San José State University
Department of Psychology
PSYC 191, Psychology of Prejudice, Section 05, Spring 2012

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Office Hours: MW 11:45am -1:00 pm and by appointment
Class Days/Time: MW 10:30am -11:45 pm
Classroom: DMH 356

Prerequisites: 1. Completion of Core GE
2. Satisfaction of the Writing Skills Test (WST)
3. Upper division standing (60 units)
4. Completion of, or co-registration in, 100W
5. Completion of course in Introductory Psychology

GE/SJSU Studies Category: AREA S: Self, Society & Equality in the U.S.

Course Description
Provides an examination of psychological theory and research related to prejudice and discrimination from the perspectives of both the holders and targets of prejudice

Class sessions will include lectures, presentations by students in the class, in-class writing, discussions, and films. Activities that focus on prejudice and diversity will be an important part of classroom events. The class will engage in small group and individual experiential exercises designed to facilitate intrapersonal and interpersonal awareness of issues related to prejudice, discrimination, racial/ethnic identity, etc.

Many class sessions will involve group discussions – either in small groups or in the whole class group. Therefore it is imperative that students read before each class and come prepared to actively participate in class discussions. The success of this class is directly dependent on participation by students.

NOTE: Many topics in this course may evoke strong emotions. Within the framework of individual expression, students are expected to show respect for others and their viewpoints, even when those views are opposed to those of the student.
Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives

Psychology of Prejudice will focus on the psychology of prejudice/inequality/discrimination. While there are many aspects to prejudice (i.e. very broad-ranging social and political consequences for individuals and groups), the purpose of this course is to explore the psychology of prejudice and discrimination in the US, the psychological factors involved, and the psychological effects on individuals and groups. From both theoretical and experiential perspectives, we will explore issues relating to those who hold prejudiced attitudes and those who are targets of those attitudes. We will examine prejudice relating to race, ethnicity, The student learning goals for completion of the Psychology of Prejudice course are:

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- Students will be able to recognize and describe how prejudice shapes the experiences of people who are most often the targets of prejudice in the U.S. i.e. racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, age abilities, etc.
- Students will be able to recognize and describe the underlying psychological processes which, in conjunction with societal forces, lead to the development of prejudice.
- Students will also be able to apply critical thinking skills to identify and analyze prejudicial beliefs and behaviors.
- Students will be able to articulate the effects of prejudice in their own experiences.
- Additionally, students will be given an opportunity to investigate topics in psychology related to prejudice and to practice applying critical thinking skills

Within the context of psychology, broad topic areas include (among others):

- The underlying psychological processes of prejudice and discrimination
- The development of prejudice
- Stereotypes and their formation, purpose, maintenance, and how they
- Racism
- Sexism
- Prejudice against gays and lesbians (Homophobia, Heterosexism and Hetero-centricism)
- Religious prejudice
- Prejudice against people with disabilities
- Prejudice against the elderly
- Etc.

SJSU Studies (Area S) Learning Outcomes (LO)

One of the main goals of the Area S course is that:

“Students will study the interrelationship of individuals, racial groups, and cultural groups to understand and appreciate issues of diversity, equality, and structured inequality in the U.S., its institutions, and its cultures.”

Therefore in addition to achieving the abovementioned course objectives, students who successfully complete this course shall be able to:
Learning Objective # 1: Describe how identities (i.e., religious, gender, ethnic, racial, class, sexual orientation, disability, and/or age) are shaped by cultural and societal influences within contexts of equality and inequality.

Activities and assignments used in assessment of this LO:

“Media watch analysis”-- One of the main goals of this assignment is to give students the opportunity to examine how one major cultural influence (i.e., the media) affects identities within our society. Students’ ability to analyze, discuss, and critically evaluate these media influences in their individual papers will be used to assess this objective.

Learning Objective # 2: Describe historical, social, political, and economic processes producing diversity, equality, and structured inequalities in the U.S.

