JOU: Journalism Courses

Courses

**JOU 3100  News Reporting**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: COM 2713 AND ENC 1101 AND ENC 1102
This course will serve as an introduction to the world of news reporting, both print and online. Students will get a taste of what journalists do daily: generate story ideas, develop sources, conduct interviews, write, edit, rewrite and edit again. The course also will provide an overview of media law, media ethics and Associated Press style.

**JOU 3300  Feature Writing**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: JOU 3100
Researching and writing feature articles for newspapers, trade journals and general circulation magazines. Includes manuscript preparation and querying of editors for publication. Credit may not be earned in both JOU 3330 and JOU 3300.

**JOU 3314  Environmental Reporting**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: JOU 3100
Focuses on techniques required to research, report and write environmental news stories for newspapers. Students cover an environmental beat during the semester to gain experience with writing about a wide range of issues relating to environmental journalism. The course also examines issues such as reporting ethics, the role of environmental reporters in the community, the history of environmental journalism and utilization of both government databases and the Internet to gain regulatory information for environmental stories. The course explores environmental stories involving public health, public land management, restoration of endangered species, and eco-activism. Permission is required.

**JOU 3342  Media Convergence**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: JOU 3100
Teaches students to report stories simultaneously appearing in print, broadcast and online. Multimedia reporting melds digital technology platforms with traditional reporting skills, ethics and standards.

**JOU 3700  Issues in Journalism**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may be repeated for up to 90 sh of credit)
Introduction to major issues challenging news media in today's digital society, including ethics, public perception of the press, the Internet, political pressures, financial viability and standards of press performance.

**JOU 3905  Directed Study**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)

**JOU 3940  Practicum: Voyager**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may be repeated for up to 6 sh of credit)
Prerequisite: JOU 3100
Experience in preparing news, opinion and feature material for publication in the student newspaper. Permission is required.

**JOU 4181  Public Affairs Reporting**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: JOU 3100
Principles and procedures involved in reporting and writing news stories about public affairs / government for newspapers, broadcasters and online news services. Permission is required.

**JOU 4201  Newspaper Editing**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: JOU 3100
The editing of local and wire copy for newspapers and other publications. Strong emphasis on principles of grammar, punctuation, diction, syntax, and logic. Headline writing, cutline writing, news judgment and photo display. Use of standard reference books.

**JOU 4213  Newspaper Design**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Principles and practices in newspaper layout and design. Credit may not be received in both JOU 4213 and JOU 4211.

**JOU 4215  Sports Reporting**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Principles and practices in the art of writing for magazines. Focuses on in-depth reporting and refined focus for the magazine market. Meets Gordon Rule Writing Requirement.

**JOU 4216  Magazine Writing**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Principles and practices in the art of writing for magazines. Focuses on in-depth reporting and refined focus for the magazine market. Meets Gordon Rule Writing Requirement.

**JOU 4306  Writing Critical Reviews**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Devoted to writing reviews of books, film, art, and music. Meets Gordon Rule Writing Requirement.

**JOU 4307  Legal Writing**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Principles and practices in the art of legal writing. Focuses on in-depth reporting and refined focus for the legal market. Meets Gordon Rule Writing Requirement.

**JOU 4313  Sports Reporting**
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: JOU 3100
Advanced writing and reporting course that offers students a comprehensive exploration of the many facets and platforms of sports journalism. In addition to lessons and practice in the area of gathering and disseminating original articles and opinion pieces, students will be exposed to contemporary issues facing sports and sports journalism as well as historical perspectives on the coverage of sports in the United States.
JOU 4445  Magazine Publishing
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
This class creates, designs and publishes an online magazine focused on the University of West Florida. Students work as an editorial team led by editors from the class. Positions for which students will apply are executive editor, content editors, design editors, copy editors, graphic/photo editors and writers. While all students will produce at least one article for the magazine, each will be assigned additional responsibilities. This editorial team, in a collaborative manner, will explore and uncover interesting UWF subjects for articles, investigate those subjects and then write articles that will be edited and used in creative designs. Permission is required.

JOU 4905  Directed Study
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)

JOU 6115  Interviewing and Information Gathering
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Provides advanced grounding in how historians, journalists, and qualitative social scientists employ best practices in interviewing and other information seeking to accomplish their objectives.

JOU 6905  Directed Study
Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Communication
1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)