

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

COLLEGE CREDIT COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE NUMBER: JOU 2100

COURSE TITLE: Newspaper Reporting and Writing

PREREQUISITE(S): ENC 1101 with a grade of "C" or better

COREQUISITE(S): None

CREDIT HOURS: 3

CONTACT HOURS/WEEK: 3

CONTACT HOUR BREAKDOWN:

Lecture/Discussion: 3

Laboratory:

Other _____:

FACULTY WORKLOAD POINTS: 3

STANDARDIZED CLASS SIZE ALLOCATION: 25

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces basic newspaper reporting ideas and skills, including generating article ideas, identifying sources, writing both feature and hard news articles, organizing articles, and exploring the publishing process. The course also examines journalism ethics and the role of the reporter. Students should know how to type and use a computer.

SUGGESTED TEXT(S):

Rich, Carol. Writing and Reporting News, New York: Thomas Wadsworth, Latest Edition.

Missouri Group, Telling the Story, Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, Latest Edition

Goldstein, Norm (ed). Edition, The Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual. New York: The associated Press, Latest Edition

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COURSE TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS <u>PER TOPIC</u>
I. What is News	3
A. Definition of News	
B. News Value	
C. Gatekeeping	
D. Newspaper Organization	
II. Effective Writing	9
A. Grammar	
B. Precision and clarity	
C. Transitions	
III. The Stylebook	3
IV. Story ideas and interviewing	6
A. Preparation	
B. Computer assisted reporting	
C. Using press releases and other information sources	
D. Doing the interviews	
E. Follow-up interviews	
V. Writing the story	9
A. Leads: Hard news and features	
B. Organizing and writing hard news stories	
C. Organizing and writing feature stories	
D. Quotes and Attribution	
E. Writing for the Web and for Print	
VI. Story categories	6
A. Speeches and Press Conferences	
B. Accidents, Fires and Disasters	
C. Crime and the Courts	
D. Obituaries	
VII. Beats	3
A. Government	
B. Police and the courts	
C. Education	
D. Health and environment	
E. Business	
F. Entertainment	
G. Sports	
VIII. Ethics, Press Law, Social Responsibility	6

