

**JOUR 2L Course Outline as of Fall 2017****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: JOUR 2L Title: NEWS GATH &amp; WRITING LAB

Full Title: News Gathering and News Writing 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	6	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 or P/NP

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

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

A lab course in which students will practice Journalism 2 skills involved in learning to develop ideas, report, write and use multimedia for a variety of story types, including news, opinion, social issues, entertainment reviews and feature/investigative pieces.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

Concurrent Enrollment in JOUR 2

**Recommended Preparation:**

Course Completion of JOUR 1 and Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

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

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Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:

<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2016	Inactive:
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<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2016	Inactive:
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**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Major Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

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

1. Write a variety of news stories, such as police, fire, accident, meeting, speech and others on deadline.
2. Distinguish between techniques for writing for print versus the web.
3. Find and develop story ideas for news and feature stories.
4. Find, prepare for and conduct interviews with sources.
5. Conduct research on story topics.
6. Write, edit and refine news, feature, opinion and other types of stories.
7. Create news or feature stories using audio, video or other digital media.

### **Topics and Scope:**

- I. News Writing
  - A. Inverted pyramid
  - B. Beat reporting
  - C. Deadline writing
  - D. Story ideas
  - E. Libel and ethics review
- II. News Reporting of Story Types
  - A. Localizing national stories
  - B. Police and fire
  - C. Storm and disaster
  - D. Court reporting
  - E. Obituaries
  - F. Writing for the web
  - G. Other story types
- III. Social Issues Reporting
  - A. Online and offline research on social issues
  - B. Finding sources and preparing interview questions

- C. Editing audio/video for podcast
- IV. Opinion/Editorial Writing
  - A. Opinion columns issue research
  - B. Strategies for writing editorials and columns
- V. Entertainment Reporting
  - A. Fundamentals of reviewing
  - B. Writing critical reviews
- VI. Multimedia Reporting
  - A. Storyboarding audio and video stories
  - B. Multimedia for the web
  - C. Blogs
  - D. Social media
- VII. Features and Investigative Stories
  - A. Fleshing out story ideas
  - B. Conducting research
  - C. Interview preparation
  - D. Writing leads and nut graphs
  - E. Choosing the best story structure
  - F. Choosing the best medium for delivery
- VIII. 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

### Assignment:

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