incorporate his findings as a comparison or a contrast to yours. | ● Writing: Come to class prepared to give a four-minute presentation of your research. You can read your paper and you can include a PowerPoint presentation of visuals to enhance your presentation, but your reading should be well-rehearsed. Chances are you will not be able to read the whole paper, so narrow down what you present: a main point, your argument with the strongest supporting evidence, an analysis and your conclusion. Your final paper and presentation should include the components for writing in the social sciences as well as the elements listed on the rubrics. |

| Share fieldnotes | Work on writing up methods section in class | Discuss reading on ritual |
| Workshop |

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| Class #25 | • Introduction to Public Writing in the Social Sciences  
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| Class #26 | • Writing: 1-2 page Critique of Clear Communication Text Due  
|          | • Rhetorical Situation of Public Writing in the Social Sciences  
|          | • Examine examples |
| Class #27 | • Writing: 1-page Summary of Unclear Communication Text Due  
|          | • Rhetorical Situation of Public Writing in the Social Sciences  
|          | • Examine examples  
|          | • Practice various Rhetorical Situations |
| Class #28 | • Writing: Draft of Public Writing Due  
|          | • Workshop |
| Class #29 | • Writing: Peer Review Due  
|          | • Writing: Final Assignment Due: Reflective Letter & Revised Piece  
|          | • Reflective Writing  
|          | • Presentation of work |

### Assignment #1

**So What? Assignment**

Social science research aims to solve problems, or puzzles, in the social world. By “problem” we simply mean phenomena in the real world we don’t yet have explanations for and need more information to understand. But the problem we choose to study has to also fit into the literature in some way. To put it another way, what we want to learn about the social world from our research has to speak to what other people have already learned about it from theirs. In the Social Sciences, we can call that answering, the “so what?” question.

Let me give an example. In her book, *Misdemeanorland: Criminal Courts and Social Control in an Age of Broken Windows Policing*, Issa Kohler-Hausmann shows how beginning in the 1990s, the New York City Police Department pioneered a new policing strategy, a series of tactical and organizational reforms variously called “broken windows,” order maintenance, and quality of life policing. They aimed to curtail a wide array of low-level offenses as a key strategy for controlling major crimes. By now a ton of research has been conducted on the efficacy of this strategy as well as the serious concerns of its effects on the communities targeted, who are usually disproportionally low-income communities of color. But Kohler-Hausmann found a fascinating pattern: as arrests for misdemeanor crimes have increased dramatically as a result of this policy over the decades, the rates of criminal conviction and jail for these crimes have fallen sharply. That doesn’t make sense, does it? If arrests are going up, why on earth would convictions go down? Fascinating fact, but so what? What makes it important?

Well, based on what we know about it, the criminal justice system is set up to decide guilt and punishment through a process of adjudication. But that’s not apparently what it’s doing now, because people are not being adjudicated as they should. Ah, now we’re getting somewhere. *Why* do we see this pattern? Well, what have others said about the criminal justice system? Kohler-Hausmann went to the literature. She found the idea of “assembly-line justice,” or the quick processing of people accused of crimes with standardized sentences, that other scholars had written about. And she found the idea of “system overload,” or that the courts are...
simply overwhelmed: too many cases, not enough workers to handle them, not enough money, not enough time. Both ideas help explain the problem. But Kohler-Hausmann thought there was more. She felt she needed more information, or data, to explain why that puzzle exists. That’s the start of her book.

The goal of this module is to get you to write about a social problem of your own. It is to identify a puzzle and make a compelling case for why it is important to investigate that puzzle (so what?).

It is important to realize that this move to identify a social problem or puzzle worthy of studying is asking you to take yourself seriously as a social science researcher interested in studying the structures, behaviors, and attitudes of societies and cultures. We are asking you in this course to seriously consider the role of the social science researcher-writer and their relationship to the social science puzzles they choose to investigate. As a writer of social science research you are taking on a role of authority and power, and it is important that throughout this course you wrestle with and learn from writing about, with, and for other people, communities, and locations.

Learning objectives:

Upon completing this module, students will be able to:

- Identify how social scientists form social problems based on conditions in the real world
- Understand how social scientists form connections between their social problems and larger concepts
- Identify a meaningful social problem and connect it to a larger concept through scaffolded writing assignments and group work
- reflect on the role of the social science writer as one of authority and power in writing about, with, and for other people, communities, and locations.

Week 1

Session 1: What is a social problem? What is a social science writer?

- Empirical v. Theoretical entry points
- Elements of introductions: background, puzzle, so what?

Readings: Alford excerpt; Jensen and Auyero ch. Weis and Fine Chapter.

Session 2: Identifying Social Problems

- Group work:

Readings: short examples (excerpts)
Week 2

Session 1: Brainstorming

- Group work: In their groups students will take turns discussing their ideas for a social problem, and offer constructive feedback.

Session 2: Peer Review

- Peer discussion of students’ social problems

Assignment 1 due: Write one paragraph introducing your social problem. Try to “hook” the reader in with background on the problem, the puzzle itself, and an answer to the “so what?” question. Share your work in advance with the members of your group, and be prepared to offer feedback on their work before class starts.

Week 3

Session 1: Preliminary Concepts

- Discuss how authors have made connections between their social problems and a larger concept in the literature
- Group work: Identify some concepts that connect to your social problem
  o What do they have to say about it?
  o How can they help explain your puzzle?

Readings: short examples (excerpts)

Assignment 2 due: Revise your paragraph based on feedback from the professor and your peers.

Session 2: Introductions

- Elements of Introductions: background details, hooking readings, and addressing “so what?”

Assignment 3 (due the following class): Expanding and building from the one paragraph, write a 2-page introduction for your social problem. Provide background on it from the real world. Describe an element from it that we can’t explain. Hook the reader in by answering “so what?” and arguing its importance. And discuss some concepts that may help us understand it a bit better.

-Reflection: What is your relationship to the topic of your introduction? What is it like to study people, the real world? How is writing about people, culture, and society difficult for you?
Assignment #2

Literature Review Sequence

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In this sequence of ~8~ classes, students will learn about the definition, components, and roles of a literature review in social science writing. Through various in-class activities and assignments, they will move from identifying and rhetorically analyzing literature reviews, to searching and assessing literature, to, finally, writing a draft of their own lit review.

Specifically, by the end of this unit, students will know how to
- Identify a literature review and explain its function in social science writing
- Find scholarly (peer reviewed) literature in the library
- Review and assess scholarly articles for (among other things) their main argument and contribution to scholarship on a topic
- Annotate and thematically synthesize scholarly literature
- Draft and peer review their own literature review(s)

SEQUENCE OF CLASSES

1. What is a Literature Review?
   Topics covered in class discussion/lecture:
   - Big picture: What is “scholarly literature”? Distinguish between primary versus secondary sources; cover components of a scholarly article in the social sciences: sections, peer review, etc. (NOTE: not covering scholarly books here)
   - Preview/definitions: read about literature reviews and their functions within scholarly articles

   Suggested reading:
   - Chapter 4: Making Sense of the Scholarly Answers to Your Research Question: Writing the Literature Review


2. What is a literature review “doing”?
   Topics covered in class discussion/lecture:
   - Identifying the lit review: where is a literature review in a scholarly article?
   - Rhetorical analysis: what is the lit review “doing” in the paper? How is it written (eg. what do topic sentences say?)? What topics does it cover (seeing a lit review as a “funnel” that moves from broad theory to a specific topic)?
Suggested reading:

In class activity: article review & mark-up
- Read a scholarly article (eg Majic)
- Mark up the article: identify topic sentences, topics covered, key points
- Discussion in class: What kinds of sources is it citing? What topics does it cover? what is this portion of the article “doing” for the rest of the paper?

3. Finding the Literature
Topics covered in class discussion/lecture:
- Using the library to search for scholarly articles
  o Session with JJ College librarian on using databases and keywords to search for scholarly articles

Suggested readings:
- Review “How to find Articles” at the JJ Library website: https://guides.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/c.php?g=288334&p=1922426
  o Also watch the following videos on this site: “scholarly vs. Popular Periodicals” and “How to find articles using One Search”

Assignments/activities:
- Find 10 scholarly articles on a topic (eg. topic covered in first section of course re. “so what?”)

4. What is the literature saying?
Topics covered in class discussion/lecture:
- Reading scholarly articles
- Identifying the “main point”: topic, question, methods, central argument, supporting findings in an article
- Summarizing the articles: concisely stating the “main point”

Suggested readings:
- in class, students will read and work with the articles they collected in the previous (library) class

5. Reviewing the literature Part A: annotating
Topics covered in class discussion/lecture:
- Evaluating the articles: what do they contribute to research on a broader topic/question?
- Presenting the evaluation via annotation
  o annotations v. abstracts

Suggested readings:
- What is an annotated bibliography?
  https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/common_writing_assignments/annotated_bibliographies/index.html
- Preparing an annotated bibliography:
  https://guides.library.cornell.edu/annotatedbibliography
- students will also read and work with the articles they collected in the previous (library) class

Assignments/activities:
- in class, students will annotate an article
- Homework assignment: annotate the (10) articles collected during the library session

6. Reviewing the Literature Part B: synthesizing the literature
Topics covered in lecture/class discussion:
- Differentiating: moving from summarizing and annotating individual articles to synthesizing and discussing them thematically

Suggested readings:
Revisit:
  o Chapter 4: Making Sense of the Scholarly Answers to Your Research Question: Writing the Literature Review

Assignments/activities:
- Organizing: grouping articles into thematic areas
  o Using the annotated bibliography, in class students will identify themes covered in their articles and group them to illustrate these themes

7. Pulling it all together: writing a lit review
Topics covered in lecture/class discussion:
- Creating “the funnel”: organizing the lit review so it moves from broad themes to more narrow ones
- Clarity of writing: ensuring each paragraph has a transitional topical sentence that makes a clear statement about a particular theme/overall finding of the literature

Assignments/activities:
- In class: Building on the previous class (where students grouped their article annotations into themes), students will practice drafting a paragraph in their lit review that discusses what their articles say about a particular theme
- Homework assignment: draft literature review (final assignment) for peer review (next class; see assignment guidelines below)
8. Peer review

In class, the professor will assign 2 literature reviews to each student (giving stronger students’ work to weaker students, and vice versa). Using a peer review rubric created by the professor, students will mark up each other’s lit reviews. Following the class, students will use the feedback from the peer review session to revise their lit review for final submission to the professor for grading.

GUIDELINES: WRITING A LITERATURE REVIEW

We completed a number of readings about the components of a literature review. As we discussed, a literature review is essential for providing an overview of the significant research/literature on your topic, and is used to demonstrate how your own research fills a gap (or resolves a particular problem) in the current research on your topic.

NOTE: a lit review does not just summarize articles. Please review the class notes, textbook readings on the topic, and the Majic article for examples of lit reviews.

Your literature review must do the following:

1. Page 1: Cover page.
   a. State your research topic & question here, in bullet point format
2. Pages 2-6: Your lit review
   a. Review the scholarly literature on your topic here, adhering to what we read and covered in class about literature reviews
3. Page 7: Reference page in APA format
   a. Cite at least 10 scholarly sources

Please adhere to the following format:

1. Length: 7 pages, total (incl. cover page and bibliography)
2. Double-spaced
3. Numbered pages
4. Times new roman 12-point font
5. One-inch margins
6. APA format for references (10, minimum)
7. Name & email address on cover page

Assignment #3

Conducting and Writing Ethnogra

Learning Outcomes: Create a primary data set, organize it, analyze it for recurring patterns and anomalies, write about it in a way that conveys it to an academic and/or non-academic audience in the appropriate form

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The following outline is a four-week course schedule with two class meetings per week, for a total of eight classes.

**Week #1: INTRODUCTION**

**IN Class 1:** *Ethnography* is a word that refers both to a method of data collection and a type of writing about the world, and it is the hallmark of data collection in the field of Anthropology, but many other disciplines use ethnography as a method. *Ethno* means culture and/or people and *graphy* means writing—and in this module, you will engage in short exercises and assignments that will help you write about people, their culture, worldviews and lifeways.

Writing about culture requires social scientists to do four things: (1) make disciplined observations, (2) document them and (3) analyze them in a way that makes the people and the human phenomena about which they write interesting and important to readers and (4) convey their findings to an audience in an appropriate genre.

This can be tricky because one tool of the trade is to make that which is familiar to us strange and that which is strange to us familiar without ‘othering’ ourselves or the people we write about. Put differently, we want to avoid making the people we write about sound strange or weird.

Information you will write about is collected principally by participating in the life of the people you are studying (these people are often referred to in the social science literature as informants, research participants or subjects), making observations of their daily lives, collecting and analyzing their artefacts and gathering information about them from other written sources, as well as through interviews and conversations with them. It is important to observe, interview and collect other information about research participants because culture is often tacitly understood by people and not always on the tip of their tongues to readily explain.

**In class exercise:** Write ten sentences, each with the same beginning: “I notice” in the first person, present tense, and write about everything you see in the field where you are seated right now—or where you were observing human life recently.

Share with class.

On writing ethnography: In class, read and critique excerpts of Horace Miner’s “Body Ritual Among the Nacirema”

**Assigned Homework for Class 2:**

1) Come to class with a mating ritual about which you can collect data primarily through participant-observation. It may be a ritual you have also personally experienced, but it may also be a ritual, like a wedding, that you have experienced as an attendee/guest participant, rather than as one of the persons getting married. We will define mating ritual as the conventional ways in which people show each other that they are interested in them romantically. In other words, you will study how people your age ‘hook-up’, ‘begin dating,’ ‘get together,’ etc. Where in your life can you observe these behaviors? In class? At the library? A bar? A club? Social media dating sites? At a wedding? In church? Etc.

Write some of these possibilities down and come to class prepared to talk about them with your classmates.

Preface, pgs. xvii-xxi.


Take some notes about what you read to share with the class. Discuss how quotes from informants are used. Discussed how Trimbur describes the scene. Learn how to distinguish description from analysis. Discuss how she avoids generalizations.

3) Do a mini-ethnographic observation of the mirrors in your home. For this short assignment that should take no more than 40 minutes, follow the steps outlined below.

a. **First**, free-write in your fieldwork journal about where there are mirrors in your house and how you and others you may live with use them.

b. **Second**, go through your house, room by room and take photos of them with your phone and keep a running count of them. Now, go around your living space and record in your notebooks the mirrors that are available there. Count them, describe them physically, what do they look like? Describe where they are located? How big are they? Describe how you use them. Describe how others you live with use them.

c. **Third**, reconcile the discrepancies between what you remembered about the mirrors and what you found when you went around your house observing them. Did you remember them all in your writing?

d. **Four**, Now that you have all of that information, write about what you think mirrors mean to us in culture. Or, put differently, what meanings do we attach to mirrors.

e. **Five**, look up the word “mirror” and write down the definitions. Note that the word “mirror” comes as a noun and a verb. Write down the meanings in your notebook. Fish around online a little to see if you can find out what mirrors symbolize in culture and in music and literature. Take some notes on what you find and write down where you find the information.

f. **Six**, Look at all of the data you have collected. What does the data say to you? Pretend that intelligent life from another planet has arrived on earth and they do not know what mirrors are or how our species uses them. Write a one-page double-spaced ethnographic paper about mirrors based on YOUR findings. This one-page paper is a first draft, so do not worry about getting everything correct. But begin by putting the following words on your paper and filling in the sections with a couple of sentences. should have all of the components of a research paper, because you have done research to tell the Martians what mirrors are.

Components to include in your mini-ethnography on mirrors

**Title**—an analytical framing device that helps your reader orient to your writing

**Epigraph**—a short quotation from another written work placed after the title and before the start of a paper, book chapter, article, that is intended to suggest the theme of the paper. Epigraphs are also analytic framing devices. See poem by Silvia Plath below for a possible epigraph.
**Introduction**—The opening sentences that introduce the topic and the research question or concern.

**Methods**—Describes how you collected your data. Describe how you analyzed your data.

**Results/Findings**—Present the data you find in an organized way that speaks to your claim. You will first want to describe them. Make sure to use your field notes and photographs.

**Discussion**—Here you will analyze your data, appealing to other conditions. What do the data say about people and culture? Why does it matter?

**Conclusion**—Bring your paper to an end. There are many ways to do this, but the idea is to conclude with a connection to something more. Think about how your findings might extend beyond the data you discuss to connect it to the world in some way. Or, you could reiterate your findings, why they are important, but also suggest that the limitations of the data and propose what another study on the topic could uncover. You could also, in the conclusions, discuss how your research connects or disconnects with other research like it. And finally, you might end with a persuasive statement about the state of the world and why your research matters.

Is there anything you have written that resonates with what poet, Silvia Plath wrote about mirrors in this poem below? If so, excerpt the lines and use them as an epigraph introducing your piece to give your reader a glimpse of what your analysis will be.

**Mirror, by Silvia Plath (from her book, Crossing the Water, 1971)**

I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions.  
Whatever I see I swallow immediately  
Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike.  
I am not cruel, only truthful,  
The eye of a little god, four-cornered.  
Most of the time I meditate on the opposite wall.  
It is pink, with speckles. I have looked at it so long  
I think it is part of my heart. But it flickers.  
Faces and darkness separate us over and over.

Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me,  
Searching my reaches for what she really is.  
Then she turns to those liars, the candles or the moon.  
I see her back, and reflect it faithfully.  
She rewards me with tears and an agitation of hands.  
I am important to her. She comes and goes.  
Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness.  
In me she has drowned a young girl, and in me an old woman  
Rises toward her day after day, like a terrible fish.

4) Bring your one-page mini-ethnography on mirrors to class to share.
IN Class #2
Discuss Trimbur reading
Workshop their mini-ethnographies
Discuss their ideas for ethnography on mating rituals

Assigned Homework for class #3:


   Make some notes about what you read and be prepared to talk about how Trimbur writes her ethnography.

1) Begin making field notes in your journal about the mating ritual of your choice

   Select a courting/mating ritual that humans regularly engage in that you can observe and document. This ritual might take place in class, in a club, in any situation where people are getting together in an erotic/romantic/sexualized way. While you may not be 100% certain yet as to which mating ritual you will study, you can begin by making notes in your field journal about romantic and/or eroticized exchanges you see people engaging in. Write down what you see in rich and thick description as fieldnotes. See handout from [https://anthropod.net/2013/08/14/a-template-for-writing-fieldnotes/](https://anthropod.net/2013/08/14/a-template-for-writing-fieldnotes/)

2) Bring a typed field note to the next class to share in a workshop

   What is ritual: “the symbolic expression of the sentiments which are attached to a given situation. The term ‘situation’ should be taken to include person, place, time, conception, thing, or occasion” (Kutsche 1998:51). Marriage, death, a bris, and commencement are examples of ritual in Europe and the U.S.

   **Note:** Keep in mind that ritual, because it is symbolic, has elements that stand in for other things. Kutsche states that ritual is a form and/or vessel that is meant to hold the appropriate sentiments. Ritual is a way in which culture organizes the expression of sentiment and emotion so that it can be interpreted, understood and so that people know what roles they are supposed to play. If the ritual/vessel can contain the sentiment, we get an orderly expression. If it is no longer functional, the vessel/ritual is useless, dry, meaningless. If the ritual can’t contain the expression, the sentiment runs over the vessel and things get messy.

**Week #2: BEGIN RESEARCH ON MATING RITUAL**

**IN Class 3:** Ethnography as a qualitative research method and as genre of social science, is used in academic disciplines of social psychology, sociology, and anthropology. Many fiction writers also use ethnographic methods to take notes about scenes of human life that will end up in their short stories and novels. And today, many different types of industry are using ethnographic methods to do market research, product testing and to understand how people use products and/or services.
In order to be a good ethnographer, you must be able to observe social life in a disciplined way, take good notes about it, collect artefacts that you will analyze, take photographs, read fiction and non-fiction, listen to music, watch film, participate in social media and pay attention to almost anything else that human beings do.