Activities and assignments used in assessment of this LO:

1. Interview assignment -- The purpose of this paper is to allow students to interview a person who has been the target of prejudice/discrimination to get a “first-hand” account of their experiences. The content of students’ introduction section of their papers will be evaluated to assess their ability to describe the various processes outlined in this learning objective. The introduction section will be used specifically for this purpose since students will be required to describe the relevance of these processes to their interview findings.

In-class discussions and writings—Students will be asked to discuss the genesis of structured inequalities in the U.S. and as a group will submit a written assignment on the factors that led to such inequities.

3. Class participation (Tunnel of Oppression activity/paper—Spring semesters only) -- Students’ reflections about and responses to questions about their visit to the “Tunnel of Oppression” will also be used to assess this objective. As described earlier in the greensheet, this particular activity is specifically designed to increase students’ awareness of these processes and their impact on equality and inequality in the U.S.

Learning Objective # 3: Describe social actions which have led to greater equality and social justice in the U.S. (i.e., religious, gender, ethnic, racial, class, sexual orientation, disability, and/or age).

Activities and assignments used in assessment of this LO:

Debate on Affirmative Action—Students will be provided with reading material on Affirmative Action and myths regarding Affirmative Action. They will be divided into groups and come up with pro and con arguments regarding this issue.

In-class writing -- Students’ performance on the in-class writing assignment regarding the topic of Affirmative Action will be used in assessment of this objective. In particular, students’ understanding of this issue, their ability to describe the arguments for and against it, and their knowledge of how it has impacted minorities and society as a whole will be evaluated.

Learning Objective # 4: Recognize and appreciate constructive interactions between people from different cultural, racial, and ethnic groups within the U.S.

Students will be shown a video on intercultural communication and they will submit in-class video paper after watching the video. In this paper they will describe strategies they believe could enhance constructive interactions between people from different social, cultural racial, ethnic groups here in the U.S.

Out-of-class writing (Stereotype reduction paper) -- Students’ performance on the Stereotype reduction paper will also be used in assessing this objective. In this paper, students will be required to describe at least three strategies
they believe would be successful in reducing their negative stereotypes and/or prejudices about another social group and clearly explain the reasons they believe these strategies would be effective.

Course Content Learning Outcomes

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

All courses in Area S of SJSU studies must include the following Content Objectives to promote the above mentioned student learning objectives:

Diversity-Issues of diversity shall be incorporated in an appropriate manner.

Activities and assignments used in assessment of this CLO:

In-class writing assignment- Students will be asked to examine the phenomenon of diversity in the Bay Area. They will be asked to examine whether or not diversity in the Bay area makes prejudice and discrimination more likely, or there is less prejudice and discrimination in the Bay area due to the diversity in its population.

Writing-Written assignments should include both in-class and out-of-class writing, giving students practice and feedback throughout the semester. Evaluative comments must be substantive, addressing the quality and form of writing. A single final term paper would not satisfy the requirement. A minimum of 3000 words of writing is required in a language and style appropriate for the discipline.

Activities and assignments used in assessment of this CLO:

Interview Report, Media- watch analysis, in-class writing assignments –Students’ performance on all of these writing assignments will be used to assess this content objective. Students are highly encouraged to seek the instructor’s feedback regarding these writing assignments so that they can improve their writing skills.

Civic Learning-Courses shall address the civic relevance of the topic in an appropriate manner.

Activities and assignments used in assessment of this CLO:

In-class debate on affirmative action, and on racial profiling will be used to assess students’ understanding of these crucial issues and their impact on society.

1. In-class writing -- Students’ in-class writing assignments will be reviewed to assess their ability to describe how the paper topics (i.e., racial profiling, affirmative action, etc) impact individuals as well as society as a whole.

2. Tunnel of Oppression activity/paper -- Students’ understanding of how the issues presented in the Tunnel impacts society will also be assessed in this activity.

articulate and discuss their values, understand the source of those values, and engage in civil discourse.

1. Out-of-class writing (Reflection paper) -- Students’ performance on the Reflection paper writing assignment will be used to assess this content objective. In this paper, students are asked to write about their own prejudices, what they are, their development, their effects on themselves and on others, how and why they’ve changed or stayed the same.

