Journalism (JOUR)

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JOUR 5000 [0.5 credit]

Journalism in a Changing Society

Analysis of the news media in Western society, considering arguments and trends in the scholarly assessment of journalistic practice.

JOUR 5001 [0.5 credit] Entrepreneurial Journalism

Workshop preparing students to work in a diverse market that values entrepreneurial skills and mindset, from freelancing to starting your own venture. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Workshop

JOUR 5002 [0.5 credit]

Journalism, Race and Diversity Seminar to examine the media's role in race and diversity

and how inclusive reporting enriches journalism. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

JOUR 5003 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Journalism: Multimedia

Designed to enhance storytelling, reporting and editing skills through the production of a digital publication. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 5704 (no longer

offered), JOUR 5705 (no longer offered), JOUR 5701 (no longer offered).

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4003, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5004 [0.5 credit] Advanced Journalism: Audio

Designed to enhance audio storytelling and reporting/ producing skills through the production of a weekly program.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 5707 (no longer offered), JOUR 5703 (no longer offered).

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4004, for which additional credit is precluded.

Workshops averaging eight hours a week.

JOUR 5005 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Journalism: Video

Designed to enhance video storytelling skills through the production of a series of mini-documentaries for a digital program.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for JOUR 5708 (no longer offered), JOUR 5703 (no longer offered).

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4005, for which additional credit is precluded.

Workshop averaging eight hours a week.

JOUR 5200 [1.0 credit] Introduction to Reporting

An intensive laboratory course in introductory reporting and editing, with emphasis on text and multimedia journalism.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

JOUR 5202 [1.0 credit] Broadcast Journalism Laboratory

A laboratory course that teaches the fundamentals of audio and video reporting and editing. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

JOUR 5206 [0.5 credit] Introduction to Investigative Journalism

Students sharpen their journalistic research skills and produce original work by accessing public records, interpreting data and conducting interviews. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

JOUR 5300 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Special Topic

Advanced reporting in a specialized subject area. Topics may vary from year to year. Emphasis on subject exploration from a journalistic perspective. Involves the production of in-depth journalism.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4300, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5301 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Business and the Markets

The fundamentals of business journalism, including corporate structures, the markets, trade policy, contemporary business news and local publicly-traded companies. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective. Involves the production of in-depth journalism.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4301, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5302 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Business and Canadian Society

How business affects every aspect of public policy, from climate change to corporate social responsibility. What business does and how the media covers it. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective. Involves the production of in-depth journalism.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4302, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5303 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Health and Science

How health science research permeates everyday life. Global challenges confronting researchers and health science journalists. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective. Involves the production of in-depth journalism.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4303, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5304 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Environment and Science

Analysis of global trends and research culture in climate and environmental sciences. Challenges confronting researchers and journalists. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective. Involves the production of in-depth journalism. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4304, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5306 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Canada and the World

Canada's role in the world as shaped by diplomacy, war, terrorism, migration, the international economy and development. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective. Involves the production of in-depth journalism.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4306, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5308 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Sports and Sport Culture

Beyond game scores—analysis of the culture of sports and evolution of sports reportage and writing. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective. Involves the production of in-depth journalism.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4308, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5309 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Arts and Culture

An introduction to the crucial issues and trends necessary for reporters covering the arts and related cultural policy in Canada. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective. Involves the production of indepth journalism.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4309, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5310 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Justice and the Law

Building on basic media law through a practical exploration of how law works, and how to cover courts and write about legal issues. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4310., for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5311 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Justice and The Supreme Court

Students will focus on the Supreme Court of Canada as they learn to navigate court documents and tell impactful stories about court cases and legal issues. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective and production of in-depth journalism. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4311, for which additional credit is precluded.

JOUR 5315 [0.5 credit]

Specialized Journalism: Canada and the U.S.

Fundamentals of the unique issues governing Canada-U.S. relations, from diplomacy to trade. Emphasis on advanced subject exploration from a journalistic perspective. Involves the production of in-depth journalism.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as JOUR 4305, for which additional credit is precluded.

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 5508 [0.5 credit]

Professional Practices: Specialized Media

A workshop course designed to give students instruction in specialized areas. Not all specialties will be offered each year.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

JOUR 5706 [0.5 credit]

In-Depth Reporting Seminar

Students will complete a piece of longform analytical journalism, discuss in-depth writing and reporting techniques and submit a draft proposal for their Master's Research Project. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

JOUR 5709 [0.5 credit]

Creative Non-fiction

Students will explore and experiment with advanced writing techniques through a combination of readings, discussion and assignments. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

JOUR 5900 [1.0 credit]

Directed Studies Reading and research tutorials.

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JOUR 5908 [1.0 credit]

M. Journalism Research Project

Students will complete a substantial piece of public affairs journalism in the format of their choice: text, audio, video or multimedia; or do a research project that examines media practice or makes a major contribution to journalism education.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity