Journalism (JOUR)

JOUR 5000 [0.5 credit] Journalism and Society I

An introduction to analysis of the news media in Western society, considering classical arguments and contemporary trends in the scholarly assessment of journalism practice.

JOUR 5200 [1.0 credit] Introduction to Reporting

A laboratory course in basic reporting and editing techniques and introduction to multimedia reporting, followed by application in print and multimedia.

JOUR 5202 [1.0 credit] Broadcast Journalism Laboratory

A laboratory course in reporting and editing in the broadcast media.

JOUR 5206 [0.5 credit] Reporting Methods

Topics covered will range from interviewing and observation skills to conducting a title search, lodging an access to information request and interpreting data.

JOUR 5208 [0.5 credit] Public Affairs Reporting

A course devoted to understanding selected political, economic and social issues, and to analytical reporting on timely issues under professional conditions.

JOUR 5305 [0.5 credit]

Perspectives on Modern Society

A seminar course examining texts from the social sciences, philosophy, literature, and journalism for the contribution they make to an understanding of issues facing modern industrial society.

JOUR 5401 [0.5 credit] Journalism Law

This course prepares journalists to function comfortably within the legal and ethical guidelines governing their occupation. Topics include: contempt of court; free press, fair trial; revealing of sources; civil defamation; obscenity; privacy; government secrecy.

JOUR 5500 [0.5 credit] Journalism and Society II

A critical examination of the conduct of the news media, exploring the social, political and economic contexts in which the media work and assessing the consequences of journalism practice for contemporary society.

Prerequisite(s): JOUR 5000 or permission of the School.

JOUR 5508 [0.5 credit]

Professional Practices: Specialized Media

A workshop course designed to give students instruction in specialized areas such as radio documentary, video documentary, editing, magazine writing, photojournalism. Not all specialties will be offered each year. Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4208, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5700 [1.0 credit]

Print Journalism

Students will explore and apply advanced journalistic principles and practices through a combination of readings, discussion and reporting in specific areas.

JOUR 5702 [1.0 credit] Broadcast Journalism

A seminar combining critical analysis of broadcast journalism and practical skill development in broadcast reporting, writing and production.

JOUR 5704 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Journalism (Local News)

Designed to enhance reporting and editing skills through the production of a community newspaper, Centretown News

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 5701 [1.0] (no longer offered).

JOUR 5705 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Journalism (Multimedia)

Designed to enhance storytelling, reporting and editing skills through the production of multimedia publications such as Capital News Online.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 5701 [1.0] (no longer offered).

JOUR 5706 [0.5 credit] Professional Practices

Students examine current journalism practices in a critical and analytical way, and explore ways of producing thorough and investigative journalism in print, broadcast and multimedia. Guest speakers share their expertise and skills.

JOUR 5707 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Journalism (Audio)

Enhances audio storytelling, radio reporting and production skills to include news features and minidocumentaries, preparation and presentation of public affairs programs, and digital delivery.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 5703[1.0] (no longer offered).

JOUR 5708 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Journalism (Video)

Enhances video storytelling and production skills to include features and mini-documentaries, preparation and presentation of public affairs programs, and digital delivery.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 5703[1.0] (no longer offered).

JOUR 5800 [0.5 credit]

Survey Methods for Journalists

An examination of basic research design and data collection with emphasis on problems of interpretation.

JOUR 5808 [0.5 credit]

Directed Readings

Students, working under faculty direction, will undertake an intensive reading schedule in order to pursue a subject area of particular interest.

JOUR 5809 [0.5 credit]

Directed Research

Students, working under faculty direction, will develop and undertake a research project in order to pursue a subject area of particular interest.

JOUR 5900 [1.0 credit]

Directed Studies

Reading and research tutorials.

JOUR 5901 [0.5 credit]

Directed Studies

Reading and research tutorials.

JOUR 5908 [1.0 credit]

M.Journalism Research Project

The student will complete a substantial piece of public affairs journalism; or a research project on the media; or a document that makes a major contribution to journalism education. The format of the MRP will be determined by the stream of study.

JOUR 5909 [2.0 credits]

M.Journalism Thesis

To fulfil the requirements of this 2.0-credit thesis course, students must produce a major piece of journalistic research or complete an academic thesis in the area of journalism studies.