

Journalism (JOUR)

School of Journalism and Communication (JOUR)

Faculty of Public Affairs

JOUR 1001 [0.5 credit]

Foundations of Journalism: Journalism in Context

This course charts a history of the fourth estate in the West from the invention of the printing press to the ascendance of networked digital communication, focusing on the political, economic and technological contexts that have shaped the news media as institutions and industries.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 1000.

Prerequisite(s): for Journalism Honours students only.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

JOUR 1002 [0.5 credit]

Foundations of Journalism: Journalism in Practice

The course introduces students to the concepts, issues and challenges in the contemporary Canadian media environment that will shape their professional role as practicing journalists. It will also provide students with an initial opportunity to practice some basic journalistic skills. Precludes additional credit for JOUR 1000.

Prerequisite(s): for Journalism Honours students only.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

JOUR 1003 [0.5 credit]

Discovering Journalism: Traditional Tales to Tweets

Journalism's evolving role as creator of communities and guardian of democracy; some of its greatest scoops and worst misdeeds. From ancient news-sharing instincts to 21st-century expression in blogs, tweets and investigative masterpieces, this course surveys the ethical, political and economic contexts of journalism.

Prerequisite(s): This course is not open to Journalism majors.

Lecture three hours a week.

JOUR 2106 [0.5 credit]

The Documentary

Examination of the work of individual film makers, of documentary styles and of organizations and institutions in the context of the history of documentary film making, including documentaries made for television. Non-fiction films other than documentaries may be considered. Also listed as FILM 2106.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 2105 (FILM 2105).

Prerequisite(s): FILM 1000 or permission of the School.

Lectures and screening two hours, two days a week.

JOUR 2201 [1.0 credit]

Fundamentals of Reporting

Introduction to the techniques journalists use to gather information quickly, accurately and ethically, and to present reports and features in clear, engaging ways. Newsroom exercises provide experience in reporting, writing, editing and using digital tools, including photography and social media.

Prerequisite(s): for second-year Honours Journalism students and students who transfer into the program.

Lectures, discussion and practicum six hours a week.

JOUR 2202 [0.5 credit]

Digital Journalism Toolkit

An introduction to the digital tools and social media journalists use to gather, verify and present material to audiences. Lab exercises provide experience producing photographs, audio, and video for journalistic storytelling and the use of social media tools and platforms for reporting and publishing.

Prerequisite(s): for second-year Honours Journalism students and students who transfer into the program.

Students must be enrolled in this course concurrently with JOUR 2201.

Lectures and lab three hours a week.

JOUR 2205 [0.5 credit]

Journalism and Public Institutions

An introduction to the major political institutions of Canada; the policy process and the avenues for public participation in government at the federal, provincial and municipal levels; the economy; the arts community; and the like.

Prerequisite(s): for second-year Honours Journalism students and students who transfer into the program, and for students enrolled in the Strategic Public Opinion and Policy Analysis specialization area of the Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

JOUR 2501 [0.5 credit]

Media Law

A survey of laws that affect the Canadian media. Specific areas include the development of freedom of expression, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and statutory and common law limitations on freedoms of the press, including publication bans, libel and contempt of court. Also listed as COMS 2501.

Precludes additional credit for COMM 2501 [no longer offered].

Prerequisite(s): JOUR 1001, JOUR 1002, JOUR 1003, or COMS 1000, or permission of the School of Journalism and Communication, or registration in the Communication Information Technology Policy specialization area of the Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

JOUR 3105 [0.5 credit]**Questions of Documentary Practice**

Theoretical implications of documentary film and documentary television practice.

Also listed as FILM 3105.

Prerequisite(s): 1.0 credit in Film Studies at the 2000-level, or permission of the School.

JOUR 3207 [0.5 credit]**Introduction to Audio Journalism**

An introduction to the principles and practices of audio journalism. In this workshop students will produce stories and audio journalism in various formats for radio and digital publication. Note: JOUR 3207 and JOUR 3208 may not be taken in the same term.

Prerequisite(s): JOUR 2201 and JOUR 2202.

Lectures and labs six hours a week.

JOUR 3208 [0.5 credit]**Introduction to Video Journalism**

An introduction to the principles and practices of video journalism. In this workshop students will produce stories and video in various formats suitable for television and digital publication. Note: JOUR 3207 and JOUR 3208 may not be taken in the same term.

Prerequisite(s): JOUR 2201 and JOUR 2202.

Lectures and labs six hours a week.

JOUR 3215 [0.5 credit]**Professional Practice and Ethics**

The course will deepen understanding of professionalism in journalism through reporting experience in a working newsroom, as well as instruction and research in a seminar on journalism ethics.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 3205 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): JOUR 2201.

Lectures and practicum three hours a week.

JOUR 3225 [0.5 credit]**Reporting in Depth**

The course will develop skills in long-form journalistic writing and in techniques for thoroughly investigating timely public issues. Students will study examples of outstanding feature and investigative writing and pursue their own reporting projects.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 3205 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): JOUR 2201.

Lectures and practicum three hours a week.

JOUR 3235 [0.5 credit]**Digital Reporting**

The course will introduce the tools and techniques used by reporters to produce journalism for online audiences using a variety of formats including written and spoken language, still and moving images.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 3205 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): JOUR 2201.

