

All entering students must take a first year writing requirement course, but you have choices...

What Is Justice?

L13 Writing 103



Can murder be moral?

Can disobedience be a duty?

Should payday loan companies be able to charge a 400% interest rate?

Is individual freedom compatible with social justice?

These are some of the problems of justice we will be considering in this course. We will do so by engaging with powerful literary statements about justice in the western tradition, from *Antigone* to *Crime and Punishment*, from Shakespeare to Toni Morrison. By discussing problems of justice and writing about them, students will develop skills in analysis, the use of evidence, the crafting of arguments, and research that get them ready for writing at the college level. "What Is Justice?" is based on the assumption that good readers make great writers and that your best writing happens when you address a topic you care about.



Writing Identity

L13 Writing 104

Who are you?

This simple question becomes ever more complicated the more closely you examine it. How should you define yourself? By ancestry, hometown, gender, cultural allegiance, ethnic background, nationality, sexual preference, social class, personal history, fashion sense, career aspirations, taste in music, or by some other category? In this class, we will look at the complexities of identity as they have been expressed in a wide variety of modern literary (and some philosophical) texts. As we discuss and analyze these texts, we will also work on developing the advanced reading, writing, and research skills that students need in a university setting, with an eye toward helping you articulate who you are, where you're coming from, and where you're going.

Details & Registration

What is Justice? or Writing Identity will fulfill the college's first year writing requirement and are open to all interested students. However, students who have AP English Literature or Composition (or their IB equivalent) are especially encouraged to enroll. Students who do not opt into Writing Identity or What is Justice? will be assigned to College Writing 1.

You may sign up for your writing course **in addition to** your choice of first year programs or seminars. You will be assigned to either the fall or spring semester through the same process in which you would otherwise be assigned to a semester of College Writing 1, and you will be informed of your semester assignment prior to registering for fall courses. What is Justice? or Writing Identity may **not** be taken in addition to the FOCUS: Theater as Living Art as scheduling conflicts would necessarily arise.