

Course Abstract

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Course ID and Name: ENG 205: Introduction to Journalism

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Prerequisites: ENG 122 **Co-requisites:**

Course Description:

Introduces the prospective reporter to the various forms of journalistic writing, including news and feature stories, editorials and opinion columns. Students learn to recognize, weigh, gather, report and edit the news as they learn to develop, organize and publish their work as professional reporters working on the staff of the College newspaper. In addition, they are introduced to the major historical trends in journalism as well as the ethical and moral issues that journalists face each day as they perform their jobs.

General Education Status:

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Compose news and feature articles.
2. Collaborate with peers to evaluate story ideas.
3. Use electronic resources to assist with research for writing.

Course Content Areas:

1. Research and writing: Write at least four newspaper articles, including an in-depth feature, a review, a report of an interview, and an editorial.

2. Reading: Style manual, textbook, and supplementary materials.

3. Lecture/Discussion:

- a. Emphasis on accurate and comprehensive reporting; covering a beat.
- b. Cultivation of contacts and use of public records to develop stories and leads.
- c. Developing a working knowledge of editorial policy and newspaper operations.
- d. Developing a sense of journalistic ethics along with interviewing skills.