Lectures and labs three hours a week.

JOUR 3405 [0.5 credit]**Communication in a Global Context**

Structures and flow of global communication and information and its impact on our views of the world.

Also listed as COMM 3405.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR/MCOM 3005 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): COMM 2101 and third-year standing in Communication Studies, or third- or fourth-year B.J. (Honours) standing, or PAPM 2000 and registration in the Communication Information Technology Policy specialization of the Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management, or permission of the School of Journalism and Communication.

Lectures three hours a week.

JOUR 3407 [0.5 credit]**Comparative Media Studies**

The comparative study of one or more media organizations and/or types of media content with reference to their operation, audiences, and impacts.

Also listed as COMS 3407.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR/MCOM 3006 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): COMM 2101 and third-year standing in Communication Studies, or third- or fourth-year B.J. (Honours) standing, or PAPM 2000 and registration in the Communication Information Technology Policy specialization of the Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management, or permission of the School of Journalism and Communication.

Lectures three hours a week.

JOUR 4001 [0.5 credit]**Journalism Now - and Next**

This course will examine changes taking place in the media, in the public's relationship with the media and how journalists and news organizations respond as well as exploring the practical issues and challenges in the professional life of a journalist.

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 4000 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): for fourth-year Honours Journalism students and students who have fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management and who are registered in the Strategic Public Opinion and Policy Analysis specialization area.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

JOUR 4100 [0.5 credit]**Special Topic**

Examination of a topic in journalism not covered in depth in other courses. Seminar three hours a week.

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JOUR 4101 [0.5 credit]**Special Topic**

An examination of a topic in journalism not covered in depth in other courses. Topics may vary from year to year.

Seminar three hours a week.

JOUR 4201 [1.0 credit]**Specialized Journalism**

A seminar/workshop in one area of public affairs journalism. Topics may include politics and government; international affairs; business and finance; science, health and the environment; and social issues. Emphasis on explanatory/analytical reporting, culminating in an extended work of journalism in any medium, resources permitting.

Prerequisite(s): for fourth-year B.J. (Hons.) students only, or by permission of the School.

Lectures, discussion and seminars three hours a week.

JOUR 4204 [0.5 credit]**The Newsroom – Advanced Multimedia Workshop**

A workshop course designed to give students instruction in online reporting and publishing. No more than two of JOUR 4204, JOUR 4205, JOUR 4206, JOUR 4207 and JOUR 4208 may be taken and they may not be taken simultaneously. JOUR 4204 may not be repeated.

Prerequisite(s): for fourth-year B.J. (Hons.) Students only.

Workshops averaging eight hours per week.

JOUR 4205 [0.5 credit]**The Newsroom – Advanced Local News Workshop**

A workshop course designed to give students instruction in community newspaper and online publishing. No more than two of JOUR 4204, JOUR 4205, JOUR 4206, JOUR 4207 and JOUR 4208 may be taken and cannot be taken simultaneously. JOUR 4205 may not be repeated.

Prerequisite(s): for fourth-year B.J. (Hons.) students only.

Workshops averaging eight hours a week.

JOUR 4206 [0.5 credit]**The Newsroom – Advanced Radio Workshop**

A workshop course designed to give students instruction in radio news and current affairs. Note: no more than two of JOUR 4204, JOUR 4205, JOUR 4206, JOUR 4207, and JOUR 4208 may be taken and cannot be taken simultaneously. JOUR 4206 may not be repeated.

Prerequisite(s): for fourth-year B.J. (Hons.) students only.

Workshops averaging eight hours a week.

JOUR 4207 [0.5 credit]**The Newsroom – Advanced Television Workshop**

A workshop course designed to give students instruction in television news and current affairs. Note: no more than two of JOUR 4204, JOUR 4205, JOUR 4206, JOUR 4207 and JOUR 4208 may be taken and cannot be taken simultaneously. JOUR 4207 may not be repeated.

Prerequisite(s): for fourth-year B.J. (Hons.) students only.

Workshops averaging eight hours a week.

JOUR 4208 [0.5 credit]**Professional Practices: Specialized Media**

A workshop course designed to give students instruction in a specialized area such as video documentary, magazine writing, strategic communication, and data journalism. Not all specialties will be offered each year.

Prerequisite(s): for fourth-year B.J. (Hons.) students only.

Note: no more than two of JOUR 4204, JOUR 4205, JOUR 4206, JOUR 4207 and JOUR 4208 may be taken simultaneously. JOUR 4208 may not be repeated.

Lecture and practicum two hours a week.

JOUR 4307 [0.5 credit]**Gender, Diversity and the Journalist**

Using theoretical and textual analysis, this course examines the roles that social concepts of gender have played in several of the following: journalism history, journalistic expression and professional practice, professional status, cultural representations and expectations of the journalist, and the alternative or specialized media.

Prerequisite(s): third- or fourth-year B.J. (Honours) standing, or permission of the School.

Seminar three hours a week.

JOUR 4900 [1.0 credit]**Honours Tutorial**

Students analyze some major achievements in contemporary journalism, through individual or group research. Students also have the opportunity to acquire background and experience in the managerial aspects and production of print and broadcast journalism.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year B.J. (Honours) standing.