

# JOURNALISM (JRN)

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**JRN 111 Introduction to Journalism (3 Credits)**

45 lecture, 3 total contact hours

In this course, students will examine, discuss, and analyze news stories delivered in a variety of forms and identify fundamental elements of style, tone, content. Students will also interview live sources, write news articles, and review the relevant rules of grammar. Examination of interview techniques and newsroom organization will also be included. Level I Prerequisite: Academic Reading and Writing Levels of 6

**JRN 210 Introduction to Copy Editing (3 Credits)**

45 lecture, 3 total contact hours

In this course, students practice editing copy for publications with an emphasis on newspapers and newspaper websites. Students write headlines; edit news articles for tone, style, and content; and exercise news judgment as it pertains to story placement, page layout, and audience with attention to legal and ethical standards. Level I Prerequisite: Academic Reading and Writing Levels of 6

**JRN 217 Introduction to Feature Writing (3 Credits)**

45 lecture, 3 total contact hours

In this course, students write articles such as profiles, obituaries, and human interest stories with an emphasis on various feature writing and reporting techniques. These may include narrative leads, circle kickers, interviews with multiple sources, online research and crowd-sourcing using social media. Media law and ethics are also examined. Level I Prerequisite: Academic Reading and Writing Levels of 6; JRN 111 minimum grade "C"

**JRN 220 Introduction to Digital Journalism (3 Credits)**

45 lecture, 3 total contact hours

In this course, students explore ways to report news and information digitally. Students use social media, digital images, and digital video along with text to report stories they gather and post on web-based blogging platforms while observing the ethical and legal conventions of professional journalism. Level I Prerequisite: Academic Reading and Writing Levels of 6; JRN 111 minimum grade "C"