It is a HUGE task and a great responsibility to write about humanity and to write about the culture of humans.

**Discuss: The following tools of the trade are necessary ethnography:**

A field journal that you carry with you.

A journal on your computer that you can write in later using your portable field journal

Pens/Pencils for writing

Time to write in your field journal

2. Workshop: Share examples of field notes

3. More on operationalizing observations:

Use the following mnemonic device developed by Linguistic Anthropologist, Dell Hymes, to help you make disciplined observations

**SPEAKING**

Setting

Participants

Ends

Act sequence

Key

Instrumentalities

Genre

While listening to and observing how people communicate with one another, consider this mnemonic device, SPEAKING shown above, described in detail below, and developed by linguistic anthropologist, Dell Hymes in the 1970s. In order to understand how meaning gets attached to linguistic forms and acts, Hymes suggests that the analyst take note of and record the following facts IN ADDITION to the language used in their field journals:

**Setting and the scene:** Where are the speakers when they are talking? What is the social environment? Is it formal or informal? Is it kid-friendly or an adult-place? Describe it as fully as possible.

**Participants:** Who are the people present for the language being spoken? How old are they? What is their racial/ethnic background? What language are they speaking? Are they men, women, gender non-conforming, etc. Is everyone present participating in the interaction? Are some people in the environment, but not supposed to hear what is being said? If this is the case, how is what is being said actually uttered?
**Ends:** What goals do the people that are speaking have in mind when they are greeting each other? Do all the speakers have the same goals? Is everyone seemingly understanding what is being said and done?

**Act sequence:** Discuss and pay attention to how people accomplish things in steps. Typically, there is a sequential order to events. What prompted it? How did the speech follow? How many steps are there in a romantic engagement? Typically, there is more than one step. Be able to observe and explain them.

**Key:** the way the speaking is performed (tone, manner, delivery)

**Instrumentalities:** the mode of communication used: spoken, written, smoke signals, photos (as on snapchat), etc.

**Genre:** Sometimes people speak about their romantic interest in different linguistic forms: stories, parables, poems, songs. Locate the genre in which speech is being enacted.

Watch a clip from a movie in class and have them write in their field journals what they see using the mnemonic device above. (I have used a dance scene in *Saturday Night Fever* as an example of a mating ritual)

Have students write what they saw.

Focus on describing, not analyzing, or evaluating.

Share with class

**Homework for class #4: Other data, besides your rich written descriptions in your field notes:**

1) Collect other writing about the topic you are examining and keep it in a file
2) Taking photographs and then write in your journal about the photographs you have
3) Being reflexive about the information to which you attend and that you ignore (note that this is not easy to do, because you ignored it in the first place—but the fact that you were attracted to some elements of culture and ignored others is important to try to take note of)
4) **Reading: Read selected parts of Clifford Geertz’s, “Thick description:” Toward an Interpretive Theory of Culture**

**Mating Ritual Observations, Analysis, Write-up**
Here are some starting points to begin thinking about for observing human mating rituals:

Pay attention to details, use the SPEAKING mnemonic device above

Describe the scene and the setting

Describe who the participants are

Tell of the events in their proper order.

Note the size of the crowd?

What kind of mood are people in?

Describe the Costumes (clothes) and decorations (on walls?)

What are the other senses that are engaged in the scene?

What do you hear?
What do you smell?
What do things feel like to touch? To sit on? What is the floor made of?
What are all the things you see in the field? How is the lighting?

Exact words spoken by people in the event
Record the body language of the participants
Does it reinforce or contradict what is being said verbally
What kinds of functions were/are being performed by the ritual behavior?
Were the participants nervous?
Were they successful?
What does success mean in a human mating-ritual?
How did those around them aid or derail the mating efforts?
What gestures/features suggested that the encounter was eroticized?
What words suggested that the encounter was charged with sexuality?

Were you a participant? Were you an observer? Be prepared to supplement your observations with those of others. How is your analysis limited?

Over the course of two weeks, you should collect data based on the guiding questions above. In class, we will share our field notes together and be able to discuss what is there, what isn’t there? Whether you are describing, analyzing or evaluating.

Class #4:
1) In class, share fieldnotes
2) Work on writing up methods section in class
3) Discuss reading on ritual

Homework for class #5
1) Study your data for patterns and anomalies, think about what kind of claim you can make and how you can argue for it. This part is analytical. You have described the data, now you need to see how it speaks to you analytically. Write a thesis based on the data you have collected and begin sketching out the argument
2) Think about how you will organize and report on the data to make a claim
3) Begin to analyze the data

Week # 3 INTERPRETING DATA AND CONNECTING IT TO PRIOR RESEARCH

Class 5
Discuss Geertz
Workshop writing

Homework for Class 6: Connecting your findings to the existing literature on mating rituals

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Think about the ways this article relates to yours--compare and contrast its findings to yours in a meaningful way that allows you to cite it in your paper.

2) Write your penultimate draft of your paper. It should include the following component parts:

**Class 6**

Discuss the Grazian article and how people tried to use it to compare and contrast their own findings with what Grazian found.

Workshop Penultimate draft of research paper that includes:

- **Title**—an analytical framing device that helps your reader orient to your writing

- **Epigraph**—a short quotation from another written work placed after the title and before the start of a paper, book chapter, article, that is intended to suggest the theme of the paper. Epigraphs are also analytic framing devices. See poem by Silvia Plath below.

- **Introduction**—The opening sentences that introduce the topic and the research question or concern.

- **Methods**—Describes how you collected your data. Describe how you analyzed your data.

- **Results/Findings**—Present the data you find in an organized way that speaks to your claim. You will first want to describe them. Make sure to use your fieldnotes and photographs.

- **Discussion**—Here you will analyze your data, appealing to other conditions. What do the data say about people and culture? Why does it matter?

- **Conclusion**—Bring your paper to an end--connecting to broader issues (see above)

**Week #4 PUTTING ALL THE PIECES TOGETHER FOR FINAL PRESENTATION AND PAPER**

**Class #7:** Discussion of what a final oral presentation should include

- Time constraints
- Selecting photographs and artefacts from fieldwork to present

**Class #8**

**Class presentations**

Come to class prepared to give a four-minute presentation of your research. You can read your paper and you can include a PowerPoint presentation of visuals to enhance your presentation, but your reading
should be well-rehearsed. Chances are you will not be able to read the whole paper, so narrow down what you present to main the points: your claim, your argument with the strongest supporting evidence, an analysis, discussion and your conclusion. Your final paper and presentation should include the components for writing in the social sciences as well as the elements listed on the rubrics.

Assignment #4

Social Science Writing for the Public

Introduction: Public Writing is a broad category that includes a wide variety of genres: opinion pieces, letters to the editor, blogs, newspaper reports, magazine features, letters to elected officials, memoirs, obituaries, and much more. All of these genres share common features: Public Writing aims to be accessible. It is not for specialists. In particular, Social Science Writing for the Public aims to be relevant, even when it engages with the past. Still, each of the different genres has its own conventions. Broadly speaking, there are three different genres of Public Writing:

1. Instructional Public Writing is designed to give specific guidance to people.
2. Informational Public Writing is designed to provide facts to people.
3. Persuasive Public Writing is designed to change the way a person thinks about a situation.

Learning Outcomes (By completing this assignment, students should understand):

- Critical Rhetorical Reading: Students learn to use texts as models, analyze their rhetorical functions, and articulate why a text is effective or ineffective at communicating with a variety of audiences.
- Successful Rhetorical Writing: Students learn rhetorical and stylistic choices that are appropriate to a variety of Public Writing genres, audiences, and contexts.
- Writing as a Process: Students learn methods of composing, drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading to hone and craft successful Public Writing projects.
- Conventions: Students learn to control language, linguistic structures, and punctuation necessary for academic and Public Writing contexts.
- Sentence Fluency: Students learn to write clear, complete and correct sentences and use a variety of complex and compound sentence types.

Directions: For this assignment, you will progress through a series of scaffolded steps, with the ultimate goal of presenting your “Primary Research Project” to a public audience. In other words, while the primary audience for the research project might be your peers, professor, and scholars in the field, for this assignment, the audience will be people not familiar with your project, previous research in the discipline, and/or even the discipline of study.

1) First, we’ll look at several genres of effective Public Writing within the Social Sciences. Select one of the examples in your discipline and write a 1-2 page critique of why this is a rhetorically successful text. Consider questions of audience, purpose, style/conventions, language/diction, formatting, phrasing, visual rhetoric, and organization/sequence of steps.

2) Next, find an example of a text in your discipline that doesn’t do a very good job of communicating to a general audience—whether by being overly confusing, not explaining...
its concepts clearly, or losing track of its overall purpose in minute details. This can be a 3-5 pages excerpt of a longer piece, or a stand-alone article or other Social Science document. Write a 1-page summary of all of the main ideas in the text, breaking out sub-points, and mapping the overall organization of the piece. Add, at the bottom, any questions that you have about the concepts in the text, which might require some additional research or reading to answer.

3) Finally, write a new, original piece in a particular Public Writing genre, adapting and translating the information from your Primary Research Project into a piece of Public Writing. You can use visuals, figures, pictures, numbered headings, or any other type of organizational structure that would be helpful to communicating the purpose of the original text. Make sure the genre and purpose (instructional, informational, or persuasive) are clear. Also, consider language, phrasing, diction, which concepts need explaining, and concision.

4) Write a detailed Peer Review to a partner, critiquing their draft and offering feedback for revision. Consider all of the criteria and the sections of the review in order to offer your ideas for editing and revision.

5) Once you have completed your clarifying translation, write a 1-page Reflective Letter to me, explaining your writing process and what you have learned about the discipline of Public Writing in the Social Sciences. Explain and provide examples of specific changes in communicating your Primary Research Project and what choices you made to be rhetorically successful. Finally, briefly assess your final product: What was its strongest feature? What would you have done if you had more time to revise?

Assignment and Due Dates:

XX/YY 1-2 page Critique of Clear Communication Text Due
XX/YY 1-page Summary of Unclear Communication Text Due
XX/YY Draft of Public Writing Due
XX/YY Peer Review Due
XX/YY Final Assignment Due: Reflective Letter & Revised Piece

Grading Breakdown: 500 total points for the assignment

Critique of Clear Communication: 100 points
Summary of Original Text: 100 points
Translation Draft: 60 points
Peer Review: 40 points
Final Translation Revision: 100 points
Reflective Letter & Final Portfolio: 100 points
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The City University of New York
Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee

Course Revision Form

This form should be used for revisions to course titles, prefixes/numbers, course descriptions, and/or prerequisites. For small course content changes please also submit a syllabus. (Please note: for significant content changes you may be asked to complete a New Course Proposal Form). For inclusion in the CUNY Pathways General Education program at John Jay please include a syllabus and the CUNY Common Core or John Jay College Option Form.

Date Submitted: March 25, 2021

1. Name of Department or Program: Anthropology

2. Contact information of proposer(s):

   Name(s): Edward Snajdr
   Email(s): esnajdr@jjay.cuny.edu
   Phone number(s): 718 663-9118

3. Current number and title of course: ANT 315 Systems of Law


   a. Number of credits: 3
   b. Number of class hours (please specify if the course has lab hours): 3
   c. Current prerequisites: ENG 201; and a course in anthropology (ANT) or law (LAW) or junior standing or above

5. Describe the nature of the revision (what are you changing?): Course title and course description are being updated to reflect the course as it is taught. Course is also being submitted for consideration as a Justice Core 300-level course as part of John Jay’s Gen Ed College Option.

6. Rationale for the proposed change(s): This course is a popular 300-level anthropology course on legal systems, solving conflicts and the ideas and practices of justice across cultures. Its present course title does not reflect the extent and diversity of the global examination of systems of law, nor does it reflect the substantive engagement with ideas, concepts and practices of justice and injustice across cultures. This course is also presently an elective course in the Anthropology Major, an elective course in the ICJ Major and in the Law & Society Major. Its current content, scope and learning objectives align well with the Justice Core learning objectives.

7. Text of proposed revisions (use NA, not applicable, where appropriate):
a. Revised course description: Using the perspective of anthropology, this course investigates concepts and practices of law, justice and injustice across cultures. Students learn about and critique methods of dispute resolution, and concepts of justice, norms, punishment and rehabilitation. Students engage with ethnographic cases studies - ranging from non-Western, small scale communities to totalitarian and capitalist systems, that explain how different types of societies configure power, maintain order and how they negotiate, mediate and adjudicate conflicts. Students also learn about the integrated cultural aspects of systems of injustice such as gender exploitation, racism, xenophobia and colonial and post-colonial forms of domination as well as cultural movements and transcultural legal concepts such as human rights, that attempt to resist these systems. 3 hours, 3 credits.

b. Revised course title: Systems of Law, Justice and Injustice Across Cultures

c. Revised short title (the original can be found on CUNYFirst, max of 30 characters including spaces!): Law Justice and Injustice

d. Revised learning outcomes n/a

e. Revised assignments and activities related to revised outcomes n/a

f. Revised number of credits: n/a

g. Revised number of hours: n/a

h. Revised prerequisites: ENG 201; and any ANT or LAW course AND junior standing or above (as required by 300-level Justice Core)

8. Enrollment in past semesters:
This course usually has two to four sections each semester with an average of 120 students.

9a. Will this course be offered as part of the new JJ General Education program (CUNY Common Core or College Option)? (reminder - complete the CUNY Common Core or JJ College Option form if appropriate)

No _____ Yes ____X____ If yes, please indicate the area:

College Option:

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9b. Please explain why and how this course fits into the selected area:

This course is perfect for providing students with an opportunity to develop an advanced understanding of the cultural contexts and frameworks of struggles for justice throughout the world as it provides the foundational anthropological and comparative
 perspectives of different systems of justice and law as well as how these systems may also include inequalities, disputes and conflicts. From non-Western models of power and order, negotiation and consensus-making to global systems of capital and centralized states and empires, students will be able to engage directly with ethnographic data and analysis by anthropologists in order to differentiate and compare multiple perspectives on systems, ideas and practices of law, of justice and injustice around the world.

9c. If yes, frequency and number of sections to be offered for General Education:
   Every semester _X_____ Number of sections: _3____
   Fall semesters only _____ Number of sections: _____
   Spring semesters only _____ Number of sections: _____

10. Does this change affect any other departments?
   _____ No  _____X__ Yes (if so what consultation has taken place)?

This course is an elective in the Law and Society major. Professors Jamie Longazel and Ke Li, program directors for Law and Society were contacted regarding the addition of this course to the Justice Core Gen Ed. There has been no indication that this course revision will affect the Law and Society major. Additionally, Professor Rosemary Barberet, program director for the International Criminal Justice major expressed interest in adding it as an elective to that program as well.

11. Date of Department or Program Curriculum Committee approval: **November 6, 2020**

12. Name of Department Chair(s) or Program Coordinator(s) approving this revision proposal:

   **Alisse Waterston, Edward Snajdr**
# John Jay General Education College Option
## Course Submission Form

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| Course Description     | Current Description: Cross-cultural comparison of legal systems. Consideration of concepts of justice, rules of procedure, methods of punishment and rehabilitation. 

Revised description: Using the perspective of anthropology, this course investigates concepts and practices of law, justice and injustice across cultures from the perspective of anthropology. Students learn about and critique methods of dispute resolution, and concepts of justice, norms, punishment and rehabilitation. Students engage with ethnographic cases studies - ranging from non-Western, small scale communities to totalitarian and capitalist systems, that explain how different types of societies configure power, maintain order and how they negotiate, mediate and adjudicate conflicts. Students also learn about the integrated cultural aspects of systems of injustice such as gender exploitation, racism, xenophobia and colonial and post-colonial forms of domination as well as cultural movements and transcultural legal concepts such as human rights, that attempt to resist these systems. 3 hours, 3 credits. |
| Sample Syllabus        | Syllabus must be included with submission, 5 pages max recommended |

**Indicate the status of this course being nominated:**

- [ ] current course  **X**  
- [ ] revision of current course  
- [ ] a new course being proposed

**John Jay College Option Location**

Please check below the area of the College Option for which the course is being submitted. (Select only one.)

- [ ] Justice Core  
  - [ ] Justice & the Individual (100-level)  
  - [ ] Struggle for Justice & Inequality in U.S. (300-level)  
  - [ ] **X** Justice in Global Perspective (300-level)  
- [ ] Learning from the Past  
- [ ] Communication

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# Learning Outcomes

In the left column explain the course assignments and activities that will address the learning outcomes in the right column.

## I. Justice Core II: Justice in Global Perspective (300 Level) - Please explain how your course meets these learning outcomes

Students will:

| This course looks fundamentally and comparatively at different systems and concepts of justice and injustice in societies around the globe - including un-centralized political systems, non-state societies, and the incredible diversity of human forms of dispute resolution, adjudication and conflict-solving. From moots to juries, from Sharia law to sorcery interventions, from local magistrates, vigilante groups, to international peace-keeping operations and monitoring of human rights, these formations and ideas are contextualized in ethnographic settings to provide students with the opportunity to assess, compare, critically analyze and incorporate into their own understandings of the law and of justice. The field of anthropology is inherently a discipline in which students MUST engage with other societies, cultures and systems around the globe. The ethnographic record used in this course includes human cultures from all regions and (potentially) time periods. | • Contextualize and analyze struggles for justice |
| Using anthropology as a foundation, this course offers students the experience of engaging with ethnographic data from across different cultures around the globe. Additionally, it incorporates historical, economic, and political perspectives identified by anthropologists as relevant modes of creating and deploying power and political systems as well as resistance movements against them. | • Discover, gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources, intellectual perspectives, and approaches |
| Students are required to devise a research project on cross cultural uses of the law and write a final paper. They are required to use digital library resources (legal databases, ethnographic film archives) as well as analog sources (law journals, sociolegal studies, anthropology, etc.). | • Analyze and explain a text or work using methods appropriate for the genre, medium, and/or discipline |
| Students will complete a final paper based on library research and evidence. Topics are open but could include comparing two cultures and their systems of justice, analyzing the cultural underpinnings of systems of injustice, or presenting a case study of resistance to injustice using concepts of laws and rights. | • Organize and synthesize information and ideas into a coherently structured, thesis-driven, evidence-based argument in oral and written form |
Systems of Law

[NEW TITLE - Systems of Law, Justice and Injustice Across Cultures]
ANT 315
Section 02
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Professor Edward Snajdr
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(212) 237-8262
Office: 9.63.18 Office hours: TBA and by appointment

Description: Using the perspective of anthropology, this course investigates concepts and practices of law, justice and injustice across cultures. Students learn about and critique methods of dispute resolution, and concepts of justice, norms, punishment and rehabilitation. Students engage with ethnographic cases studies - ranging from non-Western, small scale communities to totalitarian and capitalist systems, that explain how different types of societies configure power, maintain order and how they negotiate, mediate and adjudicate conflicts. Students also learn about the integrated cultural aspects of systems of injustice such as gender exploitation, racism, xenophobia and colonial and post-colonial forms of domination as well as cultural movements and transcultural legal concepts such as human rights, that attempt to resist these systems. We will examine in particular how totalitarian societies in East Europe operated systems of norms and transgressions, exploited indigenous peoples and the legacy of those systems in injustice after the collapse of communism such as human trafficking, rising crime, drug trades and armed conflict.
3 hours, 3 credits.

Learning Objectives: The primary learning objectives for this course are
- to introduce students to advanced comparative methods of investigating cultural phenomena
- to provide students with a foundation for an anthropological and critical analysis of power, law, justice and injustice as well as various methods of conflict resolution in Western and non-Western settings.
- to incorporate knowledge of a variety of norm systems and formal and informal judicial processes as these operate in specific cultural contexts.