2. In-class discussions -- Students’ participation in in-class discussions will also be used to assess this objective.

Values Clarification-Students should demonstrate their ability to articulate and discuss their values, understand the source of those values, and engage in civil discourse.

Activities and assignments used in assessment of this CLO:
1. Out-of-class writing (Reflection paper) -- Students’ performance on the Reflection paper writing assignment will be used to assess this content objective. In this paper, students are asked to write about their own prejudices, what they are, their development, their effects on themselves and on others, how and why they’ve changed or stayed the same.

2. In-class discussions -- Students’ participation in in-class discussions will also be used to assess this objective.

   Students will participate in a class discussion-cum-writing activity on developing strategies to respond to stereotypes, and also explain how these strategies would be effective in reducing prejudices.

   In class discussion, group activities, role play exercises will be conducted to assess this objective.

   Pre/Post Assessment Test—Further to assess these four Learning Objectives, multiple-choice items designed to measure students’ understanding of the various processes outlined in each of these learning objectives will be included in the pre/post assessment tests. Their scores will not be used in computing their final grade.

   Students will also be asked to rate on a (Likert-type scale) the extent to which they felt each learning and Course Objective was met.

   They will also be asked to indicate which course activity/assignment they found to be most relevant to each learning/content objective, and also to discuss why they thought it was effective or ineffective in meeting the goals of each objective.

NOTE: All Area S Learning and Content Objectives will also be assessed through the Pre and Post assessment tests given at the beginning and end of the course. Students’ performance on these tests will be used only to measure whether or not these objectives were met. Students’ scores will not be used in computing their final course grade.

Explanation of how Pre and Post Assessment tests will be used in Assessment of Area S Learning and Content Objectives

1. To assess Learning Objectives 1-4, multiple-choice items designed to measure students’ understanding of the various factors and processes outlined in each learning objective will be included in the assessment tests. Students’ performance on questions specifically related to each learning objective will be identified. Students’ scores on these items at the beginning of the semester will then be compared with their scores at the end of the term to gauge whether taking this course increased their understanding of each of these processes.

2. To assess students’ understanding of whether or not the Learning and Content Objectives were met, the following activities/measures will also be included in the assessment tests:
   a. Student ratings -- In the Post-Assessment test, students will also be asked to rate (on a likert-type scale) the extent to which they believed each Learning and Course Objective was met.
   b. Student opinions of how course activities/assignments related to Learning and Content Objectives

   In addition to their ratings, students will be asked to indicate which course activity/assignment they believed to be most relevant to each learning/content objective and to describe why they thought it was effective or ineffective in meeting the goals of each objective. This activity will not only help to measure students’ understanding of the objectives and their goals, but it will also aid in making changes/modification/improvements to the course itself.
Required Texts/Readings

Available at Spartan Bookstore

Other Readings Optional


Useful Websites:

1. [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)
2. [UnderstandingPrejudice.org](http://UnderstandingPrejudice.org)

Classroom Protocol

Please practice the following guidelines to help the class run more smoothly as well as to limit the amount of distractions that occur.

1. Please turn off all cell phones & watch alarms prior to entering classroom.
2. If you arrive late, please come in as quietly as you can and sit in the back of the room.
3. If you have to leave early, please do so quietly and sit next to the door so you don’t distract other people.
4. Don’t talk when your instructor is speaking or when other students are asking questions.
5. Please be respectful of other people’s experiences and comments even though you might not agree with what they are saying.
6. You are required to be punctual, and also to see that the cell phones, pagers, beepers are switched off.
7. It is up to the group members to decide how to organize the material that they present to the class (handouts, posters etc.) and how to handle questions and discussions. I understand that people’s willingness to speak in public varies and that there are many different ways a group member can participate in group events. Therefore, groups are urged to assess their member’s talents and make the best use of them. The entire group will get the same grade on the group component of this assignment, so it is important that each member of the team does all he/she can to help organize the presentation. You are encouraged to be creative, bring visual aids, bring examples from the public press etc

USE OF LAPTOPS IN THE CLASSROOM

Laptops are permitted in the classroom for NOTE-TAKING PURPOSES ONLY. If you use a laptop to take notes, please sit at the back or on the sides of the classroom so that your screen will not be a distraction to the rest of the students in the class.

