JS 137: Collaborative Response to Family Violence
Spring 2021 – Monday-Wednesday Online

JS137 is a 3-unit, online course offered through the Department of Justice Studies. This course welcomes upper-division undergrad and graduate students* across degree programs who are interested in Family Violence and who wish to work effectively across disciplines to address complex social issues.

Successful completion prepares students for specialized internships in the field of family violence.

Course Description
Family violence is a complex social problem requiring a coordinated, interdisciplinary response. Current social conditions and COVID-19 have intensified both family violence and the need for collaboration. In this course, students will learn about family violence from diverse perspectives, including human rights, public health, justice systems, and health and human services. This foundational knowledge affords a shared language for working effectively across disciplines and sectors to provide a more collaborative, synergistic response to family violence.

This course incorporates active participation through our online, collaborative learning. Learning outcomes include soft skills needed for collaboration and effective provision of trauma-informed services. Course activities include reading, online activities, essays, interdisciplinary panel discussions with professionals in the family violence field, mock collaboration exercises, analysis of collaborative teams, and a culminating project.

Successful completion of this course can be highlighted by students in their résumé as evidence of their knowledge and skills in collaboration and collaborative leadership, highly valued professional skills.

Additionally, students will be qualified for specialized internships.

JS 137 Student Learning Objectives
Students successfully completing this course will be able to:
1. Recognize the scope of family violence, issues faced by victims of family violence, and how these may manifest across cultures and identities;
2. Demonstrate understanding of multi-disciplinary strategies for addressing family violence and how the coordination of these strategies improves services for individuals and families impacted by family violence;
3. Analyze collaboration in local organizations and service delivery systems;
4. Demonstrate insight, awareness, and skills related to one’s own capacity to contribute effectively to interdisciplinary collaboration.

* Check with your department/school to see if the Collaborative Response to Family Violence Class (JS 137) meets degree requirements.

This course is part of an advanced academic certificate: Collaborative Response to Family Violence
See http://www.sjsu.edu/pdp/programs/crfv for details

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