Justice Core Learning Objectives:
- to contextualize and analyze struggles for justice
- to discover, gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources, intellectual perspectives, and approaches
- to Analyze and explain a text or work using methods appropriate for the genre, medium, and/or discipline
- Organize and synthesize information and ideas into a coherently structured, thesis-driven, evidence-based argument in oral and written form

Additional Learning Objectives:
Social Science Concepts: Students will also learn about the concepts of ideology, norms, transgressions, and mechanisms of conflict resolution; Technical Skills: Students will learn the following academic and critical thinking skills: Researching secondary sources, socio-legal comparison, reading legal ethnography; Information Literacy: Students will gain experience in searching J-Stor, sociolegal journals and law reviews; Writing Skills: Students will gain knowledge of developing a basic thesis and argument using data from multiple non-Internet sources for a research paper, as well as explicating comparative criticism in textual form. To meet these objectives, the course will include lectures, readings, writing assignments as well as films and class discussions.

Required Reading:

Students are asked to purchase the following texts:

In addition to the books listed above, the following required readings will be available online (Electronic Reserve):

16. Sharia Cases (plus various news items)

**Attendance:** Attendance in this course is mandatory. If you cannot make it to class please notify the instructor and provide an explanation. Please speak with the instructor if you have any questions regarding this policy.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic Dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York and is punishable by penalties including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion. Please review the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity on the college website under “Students.” You may find this information at the following link: [https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academic-integrity-0](https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academic-integrity-0)

**Assistance with Writing.** Students in need of additional help with writing should visit this link: [https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/tutor-trac-scheduling-tutoring-appointments](https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/tutor-trac-scheduling-tutoring-appointments)

**Grades/Assessment:** Grades for this course will be based on exams, participation in classroom discussions, short class assignments and a final paper. Course grades will be calculated based on total student performance. All students are expected to participate in class discussion.

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Explanation of Assessment: Both exams will be a combination of multiple-choice, True/False, Short Answer and Essays. The final paper assignment is explained below. Class Assignments include a scavenger hunt in the library and a response paper to a film - also explained below following the Course Calendar.

COURSE CALENDAR

NOTE - All readings are indicated in the course calendar by author’s last name (following academic conventions). * Denotes a film or video to be shown in class.

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Case: Totalitarianism in Practice - Secret Police  
Reading: Funder

April 15/17  
Case: Resistance to Domination - Post-Colonial Nationalist Movements and the AK-47  
Readings: Chivers

April 22/24  
Law, Religion, Justice - Case: The Sharia and Islam  
Gender, Power and Punishment  
Readings: Rosen, Snajdr

April 29/ May 1  
Legal Pluralism: Law and Justice in Multi-cultural contexts  
Readings: Levine, Sutherland, Eames

May 6 and 8  
Culture, Law and Human Rights: the view from Anthropology  
Readings: Montgomery, Merry

May 13  
Restorative Justice Systems: Beyond Law  
Readings: Merry

May 15  
Review (Final Papers due)

Exam II (TBA)

Class Assignments - due dates to be announced.

Assignment 1: Library Scavenger Hunt

Your first assignment for this class will be sort of a scavenger hunt. There are several aims to this assignment: gaining familiarity with Library of Congress source categorization, accessing and navigating a non-digital academic journal, locating a peer-reviewed academic article, finding your way around John Jay’s library, and recording and writing out a source reference citation.

In the envelop that you received in class on the first day, in addition to this instruction sheet, there is a piece of paper with a number - it is a call number. There are also three other numbers: First, a volume number (for example Vol. 87, Vol. 91 or Vol. 13 or Vol. 40); 2). Next, an issue number (No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 or No. 4); and finally, a page number (p. 371 or p. 747, for example).

Your task is to find the journal to which the call number refers, and find the volume and issue indicated. Next, look for the page number included and you should see the first page of an article.

Please write down the proper citation of this article - in APA format/style.

Hand in to me 1) the typed citation:


and 2) the proof that you actually located this article in the physical volume of the journal, sitting on the shelf in the library. This proof should be a business card tucked into the first page of your citation. It has my name on it.


1) How are formal courtroom hearings different from moots? (Include a comparison of US and Kpelle ‘courts’ –
from the film Cows of Dolo Ken Paye)

2) In what kinds of cases is the formal court effective and in what kinds is it ineffective?

3) How is the mediator different from a judge? Who may serve as mediator? As judge?

4) What is the function of the blessing at the beginning of the moot?

5) In contrast to the official court, how does the procedure used during the moot facilitate harmony and reconciliation?

6) Why does Gibbs consider the moot therapeutic?

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**Paper Assignment**

**Research Question:**

Compare any two cultures and their systems of justice and conflict resolution. Describe and discuss upon what type of political system (following Lewellen) each culture is based. If the two cultures are state systems, then try to focus on how they are different from one another in their idea of norms expressed as a system of laws. How are transgressions handled in each culture? Emphasize as much as possible how they contrast. If either example is a multi-cultural society, then include a discussion of how this bears on the predominant systems of social control. If you are picking a state and a non-state society, then try and discuss (at least for part of your paper) the similarities between their notions of norms/transgressions and how disputes are resolved.

Be careful that your paper makes an **argument** and an **analysis** rather than just listing facts. Your argument should be supported by quotes/references and these should be fully documented with footnotes or endnotes and a bibliography (using any standard form). You may use web sites for some of your research, but it is not appropriate to base your paper primarily on Internet research. Your paper should be primarily based on library sources (books, academic journals, course readings, and lecture).

The paper should be between 7 and 8 double-spaced typed pages long, not including bibliography. Please use 12 font size Times New Roman. Please number your pages.

**Your Own Question:**

You may also select your **own paper topic**, particularly if there is something that interests you, but please let me know about it so I can advise you further.

**Papers are due May 15 in class.** I will be happy to read drafts and provide commentary any time prior to the due date.
Course Revision Form

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Date Submitted: March 23, 2021

1. Name of Department or Program: Counseling and Human Services

2. Contact information of proposer(s):

   Name(s): Cary Sanchez-Leguelinel, Ph.D.
   Email(s): csanchez@jjay.cuny.edu
   Phone number(s): 212-237-8147

3. Current number and title of course: CHS 310: Advanced Interpersonal Counseling Skills

4. Current course description:

This course is an advanced practical survey of counseling approaches and techniques designed to provide skills in facilitating individual and group human services work. Major emphasis is on examining assumptions about helping, developing observational and communication skills, and facilitating and examining effective counseling techniques. Participants will have an opportunity to learn and practice these skills in a variety of role-playing situations, lectures, experiential exercises, group discussion and contact with resource persons, including a 15-hour field experience requirement.

   a. Number of credits: 3
   b. Number of class hours (please specify if the course has lab hours): 3
   c. Current prerequisites: ENG 201; CHS 150

5. Describe the nature of the revision (what are you changing?): The hourly requirement of field experience will be changed from 15 to 10 hours. The field experience will require completion of the Safe Zone Allyship Program. These require changes to the course description.

6. Rationale for the proposed change(s): Students in the Human Services and Community Justice major are required to complete 350 field education hours. These hours are divided between the required core courses and the field education courses. Five of the core courses require 10 hours of field education to total 50 hours. CHS 310 should only have a 10-hours field education requirement, not 15-hours.
It is essential for students completing the HSCJ major, human services professionals-in-training, to have an awareness and sensitivity to the needs of the LGBTQ+ community in order to reduce societal stigma and discrimination. In partial fulfillment of the 10 field education hours, students will be required to complete the Safe Zone Allyship Program.

7. Text of proposed revisions (use NA, not applicable, where appropriate):

   a. Revised course description: This course is an advanced practical survey of counseling approaches and techniques designed to provide skills in facilitating individual and group human services work. Major emphasis is on examining assumptions about helping, developing observational and communication skills, and facilitating and examining effective counseling techniques. Participants will have an opportunity to learn and practice these skills in a variety of role-playing situations, lectures, experiential exercises, group discussion and contact with resource persons. **Students will complete a 10-hour field experience requirement, including the Safe Zone Allyship Program.**

   b. Revised course title: N/A
   c. Revised short title (the original can be found on CUNYFirst, max of 30 characters including spaces!): N/A
   d. Revised learning outcomes: N/A
   e. Revised assignments and activities related to revised outcomes: N/A
   f. Revised number of credits: N/A
   g. Revised number of hours: N/A
   h. Revised prerequisites: N/A

8. Enrollment in past semesters: approximately 125 students.

9a. Will this course be offered as part of the new JJ General Education program (CUNY Common Core or College Option)?
   No ___ X ___ Yes _____ If yes, please indicate the area:

10. Does this change affect any other departments?
    ___ X ___ No _____ Yes (if so what consultation has taken place)?

11. Date of Department or Program Curriculum Committee approval: March 19, 2021

12. Name of Department Chair(s) or Program Coordinator(s) approving this revision proposal: Katherine Stavrianopoulos, Ph.D.
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Date Submitted: April 5, 2021

1. Name of Department or Program: Economics

2. Contact information of proposer(s):
   - Name(s): Jay Hamilton & Zhun Xu
   - Email(s): jhamilton@jjay.cuny.edu zxu@jjay.cuny.edu
   - Phone number(s):

3. Current number and title of course: ECO 215: Economics of Regulation & Law

4. Current course description:

   This course examines the microeconomic theory used to justify government regulation. Business and consumer behavior is analyzed in light of government intervention. Applications include environmental regulations, occupational safety regulations, securities regulations, bank regulations, and a special emphasis is placed on antitrust law.

   a. Number of credits: 3

   b. Number of class hours (please specify if the course has lab hours): 3

   c. Current prerequisites: ENG 101 and ECO 101 or ECO 120 or ECO 125

5. Describe the nature of the revision (what are you changing?):

   Revising the level of the course from 200 to 300 with corresponding changes in the English prerequisite, Learning Outcomes, Course Description, and assignments.

6. Rationale for the proposed change(s):

   This course was created at the 200 level before the creation of the Economics major when the course served other programs and the economics minor. The Economics major was recently revised and now requires three of five electives to be at the 300-level. Therefore, the Economics Department is revising several 200 level electives to the 300 level. Economics and the Law is a good subject for a 300-level class because entering students will have a wider exposure to issues of economics and issue of law than and will 200 level students and they
will have the skills necessary to examine this advanced topic.

The revised course includes a new title, new learning outcomes appropriate for 300 level courses, an updated description, and the sample syllabus includes assignments reflecting those Learning Outcomes. Students will be expected to complete longer and more independent research projects. Students can use their research in this class as a bridge to their capstone experience.

7. Text of proposed revisions (use NA, not applicable, where appropriate): NA

a. Revised course description:

This course examines the economic forces that create shifts in law and economic theories used to justify or to minimize government regulation. The course also studies social change and how the inter-connectivity between social pressures, economic relationships and legal requirements continue to evolve. Society at large, business and consumer behavior are analyzed in light of government intervention. Government intervention is analyzed in consideration of social change. Applications may include economic intervention, environmental regulation, occupational safety regulation, securities & bank regulation, and antitrust law.

b. Revised course title: Economics and the Law

c. Revised short title (the original can be found on CUNYFirst, max of 30 characters including spaces!): Econ and Law

d. Revised learning outcomes: Upon complete of this course student can be expected to:

- Analyze the interplay of law, economics, and society.
- Effectively communicate arguments behind their conclusions about the law and economics
- Effectively communicate their understanding of other conclusions about the law and economics that are not their own

e. Revised assignments and activities related to revised outcomes: Students will now be expected to conduct research assignments and engage in peer review.

f. Revised number of credits: NA

g. Revised number of hours: NA

h. Revised prerequisites: ENG 201 and ECO 101 or ECO 120 or ECO 120

8. Enrollment in past semesters:
Spring 2021: 19
Spring 2019: 29
9a. Will this course be offered as part of the new JJ General Education program (CUNY Common Core or College Option)? (reminder - complete the CUNY Common Core or JJ College Option form if appropriate)  
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11. Date of Department or Program Curriculum Committee approval: 2/12/2021  

12. Name of Department Chair(s) or Program Coordinator(s) approving this revision proposal:  
Geert Dhondt, Chair  
Jay Hamilton, Major Coordinator
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Economics of Law and Regulation ECO 3XX

Semester
Day & Time
Location

Instructor: Professor X
Office Hours: by appointment
Contact Info

Syllabus

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The course will be structured in four components:

1. **Origin:** We will begin with an examination of the origins of the modern legal system (1000 to 1800) both in Europe with the origin of the Magna Carta as well as the Law of Peace and their impact on US founding documents.

2. **US Foundational Document:** We will then study the foundation documents of the US government and the modifications made to governance structures within the first twenty years of the country’s existence, inclusive of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution.

3. **US Economic Evolution:**
   a. **Agriculture/Slavery Economy:** We will then study the growing dependence on the slave based agricultural economy contrasted against the moral question of slavery and its impact on the United States in the entirety of the 19th Century from the Dred Scott decision through re-construction.
   b. **Rise of US manufacturing economy/Depression:** (1900 – 1980) Next we will study the lead up to the Great Depression and the response via the U.S. New Deal and the evolving state of the post-WWII era, and the administrative and regulatory developments it secured.
   c. **Anti-Regulatory Reaction/Financialization:** (1980 – Present) In the final segment of the course, we will study the era of anti-regulatory reaction to the post WWII New Deal State. We will focus on key legislative acts, court cases, and regulatory decisions; the
balance of powers between the executive branch, legislative branch and judiciary; and the political economic context of U.S. and international legal developments.

Weekly Reading Requirements:

- New York Times
- Wall Street Journal
- The Intercept
- The City

Required Texts: I will provide copies of relevant chapters for class discussion.


Grading:

I ask that everyone come to class prepared to offer at least one comment, critique or question that advances the class discussion. In advance of each class I will offer opening questions on the readings. At the end of each class I will ask you all for questions on the topic for the next class – which we will address.

You will be graded as follows:

- 10% class participation;
- 30% mid-term research project report (4-5 pages + biblio) Due week 7 [These are rough drafts]
- 25% group report on research reports; (4 pages) Due week 10 [Students will be assigned into groups of four to produce peer-review of mid-term research project reports.]
- 35% on final research project. (8-10 pages + biblio) Due week 15
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- Changing a graded exam and returning it for more credit
- Submitting substantial portions of the same paper to more than one course without consulting with each instructor
- Preparing answers or writing notes in a blue book (exam booklet) before an examination
- Allowing others to research and write assigned papers or do assigned projects, including use of commercial term paper services
- Giving assistance to acts of academic misconduct/dishonesty
- Fabricating data (all or in part)
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- Unauthorized use during an examination of any electronic devices such as cell phones, palm pilots, smart phones, tablet devices, computers or other technologies to retrieve or send information.

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- Using information that is not common knowledge without acknowledging the sources
- Failing to acknowledge collaborators on homework and laboratory assignments
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- Depriving other students of access to library materials by stealing, destroying, defacing, or concealing them
- Retaining, using or circulating examination materials, which clearly indicate that they should be returned at the end of the exam
- Intentionally obstructing or interfering with another student’s work
Falsification of records and official documents. The following are some examples of falsification, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Forging signatures of authorization
- Falsifying information on an official academic record
- Falsifying information on an official document such as a grade report, letter of permission, drop/add form, I.D. card or other college document

**Attendance** (from the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin)
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**Extra Work During the Semester** (from the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin)
Instructors are not obligated to offer extra-credit work in any course. Any extra-credit coursework opportunities offered during the semester for a student to improve his or her grade must be made available to all students at the same time. The term "extra credit work" refers to optional work that may be assigned by the instructor to all students in addition to the required work for the course that all students must complete. It is distinguished from substitute assignments or substitute work that may be assigned by the instructor to individual students, such as make-up assignments to accommodate emergencies or to accommodate the special circumstances of individual students.

**Class Topics and Readings**

**Week of February X Law & Economics Introduction:**
- Class Overview
- Origin of Law
- The Law: Frederick Bastiat
- Law and the Rise of Capitalism, pp 9-58

**Week of February X Origins of Law 1000-1400**
- Historical Events/Foundation Documents:
  - Magna Carta
    - [https://www.bl.uk/magna-carta/articles/magna-carta-english-translation](https://www.bl.uk/magna-carta/articles/magna-carta-english-translation)
    - [https://www.jstor.org/action/doBasicSearch?Query=great+law+of+peace](https://www.jstor.org/action/doBasicSearch?Query=great+law+of+peace)
Acknowledgement of the United States Senate to the Contributions of the Iroquois Confederacy of Nations to the U.S. Constitution

Optional Reading:
https://www.jstor.org/stable/20068706?seq=1

Week of February X
- Law and the Rise of Capitalism, 59-168 (1000-1400)
  - Legal Principals
  - Legal Codes

Economic Triggers – Legal Codification
- American War for independence
  - Declaration of Independence
    https://learnodo-newtonic.com/american-revolution-effects
- Lincoln on the Declaration of Independence
  https://quod.lib.umich.edu/l/lincoln/lincoln2/1:567?rgn=div1;view=fulltext

- French Revolution

  https://www.jstor.org/stable/25681227?seq=1

Week of February 22 - post-revolution America Change in Action: U.S. modifies its approach to governance.
- Articles of Confederation
- Federalist Papers and movement towards more Federal control
- U.S. Constitution & Bill of Rights
- American Feudalism
  - https://history.nycourts.gov/case/van-rensselaer-clarke/

Week of March X through Week of March X Slavery, Civil War and Reconstruction- The Courts step in
- Pierson v. Post (1805) –
- McCulloch vs. Maryland (1819) –
- Johnson v. McIntosh (1823) –
- Dred Scott v. Sandford (1856)
  https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/60/393/
- Speech on the Dred Scott Decision
  - Abraham Lincoln -
    Speech at Springfield, Illinois
    June 26, 1857


Reconstruction


- U.S. Constitution:
  - 13th amendment
  - 14th amendment
  - 15th amendment

Intermediate Commerce Act (1887)

Original Resources:

**Weeks of April X – May Xth**

20th Century and the rise of Manufacturing, Capitalism and Regulation


- The Grapes of Wrath (movie). – in-class viewing.

https://ssrn.com/abstract=3168798

The Great Depression, the New Deal, and State Transformation


• Lawrence M. Friedman, American Law in the 20th Century, “The Roosevelt Revolution” and “War and Postwar: Prosperity and the Flowering of the Welfare State,” 151-204.


  - [https://livingnewdeal.org](https://livingnewdeal.org)


Rights for Labor, Constraints for Capital, 1945-1980, I
• Lawrence M. Friedman, American Law in the 20th Century.
  “Race Relations and Civil Rights”


• Federal Tort Claims Act (1946)
• Civil Rights Act (1964)
• Voting Rights Act (1965)
• Fair Housing Act of 1968
• Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX)
• Occupational Safety and Health Act

• Lawrence M. Friedman, American Law in the 20th Century
  “Business Law in an Age of Change”
  “The Law of Property”


Week 15 =- May X: Final Exam Period – Final Project Due
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Date Submitted: April 5, 2021

1. Name of Department or Program: Economics

2. Contact information of proposer(s):

   Name(s): Jay Hamilton & Zhun Xu
   Email(s): jhamilton@jjay.cuny.edu zxu@jjay.cuny.edu


4. Current course description:

   Forensic economics is the application of the general theories and methodologies of economics to the measurement of economic damages for use in legal settings. Topics that this course will cover include the financial behavior of the large corporation, security markets, stock market pricing and valuation, portfolio and risk analysis, and social applications of financial reasoning.

   a. Number of credits: 3
   b. Number of class hours (please specify if the course has lab hours): 3
   c. Current prerequisites: ENG 101, ECO 101 or ECO 120 or ECO 125, MAT 108 or MAT 141

5. Describe the nature of the revision (what are you changing?): Revise from 200 to 300 level with corresponding changes in the English prerequisite, Learning Outcomes, readings and assignments.

