

**JOUR 1L Course Outline as of Fall 2016****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: JOUR 1L Title: INTRO TO JOURNALISM LAB

Full Title: Introduction to Journalism Lab

Last Reviewed: 11/14/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	0.50	Lecture Scheduled	0	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	0
Minimum	0.50	Lab Scheduled	0	17.5	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	1.50		Contact DHR	26.25
		Contact Total	1.50		Contact Total	26.25
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 0.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 26.25

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

Course Completion or Current Enrollment in JOUR 1

**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for English 1A or equivalent

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

**AS Degree:** Area Effective: Inactive:  
**CSU GE:** Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

**IGETC:** Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

**CSU Transfer:** Transferable Effective: Fall 2016 Inactive:

**UC Transfer:** Transferable Effective: Fall 2016 Inactive:

### **CID:**

CID Descriptor: JOUR 110 Introduction to Reporting and Newswriting  
SRJC Equivalent Course(s): JOUR1 OR JOUR1 AND JOUR1L

### **Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Major Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Develop story ideas, identify sources, conduct interviews and research and write different types of news and feature articles.
2. Distinguish between news and feature articles in terms of lead, content, sources and story structure.
3. Use copyediting skills and knowledge of AP style to edit, refine and improve articles.
4. Apply ethical philosophies to the evaluation of news judgments regarding use of controversial photos, conflicts of interest, withholding information and other ethical dilemmas.
5. Analyze libel and invasion of privacy case studies and determine potential outcomes based on knowledge of media law.

### **Topics and Scope:**

- I. Newswriting - Inverted pyramid
- II. Leads
  - A. Typology and rules of leads
  - B. Writing news leads
- III. Covering a Beat
  - A. Finding story ideas
  - B. Developing and keeping sources
- IV. Sources and Research
  - A. Offline and online research
  - B. Mapping sources in articles
- V. Interviewing
  - A. Interview preparation and question type
  - B. Note taking and accuracy
- VI. Attribution
  - A. Choosing best quotes
  - B. Quote vs. paraphrase

- C. Quote punctuation
- VII. Working with Numbers
  - A. Finding and using numbers in stories.
  - B. Data driven stories and online numbers research
  - C. Means, medians, percentages
- VIII. Story Types Practice
  - A. Meeting stories
  - B. Speech stories
  - C. Event stories
  - D. News conferences
- Police stories
- IX. Feature Writing
  - A. Feature leads and nut graphs
  - C. Feature story structures (focus, hourglass, narrative)
  - D. Use of fiction techniques in features
  - E. Profile writing practice
- X. Editing
  - A. Grammar
  - B. Punctuation
  - C. AP Style
  - D. Active vs. passive
  - E. Conciseness
  - F. Clarity and precision
  - G. Strong verbs
  - H. Transitions and story flow
- XI. Media Law
  - A. Libel case elements and defenses
  - B. Finding libel in articles and analyzing cases
  - C. Analyzing invasion of privacy cases
- XII. Media Ethics
  - A. Recognizing ethics cases
  - B. Applying the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Code of Ethics
  - C. Evaluating and problem solving ethics cases
- XIII. Objectivity
  - A. Recognizing bias
  - B. Recognizing framing
- XIV. Media as Business
  - A. Portfolio building
  - B. Online journalism jobs and internships

**Assignment:**

1. Skills-building practice and in lab assignments as required.
2. Four to five meetings with instructor before or after major Journalism 1 assignments.

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing  
0 - 0%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

In-lab assignments

Problem solving  
20 - 40%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

In-lab skills practice

Skill Demonstrations  
20 - 40%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

None

Exams  
0 - 0%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and classroom participation

Other Category  
20 - 40%

### **Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Instructor prepared materials  
Associated Press Stylebook (2013)