Use of laptops for any other purposes (e.g., non-class related activities like emailing friends or surfing the web) will not be permitted. Students not abiding by these guidelines will be asked to turn off their laptop and will not be allowed to bring it into the classroom in the future.

Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester’s [Catalog Policies](http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html) section at [http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html](http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html). Add/drop deadlines can be found on the [current academic calendar](http://www.sjsu.edu/academic_programs/calendars/academic_calendar/) web page located at [http://www.sjsu.edu/academic_programs/calendars/academic_calendar/](http://www.sjsu.edu/academic_programs/calendars/academic_calendar/). The [Late Drop Policy](http://www.sjsu.edu/academic_programs/calendars/academic_calendar/) is available at
http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes.

Information about the latest changes and news is available at the Advising Hub at http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/.

Assignments and Grading Policy
Your grade in the class will be based on the following requirements.

1. Examinations (35 pts each 70 pts total)
There will be 2 in-class exams and they will consist of 30 multiple choice questions and 2 short answer essay questions. Exams will be designed to measure your knowledge and understanding of the material discussed in lecture as well as your textbook. Each multiple choice question will be worth ½ point each and the essay questions will be worth 10 points each. So each exam will be worth a total of 35 points. The final exams will not be cumulative and will be based only on the material covered since last exam.
NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS GIVEN.

2. Activity Assignments
Each student will participate in two activity assignments – individual interview and a media-watch analysis. These 2 assignments will be organized around the spheres (‘isms) which we are investigating in this class, i.e. race, gender, sexual orientation, abilities, and age.

Students will choose which spheres they would like to investigate in each assignment with the following limitation: for each student, each of the two activity assignments will involve work on different spheres. For example, Student A chooses to do the media watch investigation of issues of race and does an interview with a person with a disability. This will help assure that each student has a chance to actively learn about different spheres of prejudice.

The interviews will be completed and graded individually. However, the media analysis will have both a group and an individual component. For the group aspect of the analysis, the whole group will receive the same grade. The individuals will receive a separate grade for the individual component.

The Two Activities are described below

a) Interview Assignment (Individual paper = 25 pts)
Your assignment is to choose someone from a target group to interview about their personal experiences with prejudice, discrimination, inequality, tolerance, etc. The interview should focus on their perspective as a target group member, e.g. person of color or gay/lesbian or person with a disability, or person with multiracial identity, etc.

To prepare to for the interview, I will provide you with a written guide to doing a good interview. In addition, you should find, read, and discuss in your paper at least 2 different journal articles of your choice.

In this discussion, it is important for you to describe how the content and/or findings of these articles are relevant to the experiences of the person you are interviewing. You should include discussion of these relevant articles in the Introduction and/or Discussion sections of your interview paper (see description of these sections below).

Also, students will spend some time in class in small groups helping each other devise interesting and appropriate interview questions. I will form the in-class groups on the basis of your choice of interview. For
example, all students choosing to interview someone about their experiences with prejudice as a person with a
disability will be grouped together. The questions that the group creates will be submitted to me prior to
interviews.

The person you interview may or may not be a relative or friend of yours. Arrange a time free from interruptions
and other people in a setting comfortable for the person being interviewed. Take careful notes during the
interview or tape it (with permission from the person being interviewed) and review it later.

You will turn in a 4-5 page typed summary of the interview and your reactions The written summary should
include the following 6 sections and will be worth a total of 20 points:

♦ **Introduction** - explain who you chose and why; their relationship to you; which articles you read in
preparation for the interview and discuss why you chose to include those specific articles in your paper. Also
discuss any historical, social, political, and/or economic factors that may have contributed to any
prejudice/discrimination your interviewee has experienced

♦ **Methodology** - setting, procedures, etc.; i.e. who was present; whether you taped, took notes, etc; any unusual
aspects , e.g. their brother joined you half way through; in other words, anything that might influence your
findings

