

# JOU 2101 Introduction to Journalism

## Credit Type – Proficiency



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<b>Course Description and Learning Outcomes:</b>																																						
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<b>Resources Needed to Offer Course</b> (software, equipment, books [include ISBN and edition], etc. – please include any associated costs):																																						
Required Materials: The Missouri Group. News Reporting and Writing. 13th ed. Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2020. Optional but Recommended Materials: The Associated Press Stylebook 2020.																																						
<b>What is the ideal format for course delivery – in person, online or blended? To what extent could this course be offered online if necessary?</b>																																						
The course can be taught fully online or blended, with access to eLearn and the book listed above. Students will need a computer to access eLearn where the content and assignments will be available.																																						
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<b>Who is responsible for grading the required assignments and/or assessments? (faculty or instructor?)</b>
High School Instructor grades the assignments
<b>What is the grading scale for the course?</b>
<p>There are rubrics for assignments. The mini assignments are graded on whether or not they are done.</p> <p>The following scale will be used to determine final grades:</p> <p>A (Excellent; 90 - 100%)  B (Above average; 80 - 89%)  C (Average; 70 - 79%)  D (Below average; 60 - 69%)  F (Failure; 0 - 59%)</p>
<b>Must students access the eLearn shell regularly to complete requirements?</b>
Yes
<b>Does the course require access to YouTube, GoogleDrive, etc.?</b>
They need eLearn and a way to type up their stories. To create the podcasts, students need a recording device. Most people just use their phones. They will need some software to edit the audio. This is free and can be found online. Audacity is a popular one.
<b>Additional course details or requirements important for instructors not covered above:</b>
Students must do in-person, phone or Zoom interviews. No email interviews are allowed.
<b>Most common (or popular) degrees this course is in?</b>
Multimedia Journalism AA, English AA, Communication AA and New Media certificate