

**Northwest Arkansas Community College**  
(Communication and Arts Division)

**Discipline Code**

JOUR

**Course Number**

1061G

**Course Title**

Student Newspaper Lab

**Catalog Description**

Students may earn credit for participation on the staff of a student publication. Emphasis will be on news gathering, news and feature reporting, design and layout, and meeting deadlines. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credit hours. The course includes a short-term study abroad experience.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Credit Hours**

1 credit hour

**Contact Hours**

15 contact hours

**Load Hours**

1 load hours

**Semester Offered**

On Demand

**ACTS Equivalent**

N/A

**Grade Mode**

A-F

**Learning Outcomes**

- Report news and feature stories according to accepted journalistic style and standards.
- Submit news stories and photographs correctly, according to established guidelines.

- Develop knowledge and competencies in page layout and design.
- Practice interviewing and researching skills.
- Set and adhere to deadlines.
- Evaluate newsrooms procedures and processes.
- Collaborate with editors, reporters, and other entities.

### **General Education Outcomes Supported**

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents which are substantially free of errors.
- Students will demonstrate technological fluency.
- Students demonstrate information literacy.

### **Standard Practices**

#### **Topics List**

Associated Press style, news and feature story structure, ledes, accuracy and fairness, attribution of sources, research, and attention to mechanics and diction.

#### **Learning Activities**

- Research
- Interviews
- Collaboration with staff and editors
- Class discussions
- Evaluation and critique

#### **Assessments**

Meeting assignment deadlines, contributing regularly, and critiquing student publications.

#### **Grading guidelines**

- Regularly updated Canvas gradebook
- Extensive revision with written and verbal feedback

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