♦ **Findings** - content of the interview, i.e. questions and responses (you can do this in a summary narrative
format or in a question/response format)

♦ **Responses to the interview** – yours and the subject’s; be sure to include your emotional responses as well as
your cognitive responses

♦ **Discussion** -- discuss class readings and/or class lectures about prejudice and their relevance to your findings
in this interview, describe findings of any articles that are relevant to your interview and their implications for
your findings

♦ **Reference page** – cite the articles that you discussed in your paper

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b) Media watch analysis (Individual paper = 20 pts) & (Group Poster presentation of findings = 10 pts)
You and members of your group will observe and record how people from the sphere you are assigned to
investigate are portrayed on television and/or in print advertisements. A detailed description of the assignment
will be presented to you later in class.

For the **group portion** of this assignment (worth 10 pts), each group will:

1) Perform planned observations;

2) Prepare a Poster Presentation describing their methodology, stating their research
questions/comparisons, & briefly summarizing their findings

For the individual portion of this assignment, each student will write a 3-5 page report (**worth 20 pts**) in
which student will:
1) analyze and discuss their WHOLE GROUP’S findings
2) relate their findings to material discussed in lecture and in the text
3) discuss the findings of 2 -3 journal articles and how they are relevant to your findings
4) describe the implications of their findings for the “real” world
5) discuss any limitations of your analysis and suggest future issues to analyze
6) include a reference page citing the articles you used

Just as in the interview paper, each student will be required to include a discussion of at least 2 3 journal articles in the individual portion of this assignment.

In this discussion, you need to describe
a.) why you chose the articles that you did; and
b.) how their content and/or findings are relevant to your media findings.

3. In-class writing (10 pts). Three times during the semester, you will be asked to write about your own opinions, beliefs, values, and reflections about videos we will watch in class and/or “controversial” topics relevant to the issues of prejudice/discrimination/equality/inequality. (TOTAL = 30 pts)

Some of the topics you may be asked to write about include “racial profiling”, “same-sex marriages”, “affirmative action”, etc.

In addition to writing about your own values regarding these topics, you will also be asked to discuss the civic relevance of this topic for the “real” world. In other words, I want you to discuss what you think the implications are of each of these topics for people in general and for US society as a whole.

4. Out-of-class writing (20 pts total). In addition to the in-class writing, you will be required to write two short papers (maximum 3 pages each). These include:

a. Tunnel of Oppression (10 pts). Further details about this assignment will be given in class. Will be held April 3-5 in the Student Union. Attendance & short reflection paper (3 pages maximum) required.

b. Stereotype reduction paper (5 pts). This assignment will be a paper describing a negative stereotype/prejudice you may have about another group and discussing how you might reduce this it. In this paper, you will describe your negative attitudes about a particular group, where you think your prejudice comes from, and describe at least 3 ways in which you can reduce the negative prejudice that you feel about this group. To prepare for this paper, you may want to read Chapter 9 in your text to get some ideas. In writing this paper, please discuss at least 3 ways in which your negative prejudice can be reduced and clearly explain why you think these ways would be successful. Maximum length of this paper is 3 typewritten double-spaced pages.

c. Reflection paper (5 pts). In this paper, you will describe your reflections on what you learned in this class about your own prejudices -- what they are, their development, their effects on you, how and why they’ve changed this semester or why they’ve stayed the same, etc. To prepare for this paper, you may want to keep
some kind of personal journal or personal notes throughout the course. Maximum length of this paper is 3 typewritten double-spaced pages. This will be due about one week before the last class.

5. Class participation (25 pts total). Because this is in part an experiential class, attendance and participation are crucial. You cannot participate if you do not come to class.

Thus, absences will diminish the level of participation you can achieve in the class, and will reduce your grade.

Many classroom activities and discussions will supplement the reading and students are responsible for all material, assignments, and explanations given in class, even if they were absent.

You will also be given points based on your own participation in various classroom activities throughout the semester. This may include small group (5-6 people) discussions & attendance at the poster presentations & panel discussions.

Important Notes:
To receive complete credit on your papers, you must pay careful attention to grammar, spelling, sentence construction, etc.

