

WAC PLAN FOR JUSTICE STUDIES

1. Writing in Justice Studies

The field of Justice Studies requires several different **kinds of writing**: research papers, analytical papers, argument or position papers, investigative reports, administrative reports, policy memos, case briefs, legal briefs, and case plans/case notes. Potential **audiences** include peers, supervisors, readers of professional and academic publications, the general public, and members of the court system, such as defense attorneys, prosecutors, and judges. Appropriate **evidence** may be quantitative, qualitative, historical and legal evidence; interviews, observation, survey, narrative analysis, experiments; analysis of demographics, statistics, legalities, geography and history; theory-based evidence or history of theory and criminal justice policy; and use of both primary and secondary sources.

As in all disciplines, well-written research papers focus clearly and consistently on a specific idea; develop that idea thoroughly, accurately, and in detail; are easy to follow; contain few/no errors in grammar or mechanics; and gracefully incorporate and accurately cites sources that are appropriate, relevant, and persuasive.

Beyond these general characteristics of good writing, in Justice Studies the following qualities are especially valued: conciseness, clarity, objectivity, accuracy, and thorough presentation of facts.

The preferred style is APA (American Psychological Association).

II. Required writing classes:

JUS 2410 Introduction to Criminal Justice. 1 5 page paper, worth 20 % percent of the grade (See, Bowman, Champion)

JUS 3090 Criminology. 8 to 12 page paper worth 25 % of the grade. (See)

JUS 3900 Victimology. 5 to 7 page paper worth 20% of the grade. (See, Brown)

JUS 3320 Methods. 10-12 page paper 25 % of the grade (Brown, Bowman)

JUS 4200 Ethics. Weekly one page journal and 8 page paper. Paper counts for 25% of the grade. (Champion)

JUS4550 Terrorism. Total of 10 weekly papers, all 3 to 5 pages in length. This equals 60 % of the grade. Final paper is 12 to 15 pages, and is worth 25% of the grade. (See)

JUS 4500. Senior Seminar. 20 to 25 page paper, worth 75% of the grade. (See, Brown, Champion, Bowman)

JUS 4700 Internship. 12 to 15 page paper worth 20% of the grade. (See, Brown, Champion, Bowman)

III. Rubrics Forthcoming