6. Rationale for the proposed change(s):

   The Economics major was recently revised and now requires three of five electives to be at the 300-level. Therefore, the Economics Department is revising several 200 level electives to the 300 level. Finance for Forensic Economics is a good subject for a 300-level class because entering students will have a broader exposure to economic issues and will have the skills
necessary for this advanced topic.

The revised course includes new Learning Outcomes appropriate for 300 level courses and the sample syllabus includes assignments reflecting those Learning Outcomes. Students will be expected to complete longer and more independent research projects. Students can use their research in this class as a bridge to their capstone experience.

7. Text of proposed revisions (use NA, not applicable, where appropriate): NA
   a. Revised course description: NA
   b. Revised course title: NA
   c. Revised short title (the original can be found on CUNYFirst, max of 30 characters including spaces!): NA
   d. Revised learning outcomes: Upon completion of this course students are expected to:
      - Demonstrate a working vocabulary of financial industry terminology.
      - Describe financial industry practices.
      - Analyze how regulation affects the financial industry.
   e. Revised assignments and activities related to revised outcomes: The course now requires a 10 page research paper.
   f. Revised number of credits: NA
   g. Revised number of hours: NA
   h. Revised prerequisites: ENG 201 and ECO 101 or ECO 120 or ECO 125, MAT 108 or MAT 141

8. Enrollment in past semesters:
   Spring 2017: 15
   Fall 2017: 14

9a. Will this course be offered as part of the new JJ General Education program (CUNY Common Core or College Option)?
   No ___XX___ Yes _____ If yes, please indicate the area:

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The course is currently an elective if the Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics major. When asked about the change the FEFF Coordinator replied:
Hi Jay,
I think it's a great idea.

Saludos,

David M. Shapiro, Coordinator of the Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics programs
Department of Public Management

11. Date of Department or Program Curriculum Committee approval: 2/12/2021

12. Name of Department Chair(s) or Program Coordinator(s) approving this revision proposal:

Geert Dhondt, Chair
Jay Hamilton, Major Coordinator
ECO 3XX Finance for Forensic Economics
Course Syllabus  Semester
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Instructor: Professor X
Contact info:
Day & meeting time

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Required Texts:
Guide to Financial markets: why they exist and how they work, Sixth edition
Marc Levinson  (The Economist in Association with Profile Books, publishers)
Dictionary of Finance and Investment Terms (Barron's Business Dictionaries) April 2014
By John Downes and Jordan Goodman
Additional Readings Available in Blackboard

Grading
- Mid-Term  100 points
- Final Exam 100 points
- Term paper (around 10-pages) 100 points
- Group Project 60 points
- Class attendance & oral participation 40 points

Total possible points 400 points

Final Grade
380-400 A
366-379 A-
353-365 B+
340-353 B
326-339 B-
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Attendance expectations for this class. Oral participation is required. Each class is 5 points. Lateness will result in 1 point off; leaving early will result in 1 point off. Students will be asked questions on the readings and vocabulary words. Students are expected to arrive at class having read the assigned text chapter and any case studies posted on Blackboard for that class.

The case studies are listed by week on Blackboard in the Content file on the left menu.
- It is expected that you arrive at class having read these assignments with notes, summaries or outlines, that enable you to discuss these issues. You will be graded on your class participation.
- It is expected that you will take notes in class in preparation for the midterm and the final exams.

Exams:
There are two exams each worth 100 points. Each exam is made up of the vocabulary words from the 8 weeks prior to the exam. You are to look these words up in your dictionary. I will provide exact definitions; these will be discussed in class. You should make flash cards on 3x5 cards to study for the exams adding each week.

Term Paper
Submission is through Blackboard using the Research Paper link on the left menu.
Paper is Due December Xrd at 11:59 pm. No papers will be accepted through email, hardcopy nor will they be accepted late.

You must choose a topic from the list posted under the research paper link on the left menu, and post it on the discussion board link. One topic per student; you must look to see if someone has already chosen the topic you want, first come first serve.

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The research paper will be graded on:
- How thorough your search is: have you exhausted all sources?
- Have you provided the required information?
- Is the paper organized?
- Are their subtitles indicating what you are writing on?
- Have you written in paragraphs with a leading sentence?
- Length: 10 pages without notes, graphs or sources is expected.
- Grammar, spelling and punctuation: Get someone to edit it before you turn it in.
• Documentation:
  ◦ You must note each source for information throughout.
  ◦ You must list all links where you acquired information
• It must be turned in through Turnitin.com by the stated deadline; it will not be accepted late or by email.

Not turning in your paper by the deadline is an automatic 50 point deduction.

Group Project
You will be divided into groups and given a company of government agency. Your groups will act like a “counter-operations” unit and brainstorm ways to defraud your company/agency. Your final report will consist of a five page paper and Power Point Presentation detail all the vulnerabilities your group has identified.

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### Schedule

The case study documents are accessed through blackboard. You are expected to read and be prepared to discuss the case studies in class

#### Week 1

**Class 1 Monday August X**

Course introduction. Discussion of terminology and discussion of a few Economic theories and the Stock market.

A. Minsky - the relationship between regulation, the economy and the financial industry.

B. Weiss - More insights to regulation, the economy and the financial industry.

(Remember – these readings are available in Blackboard)

**Class 2 Wednesday August X**

A. Demonstration on how to do the research paper. Covers how to perform due diligence in researching a financial entity before investing. Hand out.

B. Regulatory Agencies - Vocabulary on Blackboard
   1. Securities Exchange Commission
   2. Commodities and Futures Trading Commission
   3. Federal Reserve

#### Monday September X Labor Day, no class

#### Week 2 Exchanges and Indexes Chapter 1 “Why Markets Matter” Chapter 1

**Class 3. Wednesday September X**

- Access vocabulary list on Blackboard fill out the definitions
- Getting to know stock exchanges-
  - A. New York Stock Exchange
  - B. American
  - C. NASDAQ
  - D. Indexes
1. Dow Jones-30  
2. S&P 500  
3. NASDAQ 500  
4. NADAQ composite

**Week 3  **Miscellaneous Frauds  
**Class 4 Monday September X:** Frontline documentary: *To Catch a Trader*

**Class 5 Wednesday September X:** Miscellaneous frauds:  
Access the case studies under class 5 in Blackboard, takes notes on each case, be prepared to discuss them in class. I will ask you questions about each case as well as Chapter 2. You will be graded on oral participation.

**Week 4 Securitization Chapter 5**

**Class 6 Monday September X:** Securitization, Stocks Trading principles, Securities laws  
- Read chapter 5, be prepared to answer questions in class.  
- Access the vocabulary list on Blackboard fill out the definitions.  
- Read the case studies take notes be prepared to discuss them in class.

**Wednesday September X No Class**

Submit research topic to Blackboard by 11:59 p.m. September X.

**Week 5 Money Markets and Accounting fraud Chapter 3**

**Class 7 Monday September X:** Money markets:

**Class 8 Wednesday September X:** Accounting frauds- on blackboard

**Week 6 Commodities, Futures and Options Markets: Chapter 8**

**Class 9 Monday October X:** Commodities,

**Class 10 Wednesday October X:** Futures and Options, More Commodities

**Monday October X No class: Columbus Day**

**Week 7 Foreign Exchange Markets Chapter 2**

**Class 11 Wednesday October X** Foreign Exchange Markets  
- Read the articles on Blackboard for the week, take notes and come to class prepared to discuss them. Read Chapter 2.  
- Access the vocabulary list, fill out the definition for each word.

**Week 8 the Financial Crisis, Sub-prime Mortgages, Mortgage fraud**

**Class 12 Monday October X:** Frontline documentary: *Inside the Meltdown*
Class 13 Wednesday October X: Mortgages and Real estate frauds

Week 9

Class 14 Midterm Wednesday October X

Class 15: Wednesday October X Documentary: The Warning

Submit list of research resource URLs for approval by October X to link provided on the Research link.

Week 10 Class 16 Derivatives and Warrants- Chapter 9

Class 16 Monday October X.

Class 17 Bank Crimes Wednesday November X

Week 11 The Euro, International banking and Fixed Income markets; Chapter 6

Class 18 Monday November X: International Banking systems, Fixed Income markets

Class 19 Wednesday November X: Panama Papers; Luxembourg Leaks; Power point

- Panama papers- on Blackboard
- Luxembourg Leaks- Links on Blackboard

Week 12 Equity markets and Annuities; Corporate Crimes Chapter 7

Class 20 Monday November X Documentary: Breaking the Bank

Class 21 Wednesday November X Equity Markets and Annuities

Week 13 Bond Markets and Ratings agencies Chapter 4

Class 22 Monday November X Bond markets

Class 23 Wednesday November X Affinity Fraud

Week 14

Class 24 November X IRAs and Pensions; Insurance; etc.
Group Project Presentations

Class 25 November X
- Final exam Review
Group Project Presentations

Research papers due by 11:59 pm
Submit your paper under the Research paper link on the left panel where it says “Due diligence Submit here”
**Week 15 Financial Crimes**

**Class 26 Monday December X**: Insider trading, Ponzi Schemes, Pyramid-MLM, Boiler room, Pump and Dump; Poop and Scoop, Churning.
- Ponzi schemes powerpoint

Group Project Presentations

**Class 27 Monday December X**
Worldcom, AIG Enron (Readings in Blackboard

Group Project Presentations

**December X Final exam time to be posted.**
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Date Submitted: April 5, 2021

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   Name(s): Jay Hamilton & Zhun Xu  
   Email(s): jhamilton@jjay.cuny.edu zxu@jjay.cuny.edu 
   Phone number(s):


4. Current course description:

   Why cities exist, how their characteristics change over time and how global and national urban networks function are analyzed in the course. Different means of financing city government and related issues such as the impact of globalization, decentralization of government and metropolitan fragmentation on urban finances are explored. A variety of urban problems such as sustainability of cities, housing, health, education, crime, poverty, pollution, labor conditions, discrimination, and transportation are studied. The impact of different theoretical perspectives in economics on urban analysis and policy are considered.

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d. Revised learning outcomes: Upon complete of this course student can be expected to:
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   • Effectively communicate the multiple perspectives used to analyze cities.
   • Conduct detailed research of issues vital to urban environments.

e. Revised assignments and activities related to revised outcomes: The course now includes individual and group research projects appropriate for 300 level classes.

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Course Requirements
The prerequisite for this class is Econ 101, Introduction to Economics and Global Capitalism. This means that students should be familiar with the basic methods and models of economics that will be discussed in class and are available in the required readings.

Learning Objectives
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Format of the Course and Workload
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You should post your original response to the discussion question by Friday of the relevant week and any response to fellow students by Sunday of that week, unless otherwise noted. You will get partial grade if your post is up to one day late, and a grade of 0 beyond that.

Also, please note that I am expecting good arguments/evidence to back up any opinion or claim you make, as well as evidence that you did read or view the material and other people’s comments. This will factor in the grade you get for that week. I will not be grading the quality of English (but please do try to make your texts understandable to me and others) nor the orientation of any point of view. I’ll be looking for quality arguments, but you may argue whichever way you want to.

**2) Midterm Exam (35% of Grade):** One week of the semester will be used for writing a midterm exam, which is worth 30% of your total grade. In that week, you won't have to submit posts for discussions or read new material. You will have approximately one week to prepare this **take-home exam.**

For this midterm exam you will:

a. answer 2 essay questions that I will provide you (length of the answers to be determined later).

b. **propose a research question** for your final research paper:

*You pick and write about an issue that you find interesting/concerning in an urban area or neighborhood – unemployment, gentrification, immigration, transportation, some new urban development project, etc. You will explain briefly how this issue might be impacting the urban area that you are going to explore and will present a proposal as to how to research this issue (to later develop it into a research paper for the end of the course).*

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**Here is a summary of the course requirements:**
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4) URBAN PROJECT AND FINAL RESEARCH PAPER (35%):

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Topics and Readings Outline


**All of the other readings and videos will be available in Blackboard under Readings and Videos sections.**

***Unless noted, each week comprises the interval Monday to Sunday.***

**Week 1 Introductions and Course Overview**

Welcoming Remarks & Personal Introductions

**Week 2 Introduction to Urban Economics**


**Week 3 History of Urbanization**


**Week 4 History of Urbanization in the US and New York**


**Week 5 Urban Theories**


**Week 6 Urban Political Economy**


Week 7 World Cities and Global Cities

Week 8 Informality and Uncontrolled Urbanization

Week 9 Preparation and Submission of Midterm

Week 10 Economics of Housing Markets and Suburbanization
*readings may change*

Week 11 Urban Poverty

Week 12 Gentrification in New York

Week 13 Racial Inequality in Urban Spaces

**Week 14 + Urban Outcasts and The New Urban Segregation**

**THANKSGIVING WEEK**


**Group Report due**

**Week 15 Urban Movements and Sustainable Urban Development**


**Final Submission of Urban Project**
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   Email(s): jhamilton@jjay.cuny.edu zxu@jjay.cuny.edu  
   Phone number(s):

3. Current number and title of course: ECO 280: Economics of Labor

4. Current course description:

   Problems and issues in labor economics; wages, hours, and working conditions; trade unionism in the United States; interrelationship of wages, productivity and employment; labor in relation to business, government and economic change; economics of social insurance; collective bargaining and techniques of arbitration; current conditions.

   a. Number of credits: 3
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- Conduct detailed research of labor issues.

e. Revised assignments and activities related to revised outcomes: Students are now expected to conduct a 10-page research paper on a labor issue.

f. Revised number of credits: NA

g. Revised number of hours: NA

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Semester: Instructor: Professor X  
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Assignments/Response Papers  
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Quizzes  
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**Exams**
There will be a final exam for this class. The exam will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions. If you have completed the quizzes and assignments, you should have a good idea of what sort of questions to expect. The final is worth 25% of the class grade.

**Grading Summary**
- Attendance/Participation: 10%
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- Unauthorized use during an examination of any electronic devices such as cell phones, palm pilots, smart phones, tablet devices, computers or other technologies to retrieve or send information.

Plagiarism is the act of presenting another person’s ideas, research or writings as your own. The following are some examples of plagiarism, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:
- Copying another person’s actual words without the use of quotation marks and footnotes attributing the words to their source
- Presenting another person’s ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source
- Using information that is not common knowledge without acknowledging the sources
- Failing to acknowledge collaborators on homework and laboratory assignments
- Internet plagiarism includes submitting downloaded term papers or parts of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the Internet without citing the source, and “cutting and pasting” from various sources without proper attribution.

Obtaining unfair advantage is any activity that intentionally or unintentionally gives a student an unfair advantage in the student’s academic work over another student. The following are some examples of obtaining an unfair advantage, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:
- Stealing, reproducing, circulating or otherwise gaining advance access to examination materials
- Depriving other students of access to library materials by stealing, destroying, defacing, or concealing them
- Retaining, using or circulating examination materials, which clearly indicate that they should be returned at the end of the exam
- Intentionally obstructing or interfering with another student’s work

Falsification of records and official documents. The following are some examples of falsification, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:
- Forging signatures of authorization
- Falsifying information on an official academic record
- Falsifying information on an official document such as a grade report, letter of permission, drop/add form, I.D. card or other college document
**Attendance** (from the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin)
Students are expected to attend all class meetings as scheduled. Excessive absence may result in a failing grade for the course and may result in the loss of financial aid. The number of absences that constitute excessive absence is determined by the individual instructor, who announces attendance guidelines at the beginning of the semester in the course syllabus. Students who register during the Change of Program period after classes have begun are responsible for the individual course attendance policy, effective from the first day of the semester.

**Extra Work During the Semester** (from the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin)
Instructors are not obligated to offer extra-credit work in any course. Any extra-credit coursework opportunities offered during the semester for a student to improve his or her grade must be made available to all students at the same time. The term "extra credit work" refers to optional work that may be assigned by the instructor to all students in addition to the required work for the course that all students must complete. It is distinguished from substitute assignments or substitute work that may be assigned by the instructor to individual students, such as make-up assignments to accommodate emergencies or to accommodate the special circumstances of individual students.

**Schedule**

I. **Introduction & Labor Supply and Demand**
Week 1
Readings:
Chapter 1 from *Modern Labor Economics*
Chapter 2 from *Modern Labor Economics*

Week 2
Reading:
*Worked Over*, Chapter One
*Worked Over*, Chapter Two

II. **Labor Theory of Value and Surplus Value**
Week 3
Reading:
Labor Theory of Value, from *An Introduction to Marxist Economics*
Quiz 1

III. **Labor Demand**
Week 4
Reading:
Capital and Capitalism, from *An Introduction to Marxist Economics*
*Labor Demand in the Short Run*, from Modern Labor Economics
Assignment 1 due

Week 5
Reading:
Labor Demand in the Long Run, Chapter 3 from *Modern Labor Economics*
Elasticity, Chapter 3 from *Modern Labor Economics*
Research Paper topic and preliminary bibliography due

IV. Applying the Hicks-Marshall Rules of Derived Demand
Week 6
H-M Rules of Derived Demand, Chapter 4 from Modern Labor Economics
H-M Rules and the Political Economy, Chapter 4 from Modern Labor Economics
Quiz 2

V. Frictions, Monopsony and The Minimum Wage
Week 7
Frictions and Monopsony, Chapter 5 from Modern Labor Economics
Monopsony and the Minimum Wage, Film: The Hands that Feed the World
Assignment 2 due

Week 8
Labor Supply, Chapter 6 from Modern Labor Economics
Research paper outline and enhanced bibliography due

Spring Break

VI. Labor Supply and Household Production

Week 9
Readings
Household Production and the Care Economy,
Interview with Nancy Folbre
Home Economics – Heather Boushey
Quiz 3

VII. Unions and Collective Bargaining and Strikes
Week 10
Readings
Unions and the Labor Market, Chapter 13 from Modern Labor Economics
Unions and the Labor Market Cont., Chapter 13 from Modern Labor Economics
Assignment 3 due

Week 11
Film: Harlan County U.S.A
Quiz 4

VIII. Human Capital and Student Debt
Week 12
Human Capital, Chapter 9
Student Loans and College Debt, Reading TBA
Research Paper Rough Draft due

IX. Discrimination
Week 13
Discrimination, Chapter 12 from Modern Labor Economics
Unlevel Playing Fields, Pages 76-92 and 159-169
Assignment 4 due

Week 14
Review for Final Exam
Research Paper due

Week 15 - Final EXAM TBA
PROPOSAL FOR A NEW GRADUATE COURSE

When completed and approved by the appropriate Graduate Program, this proposal should be submitted to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies for the consideration of the Committee on Graduate Studies. The proposal form, along with a syllabus and bibliography, should be submitted via email as a single attachment to the Faculty Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at mdagostino@jjay.cuny.edu

Date submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies: Forensic Science, MS
Date of Program approval: 04/05/2021
Date of CGS approval: TBD
Effective Term: Spring 2022

1. Contact information of proposer(s):

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3. **Rationale for the course** (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should this program offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs).

Forensic Toxicology refers to the use of toxicology for the purpose of the law. It is important that students not only understand the science and medical aspects of Toxicology but also learn how to apply their knowledge of the chemistry and physiological effects of controlled substances and prescription medication to cause of death and impairment cases in a legal setting.

This class provides an essential case analysis-based class for our forensic toxicology students. Including it in our curriculum will improve our Forensic Toxicology track by providing students with experience in case interpretation and expert testimony in both civil and criminal court. This practical experience is key for students preparing to enter the workforce.

4. **Degree requirements satisfied by the course:**

This course will count as an elective.

5. **Has this course been taught on an experimental basis?**

Yes :X

If yes, please provide the following:

I. Semester(s) and Year(s): Spring 2021
   II. Teacher(s): Marta Concheiro-Guisan, Ph.D.
   III. Enrollment(s): 7
   IV. Prerequisite(s): FOS 707, 725 and 726.

6. **Course Learning Outcomes:**

   a. **Knowledge Outcomes:** What do you expect students to be able to demonstrate knowledge or understanding of after taking this course?

   The student knowledge base will expand on the material learned in their core toxicology classes, namely FOS 707, 725, and 726.

