

JOU 2101 Introduction to Journalism.
Credit Type – Proficiency



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Course Description and Learning Outcomes:

<https://www.sinclair.edu/course/params/subject/JOU/courseNo/2101/>

Faculty Pathway Specialist(s) (Please include name and email):

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Resources Needed to Offer Course (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.

How is the final grade for the course determined? (Please list all required assignments, assessments, etc.)

GRADING

Course work will be weighted according to the following scale:

Grammar quiz	50 points
AP style quizzes (2)	100 points
Current events podcasts (2)	200 points
Hard news story	50 points
Speech story	50 points
Obituary	50 points
Discussions, mini assignments	100 points
See below for specifics on these assignments	
Feature story	200 points
Enterprise story	200 points
TOTAL:	1,000 points

LIST OF DISCUSSIONS, MINI ASSIGNMENTS

These are the broken down by point value. Due dates for these are on the When Assignments Are Due page.

Intro discussion	10 points
Quote format mini quiz	10 points
Jess interview, feedback	20 points
Feature story analysis	10 points
Fake news discussion	10 points
Digital media assignment	10 points
Ethics discussion	10 points
Media law activity	20 points
TOTAL:	100 points

The following scale will be used to determine final grades:

- A (Excellent; 90 - 100%)
- B (Above average; 80 - 89%)
- C (Average; 70 - 79%)

D (Below average; 60 - 69%)
F (Failure; 0 - 59%)

Who is responsible for grading the required assignments and/or assessments? (faculty or instructor?)

High School Instructor grades the assignments

What is the grading scale for the course?

There are rubrics for assignments. The mini assignments are graded on whether or not they are done. The following scale will be used to determine final grades:

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Must students access the eLearn shell regularly to complete requirements?

Yes

Does the course require access to YouTube, Google Drive, etc.?

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.

Additional course details or requirements important for instructors not covered above:

Students must do in-person, phone or Zoom interviews. No email interviews are allowed.

Most common (or popular) degrees this course is in?

Multimedia Journalism AA, English AA, Communication AA and New Media certificate

24-25 AY

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