Spell and grammar checkers do not catch all errors - you must PROOFREAD IT! Even better, have someone else proofread it. Papers that contain many spelling and grammatical errors will result in substantial point reduction.

2.) STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SEEK INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK ON THE MAJOR WRITING ASSIGNMENTS (Interview paper, Media analysis report).

I would be happy to look over rough drafts of your papers and give you feedback about the content and quality of your writing to help you get the best grade possible on your writing assignments.

*** However, I can only give you meaningful constructive feedback if you give me your rough draft at least 1 WEEK prior to the paper’s due date! I cannot read and give feedback on drafts that are submitted to me right before the paper is due. Also, you need sufficient time to address any feedback and/or problems with your paper before it is due.
So to receive feedback on your papers, please plan ahead and give me your drafts early (see course schedule for rough draft turn-in dates) so you can take advantage of this opportunity to improve your papers.

Papers handed in late will be lowered by one full grade for each day late (e.g. an A paper would become a B; a B paper would become a C, etc).

Note that part of the media analysis will be done in groups. It is up to group members to decide how to best distribute the work load equally among the individual group members. The entire group will get the same grade on the group portion of this assignment so it is important that each member of the team do all they can to contribute to the group product.
Grading Summary

Examinations  35 points  X2  = 70 pts total
Interview Assignment (Individual paper = 25 pts
Media watch analysis (Individual paper = 20 pts
   (Group Poster presentation = 10 pts
In-class writing (10 pts).  X3  = 30 pts
Stereotype reduction paper   = 5 pts
Reflection paper   = 5 pts
Tunnel of Oppression participation and paper   = 10 pts
Class participation   = 25 pts

TOTAL = 200 possible points

Grading Scale:
A+ =194-200  C+ =154-160
A  =187-193  C  =147-153
A- =181-186  C- =141-146
B+ =174-180  D+ =135-140
B  =167-173  D  =126-134
B- =161-166  D- =120-125
F  <  124

University Policies

Academic integrity

Your commitment as a student to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The University’s Academic Integrity policy, located at http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07-2.htm, requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The Student Conduct and Ethical Development website is available at http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/.

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person’s ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include your assignment or any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU’s Academic Policy S07-2 requires approval of instructors.
Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at http://www.drc.sjsu.edu/ to establish a record of their disability.

Student Technology Resources (Optional)

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

A wide variety of audio-visual equipment is available for student checkout from Media Services located in IRC 112. These items include digital and VHS camcorders, VHS and Beta video players, 16 mm, slide, overhead, DVD, CD, and audiotape players, sound systems, wireless microphones, projection screens and monitors.

Learning Assistance Resource Center (Optional)

The Learning Assistance Resource Center (LARC) is located in Room 600 in the Student Services Center. It is designed to assist students in the development of their full academic potential and to inspire them to become independent learners. The Center's tutors are trained and nationally certified by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). They provide content-based tutoring in many lower division courses (some upper division) as well as writing and study skills assistance. Small group, individual, and drop-in tutoring are available. Please visit the LARC website for more information at http://www.sjsu.edu/larc/.

SJSU Writing Center

The SJSU Writing Center is located in Room 126 in Clark Hall. It is staffed by professional instructors and upper-division or graduate-level writing specialists from each of the seven SJSU colleges. Our writing specialists have met a rigorous GPA requirement, and they are well trained to assist all students at all levels within all disciplines to become better writers. The Writing Center website is located at http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/about/staff/.

Peer Mentor Center

The Peer Mentor Center is located on the 1st floor of Clark Hall in the Academic Success Center. The Peer Mentor Center is staffed with Peer Mentors who excel in helping students manage university life, tackling problems that range from academic challenges to interpersonal struggles. On the road to graduation, Peer Mentors are navigators, offering “roadside assistance” to peers who feel a bit lost or simply need help mapping out the locations of campus resources. Peer Mentor services are free and available on a drop-in basis, no reservation required. The Peer Mentor Center website is located at http://www.sjsu.edu/muse/peermentor/
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