   - Use analytical and critical thinking skills to interpret toxicological data.
   - Apply technical skills to analyze problems, develop answers and convey information in forensic toxicology.
   - Use oral and written communication skills to convey toxicological information clearly and effectively.
   - Apply their knowledge of the standards of ethics applicable to the practice of forensic toxicology.

   b. **Performance Outcomes:** What do you expect students to be able to do after taking this course? (e.g. data presentation, assessments, research)

   By the end of the course, students should be able to:

   - Demonstrate understanding of the duties and responsibilities of Forensic Toxicologists.

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• Demonstrate understanding of the types of interpretation (analytical results, pharmacological aspects).
• Demonstrate understanding of the process of expert testimony, the do’s and the don’ts.
• Know and apply the forensic toxicology resources (books, journals, web resources, professional organizations).
• Apply toxicological, pharmacological and chemical knowledge to evaluate and interpret toxicological results.
• Demonstrate the conduct and behavior both in and out of the class consistent with relevant published professional code of behavior and ethics.
• Communicate orally their thoughts and opinions for both public presentations as well as for legal settings.
• Demonstrate writing competence by means of assignments.

c. **Assessment:** How will students demonstrate that they have achieved the outcomes of the course?

The course includes five oral presentation (group) and five written report (individual) assignments. Attendance and active participation in class is extremely important in order to complete the course successfully. The course adopts a 100-point grading scale for the grade, which contains the five individual written reports (15% each) and five group presentations (5% each).

7. **Proposed texts and supplementary readings** (including ISBNs):

Text books, peer-reviewed articles and other resources will be provided by the instructor.

**Library resources for this course:**
Librarian consulted: Ellen Sexton – information received April 2, 2021.

8. **Identify and assess the adequacy of available library resources** As the instructor will be steering students to, and providing, specific articles and texts, library resources may be considered supplementary and optional. Our toxicology resources while not expansive are sufficient, especially as they are bolstered by the STEM subscriptions provided centrally by CUNY to the whole university. The overwhelming majority of our toxicology content is available in electronic format and can be accessed remotely.

Databases: OneSearch (discovery tool), Scopus, American Chemical Society journals, Science Direct.

**Books, Journals and eJournals:** Taylor & Francis bundle of forensic science reference books (Forensic NetBase), Elsevier Encyclopedia of Forensic Sciences, Wiley journals. Wiley Online Library is a good source for current technical books, e.g. 2020 title Fundamentals of Analytical Toxicology: Clinical and Forensic. As is Proquest's E-book Central, which contains e.g. Elsevier's 2014 Encyclopedia of toxicology. E-books are discoverable through OneSearch. Journal titles include Nature, Science, Toxicology, Toxicology Trends, Archives of Toxicology, Critical Reviews in Toxicology, Drug Safety Case Reports, Journal of Analytical Toxicology, Forensic Chemistry, Journal of Forensic Sciences, etc.

Browsing tables of contents and articles is especially easy with our Browzine app. Scopus is our best discovery tool for topic searches.

9. **Identify recommended additional library resources**

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In addition to the forensic science literature compendium the OneSearch function provides students with a tool to locate relevant articles.


Relevant subscription databases, open federal reference compilations (NIH), open repositories and pre-print servers are listed at https://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/databases/science

10. **Estimate the cost of recommended additional library resources (For new courses and programs):**

   Not applicable.

   No cost estimate is provided because existing library resources are sufficient. Nevertheless, librarian Ellen Sexton mentioned the following desirable resources: It would be good to have SciFinder (Chemical Abstracts), currently lacking from our resources, but we don't have money for it. It is available on site at CUNY City College's Science Library. We could also use some updated core chemistry & toxicology reference works in electronic format, but given the increasing openness of science information, this may not be critical.

11. **Please list any specific bibliographic indices/databases to which students will be directed for this course.** (Please check the list of databases licensed by the library before answering this question).

   n/a

12. **Are current College resources (e.g. Computer labs, facilities, equipment) adequate to support this course?**

   Yes X

   If no, what resources will be needed? With whom have these resource needs been discussed?

13. **Proposed instructors:**

    **Marta Concheiro-Guisan** is Assistant Professor of Forensic Toxicology at John Jay College of Criminal Justices, City University of New York. She received her Diploma M.Sc. in Pharmacy and her Ph.D. in Toxicology in 2002 and 2006, respectively, both from the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain. During her Ph.D., she trained at foreign institutions, specifically at the **Institut de Médicine Légale et de Médicine Social** in Strasbourg (France) and at the **Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal** in Lisbon (Portugal). From 2008-2009, she was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Chemistry and Drug Metabolism section of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), NIH, in Baltimore, MD. For two years she worked as a researcher and instructor of Forensic Toxicology at the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain and from 2012 to 2014 as a Research Scientist at NIDA. Dr. Concheiro is an expert in a broad range of technical fields in toxicology, including sample preparation (solid phase extraction, liquid-liquid extraction), and analytical techniques (liquid-chromatography coupled to simple or tandem mass spectrometry, high resolution mass spectrometry). She has actively participated in Drugs and Driving Research Projects, including the ROSITA (Road Side Testing Assessment) and DRUID (Driving Under the Influence of Drugs) European Projects, and in Clinical Protocols at NIDA. Dr. Concheiro has more than 80 publications in peer-reviewed journals, and has presented her work at more than 30 professional toxicology meetings.
14. Other resources needed to offer this course:

No other resources are needed for this course.

15. If the subject matter of the proposed course may conflict with existing or proposed courses in other programs, indicate action taken:

The subject matter of the proposed courses does not conflict with existing or proposed courses in other programs.

16. Syllabus

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CASE ANALYSIS IN FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY
FOS 826
Semester TBD

Instructor: Marta Concheiro-Guisan, Ph.D.
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Office: Room 5.66.02
Office Phone: 212-237-8492
Office hours: By appointment

Course Description
This course educates students in forensic toxicology interpretation and expert testimony in court in criminal and civil cases. Cases that will be investigated and discussed include the critical review of analytical data (what causes a false positive drug test result?), the accuracy of alcohol testing and the issues related to alcohol back-calculations, how doses and route of administration influence the drug’s effects, and interpretation of hair analysis, among others.

The course will be follow a Problem-Based Learning (PBL) strategy. PBL is a student-centered learning approach based on the student’s autonomy on their goal-setting, collaboration, communication and critical thinking within real-world practices.
Course Objectives
- Provide the students with the analytical and critical thinking skills needed to interpret toxicological data.
- Learn how to apply technical skills to analyze problems, develop answers and convey information in forensic toxicology.
- Develop and improve oral and written communication skills to convey toxicological information clearly and effectively.
- Acquire the knowledge of the standards of ethics applicable to the practice of forensic toxicology.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course, students should be able to:
- Demonstrate understanding of the duties and responsibilities of Forensic Toxicologists.
- Demonstrate understanding of the types of interpretation (analytical results, pharmacological aspects).
- Demonstrate understanding of the process of expert testimony, the do’s and the don’ts.
- Know and apply the forensic toxicology resources (books, journals, web resources, professional organizations).
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- Communicate orally their thoughts and opinions for both public presentations as well as for legal settings.
- Demonstrate proper written competence by means of assignments.

Course Pre-requisites
FOS 707, 725 and 726.

Scientific Literature Resources
Text books, peer-reviewed articles and other resources will be provided by the instructor.

Cheating and Plagiarism
There is a zero-tolerance policy regarding cheating and plagiarism in this course. Material copied from handouts, textbooks, other students’ work, or other sources must be contained within quotes and with the source cited.

Statement of the College Policy on Plagiarism
Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else’s ideas, words, or artistic, scientific, or technical work as one’s own creation. Using the ideas or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations, require citations to the original source. Plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional. Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve a student of responsibility for plagiarism.
It is the student’s responsibility to recognize the difference between statements that are common knowledge (which do not require documentations) and restatements of the ideas of others. Paraphrase, summary, and direct quotation are acceptable forms of restatement, as long as the source is cited. Students who are unsure how and when to provide documentation are advised to consult with their instructors. The library has free guides designed to help students with problems of documentation. This course will use turnitin.com. Plagiarism will result in an automatic “zero” for the assignment, and the instructor reserves the right to report the academic dishonesty to the college disciplinary mechanisms.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policies**
Qualified students with disabilities will be provided reasonable academic accommodations if determined eligible by the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS). Prior to granting disability accommodations in this course, the instructor must receive written verification of a student’s eligibility from the OAS which is located at L66 in the new building (212-237-8031). It is the student’s responsibility to initiate contact with the office and to follow the established procedures for having the accommodation notice sent to the instructor.

**Course Attendance**
Students are required to attend all the class sessions on time. Thirty minutes of lateness will be counted as a half absence. Two absences with proper documentation will be granted.

**Class Rules**
Students are expected to actively engage in classroom learning and discussion. Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and thus impedes the mission of the College. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave the class and the student should be counted as absent. Students are not permitted to read any material that is unrelated to the course during class. Students failing to abide by these rules will be expelled from the classroom.

**Blackboard**
Important course announcements, reading assignments, lecture notes, review questions, a discussion forum for Q and A, and other resources will be posted to the course on Blackboard. Please check regularly. Furthermore, students are responsible for checking their John Jay e-mail account regularly for important announcements. Contact DoIT, not your instructor, for help with e-mail or Blackboard.

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**You must check Blackboard and your John Jay E-mail account regularly.**
You are responsible for any and all course information, assignments, announcements, and communication that occur through blackboard and/or your email account.
## Course Calendar

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| 1    | Introduction to the course                      | • Brief review of previous toxicology courses  
• Introduction to expert testimony  
• What is Problem-Based Learning?  
• Defining roles of students & instructor  
• Expectations & grades  
• Creation of the teams (3 students max) |
| 2    | Case 1: Driving under the influence (Ethanol & Drugs) | • Presentation of the case  
• Definition of the problem  
• Analyze the problem and offer tentative explanations  
• Identification of the scientific literature resources  
• Collect information |
| 3    | Case 1: Driving under the influence (Ethanol & Drugs) | • Synthesize the information  
• Elaborate explanations and present them orally  
• Discussion  
• Individual written report |
| 4    | Expert visit                                    | • A forensic toxicologist expert will visit the class and share his/her experience with the students |
| 5    | Case 2: Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault         | • Presentation of the case  
• Definition of the problem  
• Analyze the problem and offer tentative explanations  
• Identification of the scientific literature resources  
• Collect information |
| 6    | Case 2: Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault         | • Synthesize the information  
• Elaborate explanations and present them orally  
• Discussion  
• Individual written report |
| 7    | Case 3: Homicide by Poisoning                   | • Presentation of the case  
• Definition of the problem  
• Analyze the problem and offer tentative explanations |
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| 8    | Case 3: Homicide by Poisoning | • Identification of the scientific literature resources  
• Collect information  
• Synthesize the information  
• Elaborate explanations and present them orally  
• Discussion  
• Individual written report |
| 9    | Expert visit | • A forensic toxicologist expert will visit the class and share his/her experience with the students |
| 10   | Case 4: Workplace Drug Testing | • Presentation of the case  
• Definition of the problem  
• Analyze the problem and offer tentative explanations  
• Identification of the scientific literature resources  
• Collect information |
| 11   | Case 4: Workplace Drug Testing | • Synthesize the information  
• Elaborate explanations and present them orally  
• Discussion  
• Individual written report |
| 12   | Case 5: Doping | • Presentation of the case  
• Definition of the problem  
• Analyze the problem and offer tentative explanations  
• Identification of the scientific literature resources  
• Collect information |
| 13   | Case 5: Doping | • Synthesize the information  
• Elaborate explanations and present them orally  
• Discussion  
• Individual written report |
| 14   | Mock Expert Testimony | |

**Assignments**  
During the course students will be given five oral presentation (group) and five written report (individual) assignments.
Attendance and active participation in class is extremely important in order to complete the course successfully.

**Grading/Rubrics**
There will be a 100-point grading scale for the grade, which contains five individuals written reports (15% each) and five group presentations (5% each).
In Memoriam
This course is dedicated to the blessed memory of my mother, Aliza Frida Nartzizenfield, and her family from Leżajsk, Poland, victims, and survivors of the Holocaust.
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<td>A rigorous thinking course, with a stress on current application and discussions on racial justice, U.S. foreign policy and war crime tribunals, offering a comprehensive analysis of the political, social, cultural, economic, and geographic context of international criminal justice, or lack thereof, that led to genocide. Students will gain understanding of relevant definitions of genocide, and identify major facts, strategies, personalities, and movements in particular situations. Focus will be given to acts of genocide against Indigenous people in Africa and in the Americas, Armenians, Soviet citizens, the Jewish Holocaust, Cambodians, Yugoslavians, and Rwandans, and the difference between international socialism and (German) National Socialism (Nazis).</td>
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3. **Rationale for the course** (will be submitted to CUNY in the Chancellor’s Report). Why should this program offer this course? (Explain briefly, 1-3 paragraphs).

Graduate students, given the continual atrocities during international and intra-state wars, in racial justice, in criminal justice, in international criminal justice, in human rights, and in terrorism, should learn about the history and the politics of experiences concepts such as genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and international humanitarian law.

From a theoretical and analytical perspectives, this course aims to familiarize and sensitize students with the global history of genocide, providing a comprehensive framework how to identify the danger for acts of genocide, and how to prevent them,

The strength of this course is that its contents and analysis blend inter-disciplinary approaches and perspectives for future advocates and practitioners seeking to prevent.

The question of why the U.S. has not ratified the 1998 Rome Statute that established the International Criminal Court, while other countries feel moral and diplomatic obligation not only to join this structure, but also to actively pursue justice will be a major concern. Analyzing the historical and contemporary reasons behind American reluctance is important for present politics and for future application.

4. **Degree requirements satisfied by the course:**
   Elective for ICJ and CRJ and has been used as an elective in the Certificate on Terrorism.

5. **Has this course been taught on an experimental basis?**

   Yes ___x___ No ______

   If yes, please provide the following:
   I. Semester(s) and Year(s): Fall ’05, Fall ’06, Spring ’07, Fall ’07, Spring ’08, Spring ’11, Spring ’12, and Spring’ 21.
   II. Teacher(s): Itai Sneh; Alternates: Marcia Esparza, Maki Haberfeld, and Mangai Natarajan.
   III. Enrollment(s): 15-25 each time.
   IV. Prerequisite(s): N/A

6. **Learning Outcomes:**
   a. What will students be able to demonstrate knowledge or understanding of or be able to do by the end of the course?

   By the end of the semester, students will be able to construct an argument grounded in evidence from primary and/or secondary sources; be able to locate an event and sources in historical context, to determine the interrelationship among themes, regions, and periodization; know and appreciate the multiple roots of international law; be sensitized to the impact of racial justice on acts of genocide; the important personalities, movements, events, cases, and principles in the
history of genocide; and having actively participated in class and analyzed the materials, will be able to develop a critical approach to the actions of politicians and judges.

b. How do the course outcomes relate to the program’s outcomes?
Students will become sensitized to major policy issues concerning genocide and familiarize themselves with contextual issues that would help prevent acts of genocide.

c. Assessment: How will students demonstrate that they have achieved the learning outcomes of the course?

Student will gain skills in reading comprehension and analysis, and especially in evaluating and comparing historical interpretation;

Student will secure skills in responsible argumentation by refining their abilities to identify, evaluate, and incorporate evidence within the parameters of persuasive writing; and

Student will explore history through primary source materials and show capacity to analyze their merit.

7. Proposed texts and supplementary readings (including ISBNs):


Saul Friedländer, Nazi Germany and the Jews.


Joshua Rubenstein, The Last Days of Stalin.


Eric Weitz, *Weimar Germany: Promise and Tragedy*.
Michela Wrong, *Do Not Disturb: The Story of a Political Murder and an African Regime Gone Bad*. 2021

**Reference Encyclopedias:**


**Library resources for this course:** Please consult with a member of the Library faculty before completing the following sections of this question. Please provide the name of the Librarian consulted below.

Maria Kiriakova; Ellen Sexton (via email).

8. **Identify and assess the adequacy of available library resources**

   a. **Databases include**

   JSTOR, Historical Abstracts, Economist Historical Archive, Worldwide Political Science Abstracts.

   b. **Books, Journals and eJournals**


**Supplementary readings:**


Michela Wrong, *Do Not Disturb: The Story of a Political Murder and an African Regime Gone Bad*. 2021


Reference [available in the library, but not in the book store):


9. **Identify recommended additional library resources**

Human Rights and History research guides: [http://guides.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/?b=s](http://guides.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/?b=s)
10. Estimate the cost of recommended additional library resources (For new courses and programs): N/A

11. Please list any specific bibliographic indices/databases to which students will be directed for this course. (Please check the list of databases licensed by the library before answering this question).

12. Are current College resources (e.g., Computer labs, facilities, equipment) adequate to support this course?

Yes __x__________ No ______________

If no, what resources will be needed? With whom have these resource needs been discussed? Matter was discussed with Kathleen Collins.

13. Proposed instructors:

Itai Sneh, Marcia Esparza, Maki Haberfeld, and Mangai Natarajan.

14. Other resources needed to offer this course:

N/A

15. If the subject matter of the proposed course may conflict with existing or proposed courses in other programs, indicate action taken:

N/A

16. Syllabus

Attached.

SPRING 2021

Prof. Itai [I strongly prefer to go by my first name]
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This is a rigorous thinking course, with a stress on current application and discussions on genocide, racial justice, criminal justice, international criminal justice, U.S. foreign policy, and war crime tribunals. Why the U.S. has not ratified the 1998 Rome Statute that established the International Criminal Court, while other countries feel moral and diplomatic obligation not only to join this structure, but also to actively pursue racial and criminal justice will be a major concern. Having the right to do something and doing the right thing are different! Additional contents offer a comprehensive analysis of the political, social, cultural, economic, and geographic context that led to acts of genocide. Students will gain understanding of definitions of genocide, relevant international law, and identify major historical facts, strategies, personalities, and movements in particular situations. Preventive approaches to genocide will be highlighted.

TEACHING STYLE
Knowledge of details, facts, and names in assigned book chapters serve as a launching pad to thematic discussions. Supplementary materials amplify the framework. The professor will regularly provide questions and guidelines to enhance the readings. Take notes regularly as that practice would tremendously help answering the final exam. Since you know the questions in advance, it is highly recommended that you start typing a record of all issues and match them with the required responses. This course is about grounding in history. That is why I ask you to review the materials very closely, and reflect on the roots for events past and present.
LEARNING OUTCOMES
By the end of the semester, students will be able to construct a historical argument grounded in evidence from primary and/or secondary sources; be able to locate an event and sources in historical context, to determine the interrelationship among themes, regions, and periodization; know and appreciate the multiple roots of international law; the important personalities, movements, events, cases, and principles in the history of genocide; and having actively participated in class and analyzed the materials, will be able to develop a critical approach to the actions of politicians and judges.

COURSE PRE-REQUISITES OR CO-REQUISITES: NONE.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS AIM
▪ To improve student skills in reading comprehension and analysis, and especially in evaluating and comparing historical interpretation;
▪ To improve student skills in responsible argumentation by refining their abilities to identify, evaluate, and incorporate evidence within the parameters of persuasive writing; and
▪ To explore history through primary source materials.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Some basic guidelines are essential to assure that you leave the semester with a sense of enrichment rather than disappointment. By enrolling and remaining in this course you agree to abide by the following standards. If you have valid personal, professional, or other problems that affect your ability to meet deadlines for handing in assignments, advise me, in advance, as early as possible so we can resolve the issue. If an emergency occurs, try to notify the instructor as soon as you are able to communicate by email. You may be asked to provide medical documents, bereavement notices or any other materials to verify the crisis alleged. The instructor avoids giving incompletes as much as possible, but will help anybody with a genuine problem. You will need to keep current with the readings. Weekly response papers are meant to verify a general and factual knowledge of the materials assigned.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
May reason be your tool, and justice be your cause! This syllabus spells out exactly what this class requires. In order for you to get the most out of the course, you are expected to review this syllabus on a regular basis, do the assignments punctually, come to class ready to learn, and participate thoughtfully and respectfully in our discussions. In turn, expectations will be clear, your questioned will be answered about the requirements and material, grade your work fairly and promptly, and you will be provided with everything that you need to succeed in this course.

