

## **JOURNALISM 1105**

### **News Reporting and Writing**

**This is an information sheet only, not the course syllabus.**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Develops basic journalistic skills in reporting and writing news stories. Includes form and organization of news stories, leads, reporting of speeches and meetings, interviews, news gathering simulations, and live exercises. Uses Internet, DVD/CD, word processing, and other reporting resource technologies for assignments. (3 credit hours)

#### **COURSE MATERIALS**

*News Reporting and Writing*, 11th Edition, Mencher, Melvin. Publisher: McGraw Hill, 2008 (Packaged with NRW Plus Student CD-ROM and Brush UP: A Quick Guide to Writing and Math Skills CD-ROM.) ISBN: 0073511935

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

This journalism course requires weekly deadlines to complete readings, study guides, assignments and unit tests, in addition to weekly “virtual” discussions in the Discussion Board. Each unit will run approximately one week, and will be composed of the following:

1. textbook, DVD/CD and other readings
2. assignments
3. study guides
4. unit tests
5. unit discussions

#### **EVALUATION/GRADING**

Unit tests with true/false and multiple choice questions in units. Both the midterm and final exams will have multiple choice and true/false questions. All tests will be timed (unit tests will be mostly 5 minutes). The midterm will be approximately 25 to 30 minutes. The final exam will consist of objective questions. All tests will be given through the Blackboard courseware.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
A	100 - 90%
B	89.9 - 80%
C	79.9 - 70%
D	69.9 - 60%

#### **SATISFACTORY/FAIL OPTION**

The S/F grade option is available to students in this course. Contact the instructor or refer to the syllabus for details and conditions.

#### **INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY**

The Incomplete grade option is not available to students in this course.