GRADING
Grading is divided into three parts:

Because our study weeks begin on Fridays, regular work will have weekly Thursday deadlines for 15 reflection papers by midnight of about one page. I do not penalize for lateness. Substance should analyze any portion of the assigned readings, meaning textbook chapters and supplementary materials. Response papers should be about a page each. They will not to be graded, but they will be acknowledged by me. Contents are helpful, and can be used for the final
exam answers. Supplementary materials are different from the textbook readings, but complement them. I will provide weekly reminders of the work assigned.

If you submit ALL of them you will get full credit, meaning an A for a third of your course grade! Grade of that portion of the course grade will be diminished by half a letter for any missing work: 14-A-, 13-B+, 12-B, 11-B-, 10-C+, 9-C, 8-C-, 7-D+, 6-D, 5-D-, 4- (or less) -F.

If you are quoting directly from course materials, for the textbook put [Jones, 90], for supplementary readings [Notes, 4/2]. Either MLA or APA styles are acceptable.

Another third of your grade is the term research paper. About ten pages. Good papers analyze, explore the issues, laws, and leaders involved. A critical approach enriches your work. Comparing the past to the present is fine as long as contents focus on course.

The final third of your grade is an open-books final exam. Essays and concepts: Together but separate, do NOT repeat the questions, avoid headers. Just write Part I question 1. and so on. Quoting does need full citation, and a work cited page. NO QUOTA for quotes! AT LEAST two pages, each, for 5 essays, and a nice paragraph, each, for 5 concepts. If you are quoting directly from course materials, for either essays or concepts, for the textbook put [Murrin et.al, 90], for supplementary readings [Notes, 4/2]. Either MLA or APA styles are acceptable.

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‘I use letter grades, not numbers.
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More than one person can choose a topic as long as papers are distinct. Late submissions no excused by documentation will be penalized (at least a half-letter grade). No drafts, revisions, or re-submissions will be accepted.

Paper topics can be important personalities, movements, and events in the history of genocide. Paper topics should not be American-focused. PLEASE DO NOT choose from your own background or heritage, so you can learn about other groups to expand your intellectual horizons.
To assure uniformity, and my ability to read them if necessary, all scholarly sources have to be in English. You are encouraged to focus your topic, then research widely, using databases such as Google, H-Net, and the library.

Papers of about ten pages of text (an abstract will count, BUT cover sheet and list of references are EXTRA), single side, double space, regular margins, and in font size 12 Times New Roman, NO large FOOTERS/HEADERS, submitted two weeks before the interview, using APA style.


An abstract summarizes, usually in one paragraph of between 150–250 words, the major aspects of a research paper or dissertation in a prescribed sequence that includes: The overall purpose of the study. Information regarding the method and participants. Main findings or trends. Your interpretations and conclusion.

Political Science Abstracts. Human Rights and History research guides: http://guides.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/?b=s;

Seven sources MUST be articles from various law reviews or academic periodicals, of at least ten pages, or chapters from analytical books written by different authors, since 2000. To help find scholarly articles and annotated bibliographies, useful tutorials are: https://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/resources-for/students/tutorials.

ONE exception is permitted. Additional allowances must be explained to be excused. Unacceptable: Course materials, encyclopedias, dictionaries, movies, newspapers, magazines, textbooks, cases or casebooks, documentaries, and websites.

You have four options on paper format:

Regular term paper integrating seven scholarly source; or Annotated Bibliography: Besides a general narrative on the topic, on each book or article you will analyze its thesis, evidence, strengths and weaknesses; or [my favorite] Comparative Annotated Bibliography: Contrast various sources, referring to the background of authors and their conclusions. This may be the most demanding alternative, but also the most rewarding for you, as it is the best preparation for the interview; or Making/Refuting arguments for/against a thesis such “genocide X was inevitable” or “we can prevent the NEXT genocide in Y.”

The leading criteria in evaluating your performance will be 7 Cs: Coordinating topic with course materials and the professor; overall Competence; Communication skills; the Clarity of the paper; knowledge of topic Context; Contents of work; and the Consequences of the topic.
FINAL EXAM - Due no later than May 20 to me by email isneh@jjay.cuny.edu

An outline (Six paragraphs, two for each answer, regular space, regular margins, and in font size 12 Times New Roman) is mandatory. It is a part of your answers and 25% of grade for each answer. You CAN use the weekly response papers for the exam. Answer all three essays (33% each). Use class materials, citing names, dates, and reason your opinion. Write as clearly and analytically as possible. What will make the difference in your grade is the quality of analysis and original thinking. Your answer should show knowledge of the issues and the facts involved, and an ability to interpret that information. Make sure to write your name on your work.

If you only use supplementary readings and the textbook, there is no need for outside reference sheet. If you do use ANY outside sources, you need to cite them.

Write well-organized, fully supported essays, detailed narratives: Answer ALL questions (equal weight, 33% each, including an outline).

1. How is genocide defined? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Genocide Convention? When do massive killings qualify as genocide? Why do people initiate genocide?

2. Analyze the history of genocide in various parts of the world and in different periods. Choose a theme, an affected group, significant individual(s), and/or the aftermath of the genocide. Using assigned readings, highlight what you learned this semester.

3. A famous phrase says that those who do not know history are bound to repeat its multiple mistakes. Deducing from our class, do YOU think that this maxim is correct in conflicts that escalated into acts of genocide? Please provide examples from course.

COURSE POLICIES
Incomplete Grade Policy:
You cannot receive a grade without submitting a paper, conducting the related interview, and writing the final exam. No exceptions. If you stop showing up, you will get WU (withdrew unofficially). No exceptions. If you attended class sufficiently, but did not complete either or both requirements, you will get an incomplete. Unjustified delayed performance will cause a grade penalty. D- is another option. Non-completion of course assignments within the time prescribed by the Registrar will result in an automatic F. No exceptions.

Extra Work During the Semester
NONE BESIDES WHAT IS PRESCRIBED ABOVE.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) POLICIES
Qualified students with disabilities will be provided reasonable academic accommodations if determined eligible by the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS). Prior to granting disability accommodations in this course, the instructor must receive written verification of a student’s eligibility from the OAS:
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Online Etiquette and Anti-Harassment Policy

The University strictly prohibits the use of University online resources or facilities, including Blackboard, for the purpose of harassment of any individual or for the posting of any material that is scandalous, libelous, offensive or otherwise against the University’s policies. Online harassment can be any conduct involving the use of the internet that has the intent or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual or group's educational or work performance at the University or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational, work, or living environment. In some cases, online harassment may also be a violation of applicable criminal and/or civil laws. Online harassment on the basis of race, color, gender, disability, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or age includes harassment of an individual in terms of a stereotyped group characteristic, or because of that person's identification with a particular group. Statements constituting “hate speech” toward and individual or a group are a violation of this policy.

Generally, a statement posted on an internet site, such as Blackboard, general message board, internet blogs, and the like, is libelous if it false and injurious to the reputation of another. The intentional posting of libelous statements may also subject the responsible party to applicable civil penalties in a court of law.

The University is committed under this policy to stopping online harassment and associated retaliatory behavior. The University will promptly investigate any reported incidents suspected of violating the foregoing section. Anyone wishing to report any such incidents should first contact the Director of Student Services. A preliminary investigation into the matter will be conducted and the findings reported to the Dean for further investigation and action, if appropriate.

Any member of the CUNY online community who has experienced incidents of harassment is encouraged to report the complaint. This University considers violations of this online etiquette policy to be a serious offense. Anyone found to have used the University’s online services in violation of this policy is subject to punishment, including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion. As noted above, serious offenses may lead to criminal and/or civil liability.

A student handbook on Online Etiquette can be found at:
http://www.sps.cuny.edu/student_services/pdf/Netiquette.pdf

Academic Advisement (http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academic-advisement-center)

Services available to support students in need may be found here:
http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/student-resources

Students who identify as immigrants, including undocumented students, can get support, or get involved in issues relating to immigrant and undocumented issues through Immigrant Student
Success Center: https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/immigrant-student-center who helps students access legal aid and advice, among other supports

Veterans should connect with Military and Veteran Services: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/military-and-veteran-services

Emergency funds to support students who are facing food insecurity or housing insecurity/homelessness may be found in: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/emergency-funding

Wellness and mental health support are available from the Wellness Center, including counseling services and a nurse available at: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/student-resources

The Women’s Center for Gender Justice supports students with counseling and crisis intervention: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/womenscenter/genderjustice

Academic resources in the form of the Writing Center (http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/homepage.htm)

Math and Science Resource Center (http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/mathematicsscience-resource-center)

Modern Language Center (http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/modern-language-center)

**CUNY POLICY ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Academic Dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion, as provided herein.

**Plagiarism** is the act of presenting another person’s ideas, research or writings as your own. Using the ideas or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations require citations to the original source. Plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional. Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve a student of responsibility for plagiarism. It is the student’s responsibility to recognize the difference between statements that are common knowledge (which do not require documentation) and restatements of the ideas of others. Paraphrase, summary, and direct quotation are acceptable forms of restatement, as long as the source is cited. The following are some examples of plagiarism, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Copying another person’s actual words without the use of quotation marks and footnotes attributing the words to their source.
- Presenting another person’s ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source.
- Using information that is not common knowledge without acknowledging the source.
- Failing to acknowledge collaborators on homework and laboratory assignments.
Internet plagiarism includes submitting downloaded term papers or parts of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the internet without citing the source, and “cutting & pasting” from various sources without proper attribution.

**The penalty for plagiarism depends on its nature.** Students who are unsure they fully understand what academic integrity rules are should consult with the Alan Siegel Writing Center. Additionally, the Lloyd Sealy Library has free guides about academic standards (See *John Jay College of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Bulletin*, http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/654.php, Chapter IV Academic Standards)

The detection of intentional or unintentional plagiarism will cause the student to get: (a) first instance of plagiarism, an F first for the assignment; (b) second instance of plagiarism, an F in the course. In the event of each plagiarism case, the professor is required to submit an Academic Integrity Violation Form to the Office of the Provost.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**
You may ask me to support your application to internships, fellowships, graduate programs, law schools, and alike, only after you earned a grade of at least a B+ upon completing my course. I will likely ask for a resume, college transcripts, and explanation of your qualifications as a candidate for the purpose in mind. If I don’t feel that I know you well enough, or that the connection between your work in my course and the application is tenuous, I may have to refuse your request. To guarantee the confidentiality and the potency of my letter, you must waive your access to reading any document that I sign, and submit your request at least a week in advance of any deadlines. No exceptions.

**REQUIRED TEXTS [Available in the bookstore, but not in the library]**

(http://jjay.textbookx.com/institutional/index.php?action=browse#books/2654443/)


**Supplementary readings** [helpful for relevant response papers, final exam and research but not mandatory]:


References [Available in the library, but not in the bookstore]
CURRENT NEWSPAPERS
Students are expected to critically analyze in class genocide issues of the day in the context of historical developments. To support these discussions, each and every student is required to read regularly
The New York Times (www.nytimes.com-students can gain free access through https://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/nyt), or another substantive daily newspaper or digests, such as http://www.realclearworld.com,
The Washington Post (www.washingtonpost.com),
The Christian Science Monitor (www.csm.com),
or digests such as Slate (www.slate.com), www.truthout.org, www.commondreams.org,
www.opinionjournal.com, and www.NRAnews.com,
or weeklies such as Time (www.time.com), Newsweek (www.newsweek.msnbc.com), and U.S. News and World Report (www.usnews.com).


From Canada, the Globe and Mail (www.globeandmail.com); the Montreal Gazette (www.montrealgazette.com); the Toronto Star (www.thestar.com); and the Vancouver Sun (www.vancouversun.com); most are available via the NexisUni database in the library.

English sources from the non-Western world include:
From India: www.in.indiatimes.com;
From Pakistan: www.dawn.com;
From Egypt: http://weekly.ahram.org.eg;
From Russia: www.moscowtimes.ru; and
COURSE CALENDAR
Lecture-Discussion Topics and Readings Schedule of Classes:

Week 1
Week of January 29
Introductions, Origins and Definition of Genocide in International Law
Reflection paper due February 4 by email: isneh@jjay.cuny.edu
THINK ABOUT THE PAPER!
THINK ABOUT THE FINAL!

Week 2
Week of February 5
Psychological and Memory Perspectives on Genocide
Readings: Jones, chapters 10 and 14
Reflection paper due February 11 by email: isneh@jjay.cuny.edu
RESEARCH THE PAPER!
THINK ABOUT THE FINAL!

Week 3
Week of February 12
Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives on Genocide
Readings: Jones, chapter 11
Reflection paper due February 18 by email: isneh@jjay.cuny.edu
RESEARCH THE PAPER!
THINK ABOUT THE FINAL!

Week 4
Week of February 19
Political Science and International Relations Perspectives on Genocide
Readings: Jones, chapter 12
Reflection paper due February 25 by email: isneh@jjay.cuny.edu
RESEARCH THE PAPER!
THINK ABOUT THE FINAL!

Week 5 (paper topic sign up- please send in a separate message)
Week of February 26
Gender Perspectives on Genocide
Readings: Jones, chapter 13
Reflection paper due March 4 by email: isneh@jjay.cuny.edu
RESEARCH THE PAPER!
THINK ABOUT THE FINAL!
Week 6
Week of March 5
Genocides of Indigenous Peoples
Readings: Jones, chapter 3
Reflection paper due March 11 by email: isneh@jjay.cuny.edu
RESEARCH THE PAPER!
THINK ABOUT THE FINAL!

Week 7
Week of March 12
Ottoman-perpetrated genocides
Readings: Jones, chapter 4
Reflection paper due March 18 by email: isneh@jjay.cuny.edu
RESEARCH THE PAPER

Week 8
Week of March 19
Communist-perpetrated genocides
Readings: Jones, chapter 5
Reflection paper due by March 24 [given spring recess]
RESEARCH THE PAPER!
PREPARE FOR THE FINAL!
Research paper due by March 20: EMAIL isneh@jjay.cuny.edu

Week 9
Week of March 26 [including spring recess]
Jewish Holocaust
Readings: Jones, chapter 6
Reflection paper due by April 7 [given spring recess]
PREPARE FOR THE FINAL!

Week 10
Week of April 4 [including spring recess]
Victims of the Holocaust, Individual Responsibility, Nuremberg & Tokyo Trials
Reflection paper due by April 10
PREPARE FOR THE FINAL!

Week 11
Week of April 11
U.S. Foreign Policy
Readings: Power, pp. 61-86 & 155-170 & Jones, chapter 2
Reflection paper due by April 17
PREPARE FOR THE FINAL!
**Week 12**
Week of April 18
Cambodia
Readings: Power, pp. 87-154 & Jones, chapter 7
Reflection paper due by April 24
PREPARE FOR THE FINAL!

**Week 13**
Week of April 25
Former Yugoslavia
Reflection paper due by May 1
PREPARE FOR THE FINAL!

**Week 14**
Week of May 2
Middle East
Reflection paper due by May 8
PREPARE FOR THE FINAL!

**Week 15**
Week of May 9
AFRICA: Great Lakes and Darfur
LAST reflection paper due by May 15
PREPARE FOR THE FINAL!

FINAL EXAM Due no later than May 20 to me by email isneh@jjay.cuny.edu
The following is the revised curriculum for the Forensic Science program leading to the Masters of Science Degree.

**Program Name and Degree Awarded:** MS in Forensic Science

**HEGIS Code:** 1999.20

**NY State Program Code:** 02526

**Effective term:** Fall 2021

**Date of Program Curriculum Committee approval:** 04/05/2021

**Date of CGS approval:**

**Rationale for proposed changes (A): Addition of Case Analysis in Forensic Toxicology (FOS727) under highly recommended electives**

The current list of available electives for the Masters in Forensic Science does not have a course that provides students with relevant knowledge and practice in forensic toxicology interpretation and expert testimony in court in criminal and civil cases. The course “Case Analysis in Forensic Toxicology” uses simulated case data to practice reporting and testimony. Case discussions include the critical review of analytical data, e.g. root cause analysis for false positive drug test results and accuracy of alcohol testing, issues related to alcohol back-calculations, interpretation of hair analysis results, and how doses and route of administration influence drug effects. The course will be following a Problem-Based Learning (PBL) strategy. PBL is a student-centered learning approach based on the student’s autonomy on their goal-setting, collaboration, communication and critical thinking within real-world practices.

The course has been taught as an experimental class (FOS826) the spring of 2021. The class has been submitted to be approved as a permanent class under the number FOS727. This is a valuable elective and students will benefit from having the option to choose this class.

**Rationale for proposed changes (B): Addition of Crime Scene Investigation for Forensic Scientists (FOS738) under highly recommended electives**

The current list of available electives for the Masters in Forensic Science does not have a course that provides students with a class on Crime Scene Investigation. This course explores the techniques and procedures used by crime scene investigators in gathering probative forensic evidence. Often criminalists within lab settings receive evidence for analysis which does not provide context for how and where it was collected, nor the context under which it has been forwarded to the lab. The determination of contributing probative events which lead to a crime
scene must be approached in a logical and discriminatory manner to provide investigators, prosecutors, and jurors with a fair and accurate understanding of how a crime unfolds.

The course has been taught as an experimental class (FOS829) the spring of 2020 and the spring of 2021 and was approved as a permanent class under the number FOS738. This is a valuable elective and students will benefit from having the option to choose this class.
## Requirements for the Degree Program:
**underline the changes.**

### Degree Requirements:
Program requirements consist of 41-43 credit hours. Core courses provide the student with the knowledge and skills required of crime laboratory analysis. In addition, elective courses and research experience provide training in more specialized areas within forensic science.

All students are required to write a thesis. There are no alternatives.

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**Note:** The proposal should show the complete text of existing requirements and of proposed requirements. The State Education Department requires that all program changes include a complete listing of required courses.

**Does this change affect any other program?**

___x___ No    _____ Yes    If yes, what consultation has taken place?
Proposal from the Committee on Student Evaluation Of Faculty to Adopt a New Form for Student Evaluation of Faculty - Keith A. Markus (PSY)

**Resolution:** The College shall adopt the evaluation items proposed by the Student Evaluation of Faculty (SEOF) Committee for use in the student evaluation of faculty process, administered using the IOTA service or equivalent. The SEOF committee shall engage in ongoing assessment of the instrument and the process for use, and may periodically propose refinements to the College Council based on the assessment findings.

**Rationale:** The College is mandated to conduct student evaluation of faculty. The current student evaluation of faculty (SEOF) form was adopted over 20 years ago and a survey of key stakeholder groups indicated that it is no longer serving the needs of the College.

The SEOF Committee has been developing a replacement for several years, empirically testing various proposed changes, sharing the results in reports on the College Intranet, and eliciting feedback. The current pandemic-induced shift toward more online teaching has intensified the need for a replacement.

The proposed new form was designed from the start to be platform neutral in terms of delivery (online or paper) and applicable to all courses (online, hybrid, classroom, across departments and pedagogies). This design choice reflects a fundamental principle that fairness in personnel decisions requires that people in the same job category be evaluated the same way.

The revised form incorporates content derived from the stakeholder survey and refined based on both feedback and empirical testing. The proposed form focuses only on things that students are able to directly observe.

The proposed form involves clusters of items that form scales. Scale scores are more robust and informative than relying on individual item scores, and also make the scores more robust to differences across courses.

The proposed form uses a technique known as behavioral anchors to give the responses a clear meaning: The bottom third reflects inadequate teaching, the middle third, adequate, and the top third, exemplary. Research has shown that this method greatly improves the reliability of ratings.

The current form reduced the number of response options (from 7 to 5) which made the scores less sensitive and less reliable. The proposed form corrects this historical error by extending the scale to provide more informative and reliable scores.

The proposed form divides the current open-ended prompt into several topic-specific prompts. Research has shown that this elicits more comments and more useful comments. Past research indicates that students complete the form well within the allotted 20 minutes. The SEOF Committee is currently conducting a further study of completion time in response to feedback expressing concern about the length of the form.

**In summary,** the proposed form offers many empirically tested improvements over the current form.

**Current SEOF Committee Members:**
Keith A. Markus, Chair (Psychology Department)
Daniel Martins-Yaverbaum (Physics Department)
Christopher Herrmann (Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration Department)
Sung-suk Violet Yu (Criminal Justice Department)
Jayvon Thomas (Student Government)
Seema Ramdat (Student Government)
The Faculty Senate affirmed four purposes that the Student Evaluation of Faculty instrument should serve (SEOF, 2012; See FAQ for exact wording). The first involves clarifying expectations for faculty, the remaining three involve providing feedback to faculty and providing information for personnel decisions to departments and to personnel committees. The proposed revised instrument has been carefully developed to optimize its usefulness for these four tasks. A stakeholder survey of students, faculty and specifically personnel committee members revealed dissatisfaction with the current instrument and this instrument is designed to address the sources of that dissatisfaction.

Herein, we offer a significantly improved instrument for the John Jay College student evaluation of faculty. This work was begun in response to a request from the Faculty Senate and Provost in 2010. The revised instrument reflects the following steps in its development: (1) discussions with the Faculty Senate leadership, (2) a vote by the faculty senate to reconfirm four key functions of the instrument (with one revision), (3) a stakeholder survey, (4) a test blueprint designed to meet the four stipulated functions, (5) development of behavioral anchors to improve the instrument, (6) feedback from the Faculty Senate, (7) multiple data collection efforts designed to resolve issues raised in the feedback and solicit additional input from users, (8) revision of the proposed form reflecting the results of those studies. The proposed instrument was designed to be applicable in all types of courses, in keeping with the current Provost's request for review of the current instrument.

The new instrument includes the following innovations:

* Items are organized into sub-scales based on stakeholder needs.
* Items focus on content observable by students.
* Reliability and sensitivity are increased with a 9-point response scale.
* The response options use behavioral anchors providing greater reliability.
* All questions now include a non-applicable option.
* There are now multiple specific prompts for constructed response feedback.

In considering the new instrument, it is important to keep in mind that this instrument was specifically designed to serve the four purposes affirmed by the Faculty Senate based on research conducted by the SEOF committee. It will not and cannot meet the individual preferences of every user and the committee encourages individual faculty members to collect additional feedback in their courses in accordance with their needs. Likewise, the instrument is not intended to provide a primary source of outcomes evaluation data for departments. This instrument instead represents an effort to design an instrument that works for all courses and provides useful information to faculty, departments, and the College Personnel Committee in a way that is fair and standardized for all faculty members.

We have organized the remainder of this document as a set of Frequently Asked questions.

**Q:** Why are we revising the form?
**A:** Revisions were requested by the Provost and Faculty Senate.

The stakeholder survey shows that the current form is failing to meet the needs of many users (SEOF, 2012).

**Q:** What are the blueprint and specifications and how were they decided on?
**A:** The blueprint and specifications describe the design of the proposed instrument. They were based on the four functions of the instrument and the stakeholder survey (SEOF, 2011; 2012).

**Q:** What were the four purposes of the SEOF instrument affirmed by the Faculty Senate?
**A:**
1. To provide information to new and continuing faculty regarding the criteria by which their teaching is to be evaluated by their students,
2. To provide student feedback to the members of the faculty who teach them,
3. To provide information to departmental personnel committees and to the College Faculty Personnel Committee for use in the personnel decision processes of full-time faculty,
4. To provide information to department Chairs (and to department personnel committees) for use in making decisions about the reappointment of adjunct faculty. (SEOF, 2012)

**Q:** Why do the questions have 9 response options?
**A:** The current instrument reduced the number of responses from 7 to 5. The committee views this as having been a mistake and seeks to rectify that mistake here. Users often focus on responses to individual items and this will make them more sensitive and reliable when used in isolation from their scales. Scales with more points are more reliable, which is important because the College has no lower limit to the number of students for which it will report results. Also, the 9-point scale helps facilitate the behavioral anchors (c.f., SEOF 2013; 2014).

**Q:** Why does the instrument have scales?
**A:** This will make the instrument more robust to use in different types of courses. The applicability of one item can vary across courses more than a sum score across a domain of related items. The profile of sum scores for the scales will provide a more robust means of comparison that has been previously available.

**Q:** How were the scales chosen?
**A:** Based on the survey responses from stakeholders (SEOF, 2011; 2012).

**Q:** Why has the open ended response been divided into multiple questions?
**A:** Most students leave the current question blank. Research showed that more specific questions generated more responses and thus make the open ended responses more useful. (SEOF, 2017)

**Q:** Why are the anchors linked to clusters of three response options?
**A:** Research shows that behavioral anchors produce more consistency in responses. Nine anchors would have been too dense. Our research showed that this approach does not bias students toward particular responses and helped make the options clearer for students (SEOF, 2020).

**Q:** Will the new instrument take too long to complete?
**A:** No. Our data collection shows that student complete the form quickly. No additional time during class will be required.

**Q:** Does including fewer anchors than response options bias the response patterns?
**A:** Our study suggests that it does not but the braces also mitigate this concern (SEOF 2014; 2020).

**Q:** Why do individual items include an option for "Not applicable"?
**A:** This was suggested by research participants and makes it clearer to students how to respond when an item does not apply to a specific course. Also, it helps users interpret non-responses to individual items (SEOF, 2020).

**Q:** Why do none of the scales assess student learning?
**A:** The scales are designed to serve the four purposes described earlier by assessing things that students are able to directly observe. Departments that wish to assess student learning for outcomes assessment should adopt more appropriate methods specific to that task.

**Q:** Why do none of the items assess faculty availability during office hours?
**A:** Because office hours are not a contractual obligation for some faculty. This came up in the survey as a concern of students but was dropped from the instrument in response to feedback from the Faculty Senate.

**Q:** Why is there only one form for all courses?
**A:** Because the ratings are used in the personnel process. Best practices and professional standards for educational personnel evaluation recommend that all personnel in the same job title be evaluated against the same standards. If different faculty members were evaluated using different scales this could introduce inequities in the process and provide grounds to challenge negative personnel decisions.

**Q:** How will the questions be presented online?
**A:** The committee envisions the open ended question for each topic directly following the five rating scale questions for the same topic. This is easier online than on paper because pages are not restricted by paper sizes. There is also more flexibility online because the format in which questions are presented does not constrain the format in which they
are reported the way that it did for paper forms.

References


Instructions: Fill in the oval that most accurately represents your observations of the instructor. If you are unsure or if the question is not applicable, then leave the question blank.

For Questions 1-15: Rate each statement from 1 to 9, 1 being the least favorable and 9 being the most favorable rating. Next to some of the numbers in each rating scale you will see descriptions of teaching behaviors. These do not include all possible examples and will not all apply to every instructor.

Feel free to skip any question.

Please do not write your name anywhere on the form.

Direct Instructional Activities
1. The instructor presents course content in ways students can understand.
   1. Offers few or disorganized explanations
   2. Offers sufficient explanations
   3. Offers thorough explanations
   4. Not Applicable

2. The instructor provides opportunities for students to participate.
   1. Does not allow time for student participation
   2. Allows some time for student participation
   3. Encourages student participation
   4. Not Applicable

3. The instructor encourages students to think independently.
   1. Discourages student reasoning
   2. Allows student reasoning
   3. Encourages student reasoning
   4. Not Applicable

4. The instructor presents course content in interesting ways.
   1. Presents in a dull manner
   2. Presents in a plain manner
   3. Presents in a lively manner
   4. Not Applicable

5. The instructor uses course time effectively.
   1. Manages class time poorly
   2. Manages class time adequately
   3. Manages class time masterfully
   4. Not Applicable

Course Design and Course Mechanics
6. The instructor returns grades quickly enough for the feedback to be useful.
   1. Returns work unreliably
   2. Returns work eventually
   3. Returns work quickly
   4. Not Applicable

7. The instructor assigns grades in ways that students can understand.
   1. Unclear grade computations
   2. Understandable grade computations
   3. Clear grade computations
   4. Not Applicable

8. The instructor follows the policies listed in the syllabus.
   1. Ignores the policies
   2. Deviates slightly from the policies
   3. Follows the policies
   4. Not Applicable

9. The instructor assigns readings and other materials that help students understand the course content.
   1. Connects readings to class poorly
   2. Connects readings to class adequately
   3. Connects readings to class vividly
   4. Not Applicable
10. The instructor assigns homework and other assignments that help students to understand the course content.

1 } Connects homework to class poorly
2
3
4 } Connects homework to class adequately
5
6
7
8 } Connects homework to class vividly
9
N Not Applicable

Student Relations
11. The instructor encourages students to share their points of view.

1 } Discourages student expression
2
3
4 } Allows student expression
5
6
7
8 } Encourages student expression
9
N Not Applicable

12. The instructor answers student questions in helpful ways.

1 } Answers vaguely or not at all.
2
3
4 } Answers minimally without elaboration.
5
6
7
8 } Answers fully and informatively.
9
N Not Applicable

13. The instructor offers encouragement to students.

1 } Indifferent to student effort and success.
2
3
4 } Responsive to student effort and success.
5
6
7
8 } Committed to student effort and success.
9
N Not Applicable

14. The instructor demonstrates awareness of individual student concerns.

1 } Neither acknowledges nor addresses student concerns.
2
3
4 } Acknowledges but does not address student concerns.
5
6
7
8 } Acknowledges and addresses student concerns.
9
N Not Applicable

15. The instructor responds respectfully to students.

1 } Condescending or insulting toward students.
2
3
4
5 } Polite but distanced toward students.
6
7
8 } Personable and supportive toward students.
9
N Not Applicable

Student Satisfaction with Course
16: I am satisfied with how the course was organized.

1 Extremely Dissatisfied.
2
3 Dissatisfied.
4
5 Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied.
6
7 Satisfied.
8
9 Extremely Satisfied.

17: I am satisfied with the critical thinking skills that I developed in this course.

1 Extremely Dissatisfied.
2
3 Dissatisfied.
4
5 Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied.
6
7 Satisfied.
8
9 Extremely Satisfied.

18: I am satisfied that the course covered material I needed to learn.

1 Extremely Dissatisfied.
2
3 Dissatisfied.
4
5 Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied.
6
7 Satisfied.
8
9 Extremely Satisfied.

19: I am satisfied with how the instructor taught the course.

1 Extremely Dissatisfied.
2
3 Dissatisfied.
4
5 Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied.
6
7 Satisfied.
8
9 Extremely Satisfied.

20: I am satisfied with the degree to which the course challenged me.

1 Extremely Dissatisfied.
2
3 Dissatisfied.
4
5 Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied.
6
7 Satisfied.
8
9 Extremely Satisfied.
**Overall Evaluation**

21: Overall, the instructor is an effective instructor.
1. Completely Disagree.
2. Disagree.
3. Neither Agree nor Disagree.
4. Agree.
5. Completely Agree.

22: I would take another class taught by this instructor.
1. Completely Disagree.
2. Disagree.
3. Neither Agree nor Disagree.
4. Agree.
5. Completely Agree.

23: I would recommend this instructor to other students.
1. Completely Disagree.
2. Disagree.
3. Neither Agree nor Disagree.
4. Agree.
5. Completely Agree.

**Demographics**

A: What is your class standing?
(a) Freshman.
(b) Sophomore.
(c) Junior.
(d) Senior.
(e) Graduate.
(f) Other.

B: What is your overall Grade Point Average (GPA)?
(a) Below 2.0.
(b) 2.0-2.49.
(c) 2.5-2.99.
(d) 3.0-3.49.
(e) Above 3.50.

C: Which is closest to your expected grade in this course?
(a) A.
(b) B.
(c) C.
(d) D.
(e) F.
(f) P. (Pass)
(g) R. (Repeat)
(h) INC. (Incomplete)

D: How many credits are you taking this semester?
(a) 0-6.
(b) 7-11.
(c) 12-14.
(d) 15-17.
(e) 18 or more.

E: What is your primary reason for taking this course?
(a) Prerequisite.
(b) Elective.
(c) Required for major.
(d) Fits schedule.
(e) Other.

F: How many hours per week do you work (i.e., paid employment)?
(a) None.
(b) 1 to 10.
(c) 11 to 20.
(d) 21 to 30.
(e) 31 to 40.
(f) 41 or above.
**Written Responses**

*Direct Instructional Activities:* Please use the space below to provide specific comments about how the instructor performed as a teacher. These comments could include clarifications of your responses to the other items in this section, specific examples of instructor activities, or additional observations of the instructor’s teaching not reflected in the other items in this section.

**Course Design and Course Mechanics:** Please use the space below to provide specific comments about how the instructor organized and administered the course. These comments could include clarifications of your responses to the other items in this section, specific examples of instructor activities, or additional observations of course organization not reflected in the other items in this section.

**Student Relations:** Please use the space below to provide specific comments about how the instructor interacted with students. These comments could include clarifications of your responses to the other items in this section, specific examples of instructor activities, or additional observations of instructor-student interactions not reflected in the other items in this section.

**Student Satisfaction with Course:** Please use the space below to provide specific comments about your general level of satisfaction with the opportunities provided by the instructor. These comments could include clarifications of your responses to the other items in this section, specific examples of instructor activities, or additional observations about your level of satisfaction not reflected in the other items in this section.

**Overall Evaluation:** Please use the space below to provide any additional comments about the instructor of this course. These comments could include clarifications of your responses to the other items in this section, specific examples of instructor activities, or any additional general observations about the instructor.
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College Council Committees

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**College Council Membership**

The College Council shall be the primary governing body of John Jay College of Criminal Justice. It shall have authority to establish College policy on all matters except those specifically reserved by the Education Law or by the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York to the President or to other officials of John Jay College or of The City University of New York, or to the CUNY Board of Trustees. The College Council shall consist of the following members:

### Administration
1. President (Chairperson) Karol Mason
2. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Yi Li
3. Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Mark Flower
4. Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Brian Kerr
5. Dean of Graduate Studies Elsa-Sofia Morote
6. Associate Provost for Undergraduate Retention and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Dara Byrne

- Two (2) alternate members for administration who may vote, make motions and be counted as part of the College Council’s quorum only during the absence of a permanent representative for administration:

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Faculty allotted according to any method duly adopted by the Faculty Senate:

30. English: Karen Kaplowitz
31. History: Hyunhee Park
32. Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration: Warren (Ned) Benton
33. Public Management: Maria (Maki) Haberfeld
34. Sciences: Lissette Delgado-Cruzata
35. Sciences: Francis Sheehan
36. SEEK: Schevaletta (Chevy) Alford

Eight (8) faculty alternates who may vote, make motions and be counted as part of the College Council’s quorum only during the absence of a permanent faculty representative:

| 1. Andrea Balis | 5. Joel Freiser |
| 2. Chelsea Binns | 6. Heath Grant |
| 3. Marta Concheiro-Guisan | 7. Anru Lee |

Higher Education Officers elected by the Higher Education Officers Council:

37. Brian Cortijo (ex officio)
38. Catherine Alves
39. Rulisa Galloway-Perry
40. Janet Winter

Two (2) Higher Education Officer alternates who may vote, make motions and be counted as part of the College Council’s quorum only during the absence of a permanent higher education officer representative:

| 1. Neil Caesar | 2. Alisa Thomas |

Students

41. President of the Student Council: Amber Rivero
42. Vice President of the Student Council: Andrew Berezhansky
43. Treasurer of the Student Council: Franklyn Bernabe
44. Secretary of the Student Council: Aileen Luna
45. Elected At-Large Representative: Fatumata Tunkara
46. Elected graduate student representative: Sharon Solomon
47. Elected senior class representative: Julio Chavez
48. Elected junior class representative: Katelynn Seodarsan
49. Elected sophomore class representative: Tzvia Waronker
50. Freshman representative designated according to a method duly adopted by the Student Council: Aiisha Qudusi

Four (4) alternate student representatives who may vote, make motions and be counted as part of the College Council's quorum only during the absence of a permanent student representative:
The faculty, higher education officers and student representatives shall be elected by the College Council from among its members in September of each year. From June 1 until such time as the College Council holds this election, there shall be an Interim Executive Committee, which shall consist of the following members:

- President (Chairperson) Karol Mason
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Yi Li
- Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Mark Flower
- Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Brian Kerr
- President of the Faculty Senate Warren (Ned) Benton
- Vice-President of the Faculty Senate Karen Kaplowitz
- Two (2) other members of the Faculty Senate
  1. Andrea Balis
  2. Francis Sheehan
- President of the Higher Education Officers Council Brian Cortijo
- Vice-President of the Higher Education Officers Council Hera Javaid
- President of the Student Council Amber Rivero
- Vice-President of the Student Council Andrew Berezhansky

The faculty, higher education officer and student members of the Interim Executive Committee shall nominate College Council members of their respective constituencies as candidates for election to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

- President (Chairperson) Karol Mason
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Yi Li

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**College Council Interim Executive Committee**

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  1. Andrea Balis
  2. Francis Sheehan
- President of the Higher Education Officers Council Brian Cortijo
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- President of the Student Council Amber Rivero
- Vice-President of the Student Council Andrew Berezhansky

The faculty, higher education officer and student members of the Interim Executive Committee shall nominate College Council members of their respective constituencies as candidates for election to the Executive Committee.

**Executive Committee of the College Council**

There shall be an Executive Committee which shall be the College Council’s Agenda Committee. It shall have the power to call the College Council into extraordinary session, and shall have only such powers, functions, and duties as the College Council may delegate to it to exercise during periods when the College Council is not in session. The faculty, higher education officers and student representatives shall be elected by the College Council from among its members in September of each year. The faculty, higher education officer and student members of the Interim Executive Committee shall nominate College Council members of their respective constituencies as candidates for election to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

- President (Chairperson) Karol Mason
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Yi Li

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Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee

There shall be a Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards which shall consider all matters relating to the undergraduate curriculum of the College and make recommendations to the College Council on such matters as: proposed programs; additions, deletions and modifications of courses and existing programs; distribution; core requirements; basic skills; academic standards; and, policies pertaining to student recruitment and admissions.

The Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards shall consist of the following members:

- Associate Provost for Undergraduate Retention and Dean of Undergraduate Studies (Chairperson)  
  Dara Byrne
- Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs  
  Brian Kerr
- Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies  
  Katherine Killoran
- Registrar  
  Daniel Matos
- The chairperson of each of the academic departments, or a full-time member of the faculty, as defined in Article I, Section 3.a.i of the Charter of Governance, who has served in that capacity at the College for at least one (1) year, to be elected from among the members of that department to serve for two (2) academic years
  1. Africana Studies  
     Crystal Endsley
  2. Anthropology  
     Edward Snajdr
  3. Art and Music  
     Erin Thompson
  4. Communication & Theater Arts  
     Lorraine Moller
  5. Counseling and Human Services  
     Vacant
  6. Criminal Justice  
     Valerie West
  7. Economics  
     Zhun Xu
  8. English  
     Bettina Carbonell
9. History Ray Patton
10. Interdisciplinary Studies Program (ISP) Nina Rose Fischer
11. Library Maria Kiriakova
12. Latin American & Latinx Studies Suzanne Oboler
13. Law, Police Science & CJA Beverly Frazier
14. Mathematics & Computer Science Michael Puls
15. Modern languages & Literatures Vicente Lecuna
16. Philosophy Sergio Gallegos
17. Political Science Ke Li
18. Psychology Kelly McWilliams
19. Public Management Judy-Lynne Peters
20. Sciences Angelique Corthals
22. SEEK Virginia Diaz-Mendoza
23. Sociology

- Three (3) students, each of whom have reached or exceeded Sophomore Standing, earned a minimum of 15 credits in residence at John Jay, and have a John Jay College cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.
  1. Katelynn Seodarsan
  2. Tayvon Pierce
  3. Ciomara Dominguez

**Committee on Student Interests**

There shall be a Committee on Student Interests which shall be concerned with matters of student life including but not limited to student organizations, student housing, extracurricular activities, and student concerns at the College. The Committee on Student Interests shall consist of the following members:

- **Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students (Chairperson)** Michael Sachs
- **Director of Athletics** Mark Francis
- **Senior Director for Student Affairs** Danielle Officer
- **Two (2) members of the faculty**
  1. Ellen Belcher
  2. Nicole Elias
- **Six (6) students**
  1. Jan Luis Mendez Garcia
  2. Julia Jacobellis
  3. Esther Sompolinsky
  4. Michaela D’Argenio
  5. Kayla Noll
  6. Devon Brooks
Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee

As set forth in Article XV of the Bylaws of the CUNY Board of Trustees, there shall be a Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee which shall have primary jurisdiction in all matters of student discipline not handled administratively. The committee shall abide by the procedures required by Article XV of the Bylaws of the CUNY Board of Trustees. A Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee shall consist of two (2) members of the faculty, or one (1) faculty member and one (1) member of the Higher Education Officer series (HEO), two (2) students and a chairperson who shall be a faculty member. As set forth in Article XV of the Bylaws of the CUNY Board of Trustees, the rotating panels shall be appointed as follows:

- The President shall select, in consultation with the Executive Committee, three (3) full-time members of the faculty, as defined in Article I, Section 3.a.i of the Charter, to receive training and to serve in rotation as chair of the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee.
  1. Robert McCrie
  2. David Shapiro
  3. Peggilee Wupperman

- Two (2) full-time members of the faculty, as defined in the Charter of Governance, shall be selected by lot from a panel of six (6) members of the full-time faculty elected annually by the Faculty Senate.
  1. Claudia Calirman
  2. Jamie Longazel
  3. Aida Martinez-Gomez
  4. Maureen Richards
  5. Martin Wallenstein
  6. Thurai Kugan

- The HEO members shall be selected by lot from a panel of six (6) HEOs appointed biennially by the President, upon recommendation by the HEO Council.
  1. Michael Scaduto
  2. Electra (Nikki) Gupton
  3. Justin Barden
  4. Yolanda Casillas
  5. Jarrett Foster
  6. Vacant

- The student members shall be selected by lot from a panel of six (6) students elected annually in an election in which all students registered at the College shall be eligible to vote.
  1. Sharon Solomon
  2. Rhojay Brown
  3. Luis Sanchez
  4. Avijit Roy
  5. Hashaam Shahzad
  6. Vacant

In the event that the student panel or faculty panel or both are not elected, or if more panel members are needed, the President shall have the duty to select the panel or panels which have not been elected. No individuals on the panel shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive years.
Notwithstanding the above, in cases of sexual assault, stalking and other forms of sexual violence, the President shall designate from the panels one (1) chairperson, two (2) faculty/HEO members, and two (2) students, who shall be specially trained on an annual basis, and who shall constitute the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee in all such cases.

**Committee on Faculty Personnel**

There shall be a Committee on Faculty Personnel which shall review from the departments and other appropriate units of the College all recommendations for appointments to the instructional staff in the following ranks: Distinguished Professor, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, Distinguished Lecturer, Lecturer, Chief College Laboratory Technician, Senior College Laboratory Technician, and College Laboratory Technician, and make recommendations to the President. It shall also receive recommendations for promotions and reappointments with or without tenure, together with compensation, in the aforementioned ranks of the instructional staff and shall recommend to the President actions on these matters. It may also recommend to the President special salary increments. The President shall consider such recommendations in making his or her recommendations on such matters to the CUNY Board of Trustees.

Policy recommendations of the committee shall be made to the College Council for action. Recommendations with respect to appointments, promotions, and other matters specified in the paragraph above, shall be reported to the President and shall not be considered by the College Council except at the discretion of the President. The Committee shall receive and consider petitions and appeals from appropriate members of the instructional staff with respect to matters of status and compensation, and shall present its recommendations to the President. Further appeals shall follow CUNY procedures. The Committee on Faculty Personnel shall consist of the following members:

- President (Chairperson): Karol Mason
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs: Yi Li
- Dean of Graduate Studies: Elsa-Sofia Morote
- Associate Provost for Undergraduate Retention and Dean of Undergraduate Studies: Dara Byrne
- Associate Provost and Dean of Research: Anthony Carpi
- Chairperson of each academic department:
  1. Africana Studies: Teresa Booker
  2. Anthropology: Alisse Waterston
  3. Art and Music: Benjamin Bierman
  4. Communication and Theater Arts: Seth Baumrin
  5. Counseling and Human Services: Katherine Stavrianopoulos
  6. Criminal Justice: Brian Lawton
  7. Economics: Geert Dhondt
  8. English: Jay Gates
  9. History: David Munns
  10. Interdisciplinary Studies: Katie Gentile
  11. Latin American and Latinx Studies: Jose Luis Morin
  12. Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration: Peter Moskos
13. Library
   Jeffrey Kroessler
14. Mathematics and Computer Science
   Douglas Salane
15. Modern Languages and Literatures
   Vicente LeCuna
16. Philosophy
   Jonathan Jacobs
17. Political Science
   Andrew Sidman
18. Psychology
   Daryl Wout
19. Public Management
   Warren Eller
20. Sciences
   Shu-Yuan Cheng
   Charles Nemeth
22. SEEK
   Monica Son
23. Sociology
   Robert Garot

- Three (3) at-large full-time members of the full-time faculty from amongst those who hold the rank of tenured associate and/or tenured full professor, as defined in Article I, Section 3.a.i of the Charter of Governance.
  1. Schevaletta (Chevy) Alford, Associate Professor, SEEK
  2. Marta Bladek, Associate Professor, Library
  3. Paul Narkunas, Associate Professor, English

- Three (3) members of the faculty who receive the next highest number of votes in a general faculty election will be alternate faculty representatives on the committee. An alternate may vote, make motions and be counted as part of the quorum only when a chairperson and/or an at-large faculty representative is absent.
  1. Warren (Ned) Benton, Professor, Public Management
  2. Gail Garfield, Professor, Sociology
  3. Maria (Maki) Haberfeld, Professor, Law & Police Science

- The Student Council may designate up to two (2) students, with at least 30 credits earned at the College, to serve as liaisons to the Review Subcommittees of the Committee on Faculty Personnel. The student liaisons shall be subject to College Council ratification. The role of the student liaisons shall be to review student evaluations of faculty members being considered by the subcommittees for reappointment, promotion and tenure and to summarize the content of those evaluations at a time designated by the Review Subcommittee. Student liaisons are not members of the Committee on Faculty Personnel.
  1. Jeffrey Culbertson
  2. Arisha Athar

**Budget and Planning Committee**

There shall be a Budget and Planning Committee which shall be responsible for reviewing budget information, making recommendations on the financial and budgetary matters of the College, and providing guidance on comprehensive and strategic planning for the College. The President, or his designee, shall make quarterly financial reports to the Budget and Planning Committee. The Budget and Planning Committee shall consist of the following members:

- President (Chairperson)
  Karol Mason
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
  Yi Li
- Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
  Mark Flower
• Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs  
  Brian Kerr
• Interim Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness  
  Allison Pease
• Assistant Vice President for Administration  
  Oswald Fraser
• Dean of Graduate Studies  
  Elsa-Sofia Morote
• Associate Provost for Undergraduate Retention and Dean of Undergraduate Studies  
  Dara Byrne
• Associate Provost and Dean of Research  
  Anthony Carpi
  Vacant
• Assistant Vice President for Finance  
  Robin Merle
• President of the Faculty Senate  
  Warren (Ned) Benton
• Vice President of the Faculty Senate  
  Karen Kaplowitz
• Two (2) members chosen by the faculty senate  
  1. Maki Haberfeld
  2. Erica King-Toler
• Chairperson of each academic department
  1. Africana Studies  
  Teresa Booker
  2. Anthropology  
  Alisse Waterston
  3. Art and Music  
  Benjamin Bierman
  4. Communication and Theater Arts  
  Seth Baumrin
  5. Counseling and Human Services  
  Katherine Stavrianopoulos
  6. Criminal Justice  
  Brian Lawton
  7. Economics  
  Geert Dhondt
  8. English  
  Jay Gates
  9. History  
  David Munns
  10. Interdisciplinary Studies  
  Katie Gentile
  11. Latin American and Latinx Studies  
  Jose Luis Morin
  12. Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration  
  Peter Moskos
  13. Library  
  Jeffrey Kroessler
  14. Mathematics and Computer Science  
  Douglas Salane
  15. Modern Languages and Literatures  
  Vicente Lecuna
  16. Philosophy  
  Jonathan Jacobs
  17. Political Science  
  Andrew Sidman
  18. Psychology  
  Daryl Wout
  19. Public Management  
  Warren Eller
  20. Sciences  
  Shu-Yuan Cheng
  Charles Nemeth
  22. SEEK  
  Monica Son
  23. Sociology  
  Robert Garot
• President of the Higher Education Officers Council  
  Brian Cortijo
• Two (2) higher education officer representatives  
  1. Catherine Alves
  2. Eli Cohen
• President of the Student Council or designee  
  Amber Rivero
• Treasurer of the Student Council or designee  
  Franklyn Bernabe
• Additional student representative  
  Tayvnon Pierce
• Additional student representative  
  Gregory Kirsopp
• Two members of the non-instructional staff, as defined in Article XIV, Section 14.1 of the Bylaws of the CUNY Board of Trustees.
1. Anthony Chambers
2. Vacant

**Financial Planning Subcommittee**

There shall be a Financial Planning Subcommittee of the Budget and Planning Committee which shall meet on a periodic basis in the development of the College’s Annual Financial Plan. The Financial Planning Subcommittee of the Budget and Planning Committee shall consist of the following members:

- Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (Chairperson) Mark Flower
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Yi Li
- President of the Faculty Senate Warren (Ned) Benton
- Vice President of the Faculty Senate Karen Kaplowitz
- One (1) representative chosen by the Faculty Senate Erica King-Toler
- Chair of the Council of Chairs Jay Gates
- Vice Chair of the Council of Chairs Andrew Sidman
- One (1) representative chosen by the Council of Chairs Vacant
- Chair of the Higher Education Officers Council Brian Cortijo
- Student representative Saif Alam
- Student representative Franklyn Bernabe

The Assistant Vice President for Finance (vacant) and the Provost’s Assistant Dean for Academic Operations and Financial Affairs, Kinya Chandler shall staff the subcommittee.

**Strategic Planning Subcommittee**

There shall be a Strategic Planning Subcommittee of the Budget and Planning Committee which shall provide guidance to the President on comprehensive and strategic planning including development of major planning documents and accreditation studies, related process and outcome assessment and space planning. The Strategic Planning Subcommittee of the Budget and Planning Committee shall consist of the following members:

- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (Chairperson) Yi Li
- Interim Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Allison Pease
- Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Mark Flower
- President of the Faculty Senate Warren (Ned) Benton
- Vice President of the Faculty Senate Karen Kaplowitz
- Two (2) representatives chosen by the Faculty Senate
  1. Heath Grant
  2. Marie Springer
- Chair of the Council of Chairs Jay Gates
- Two (2) representatives chosen by the Council of Chairs
  1. Warren Eller
  2. Monica Son
President of the Higher Education Officers Council  
Brian Cortijo

Two (2) student representatives
1. Amber Rivero
2. Poonam Latchman

The Director of Institutional Research, Ricardo M. Anzaldua and the Director of Outcomes Assessment, Dyanna Pooley shall staff the subcommittee.

Committee on Graduate Studies

There shall be a Committee on Graduate Studies which shall be responsible for establishing general policy for the graduate programs, subject to review by the College Council. It shall have primary responsibility for admission, curriculum, degree requirements, course and standing matters, periodic evaluation of the graduate programs and for other areas of immediate and long-range importance to the quality and growth of graduate study. The committee shall also be responsible for advising on all matters relating to graduate student honors, prizes, scholarships and awards. The Committee on Graduate Studies shall review and approve program bylaws for each graduate program. Program bylaws may provide for co-directors after assessing factors such as program size and the interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum. The Committee on Graduate Studies shall consist of the following members:

- Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs  
  Brian Kerr
- Dean of Graduate Studies (Chairperson)  
  Elsa-Sofia Morote
- Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students  
  Michael Sachs
- Chief Librarian  
  Jeffrey Kroessler
- Graduate Program Directors
  1. Criminal Justice  
     Heath Grant
  2. Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity  
     Doug Salane
  3. Economics  
     Ian Seda
  4. Emergency Management  
     Charles Jennings
  5. Forensic Mental Health Counseling  
     Chitra Raghavan
  6. Forensic Psychology  
     Diana Falkenbach
  7. Forensic Psychology BA/MA Program  
     Charles Stone
  8. Forensic Science  
     Mechthild Prinz
  9. Human Rights  
     Charlotte Walker-Said
  10. International Crime and Justice  
     Gohar Petrossian
  11. Protection Management  
     Robert McCrie
  12. MPA: Public Policy and Administration  
     Yi Lu
  13. MPA: Inspection and Oversight  
     Dan Feldman
     Charles Nemeth
- Two (2) graduate students
  1. Cassandra Rodriguez
  2. Ruby Orth
Committee on Student Evaluation of the Faculty

There shall be a Committee on Student Evaluation of the Faculty which shall be responsible for a continuous review of faculty evaluation procedures; review of the design of the survey instrument; recommendations for the terms under which the instrument will be used; and for the development of guidelines which shall be submitted to the College Council for review. The Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs shall designate staff for the committee. The Committee on Student Evaluation of the Faculty shall consist of the following members:

- Four (4) full-time members of the faculty
  1. Keith Markus
  2. Cristopher Herrmann
  3. Daniel Yaverbaum
  4. Violet Yu
- Two (2) students
  1. Jayvnon Thomas
  2. Seema Ramdat

The committee shall elect a chairperson from among its faculty members. Members shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

Provost Advisory Council

There shall be a Provost Advisory Council which shall provide a formal means for the Provost to consult with faculty leadership on matters of joint concern such as budget, faculty recruitment and development, and personnel policies and practices. The Provost Advisory Council shall consist of the following members:

- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (Chairperson) Yi Li
- Assistant Dean of Academic Operations and Financial Affairs, Office of the Provost Kinya Chandler
- President of the Faculty Senate Warren (Ned) Benton
- Vice President of the Faculty Senate Karen Kaplowitz
- Chairperson of each academic department
  1. Africana Studies Teresa Booker
  2. Anthropology Alisse Waterston
  3. Art and Music Benjamin Biernan
  4. Communication and Theater Arts Seth Baumrin
  5. Counseling and Human Services Katherine Stavrianopoulos
  6. Criminal Justice Brian Lawton
  7. Economics Geert Dhondt
  8. English Jay Gates
  9. History David Munns
  10. Interdisciplinary Studies Katie Gentile
  11. Latin American and Latinx Studies Jose Luis Morin
  12. Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration Peter Moskos
  13. Library Jeffrey Kroessler
There shall be a Council of Undergraduate Program Coordinators which shall provide a formal means to represent the concerns of those responsible for undergraduate majors and shall provide a formal means for reviewing matters of concern such as program review and revision, staffing, curriculum development and the scheduling of courses. The Council of Undergraduate Program Coordinators shall consist of the following members:

- Associate Provost for Undergraduate Retention and Dean of Undergraduate Studies (Chairperson)  
  - Dara Byrne

- Coordinators of Undergraduate Majors
  - Anthropology  
    - Ed Snajdr
  - Applied Mathematics: Data Science & Cryptography  
    - Samuel Graff
  - Cell & Molecular Biology  
    - Jason Rauceo
  - Computer Science and Information Security  
    - Kumar Ramansenthil
  - Criminal Justice (B.A.)  
    - Evan Mandery
  - Criminal Justice (B.S.)  
    - Eugene O'Donnell
  - Criminal Justice Management  
    - Henry Smart
  - Criminology (B.A.)  
    - Andrew Karmen
  - Culture and Deviance Studies  
    - Shonna Trinch
  - Dispute Resolution  
    - Maria Volpe
  - Economics  
    - Geert Dhondt
  - English  
    - Olivera Jokic
  - Emergency Services Administration  
    - Robert Till
  - Fire Science  
    - Robert Till
  - Forensic Psychology (B.A.)  
    - Silvia Mazzula*
    - Angela Crossman*
  - Forensic Science (B.S.)  
    - Jennifer Rosati
  - Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics  
    - David Shapiro
  - Gender Studies  
    - Crystal Jackson
  - Global History (B.A.)  
    - Anissa Helie
  - Humanities and Justice  
    - Allison Kavey
  - Human Services and Community Justice  
    - Nancy Velazquez-Torres
  - International Criminal Justice  
    - Rosemary Barberet
  - Latin American and Latinx Studies  
    - Brian Montes
  - Law and Society  
    - Ke Li* and Jamie Longazel*
  - Legal Studies  
    - Andrew Sidman
  - Library  
    - Karen Okamoto
Committee on Honors, Prizes and Awards

There shall be a Committee on Honors, Prizes and Awards which shall make recommendations to the College Council for undergraduate student recipients. The Committee on Honors, Prizes and Awards shall consist of the following members:

- Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (Chairperson)  
  Brian Kerr
- Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students  
  Michael Sachs
- Senior Director for Student Affairs  
  Danielle Officer
- Three (3) full-time members of the faculty
  1. Kate Cauley
  2. Anru Lee
  3. Hung-Lung Wei
- Three (3) students, each of whom have reached or exceeded Sophomore Standing, earned a minimum of 15 credits in residence at John Jay, and have a John Jay College cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Student representatives shall not be seniors.
  1. Talia Salamatbad
  2. Fernanda Lujan
  3. Marco Alba

College-Wide Grade Appeals Committee

The college-wide grade appeals committee shall comprise five (5) tenured members of the faculty, who shall be nominated by the Faculty Senate and elected by the College Council. No more than one faculty member from any department may concurrently serve on the committee. The committee shall elect a chair from its own membership.

1. Chevy Alford
2. Matthew Perry
3. Gloria Proni
4. Toy-Fung Tung
5. **Vacant**
College-Wide Assessment Committee

There shall be a campus-wide committee to coordinate assessment efforts for both student learning and institutional effectiveness, broadly understood. The purpose of assessment is continuous improvement of teaching, student learning, institutional effectiveness, and service to internal and external constituencies. The Committee comprises of seven faculty members and three Higher Education Officers. The Director of Assessment is an ex officio member without vote. The Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness is the committee chair.

- Director of Assessment (ex officio)  Dyanna Pooley
- Interim Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness (ex officio)  Allison Pease
- Seven (7) Full-time Faculty Members
  1. Mechthild Prinz
  2. Kim Liao
  3. Peter Mameli
  4. Tim McCormack
  5. Karen Okamoto
  6. David Shapiro
  7. Sandra Swenson
- Three (3) Higher Education Officers
  1. Demy Spadideas
  2. Gulen Zubizarreta
  3. Jonathan Salamak

Special Committee of the College Council

Committee on Faculty Elections

There shall be a Committee on Faculty Elections which shall conduct faculty elections. The committee shall be comprised of five (5) full-time members of the faculty, as defined in Article I, Section 3.a.i of the Charter. The Committee on Faculty Elections shall consist of the following members:

1. Maria Kiriakova
2. Matluba Khodjaeva
3. Hyunhee Park
4. Maureen Richards
5. Vacant