

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Journalism Department

Course Number and Title

JOUR 1053, Fundamentals of Journalism

Catalog Description

Introduces students to the skills of observation, critical thinking and the concise, correct, accurate writing required in all aspects of journalism, as well as to the technology needed in upper level courses. Practice using references for grammar and journalistic style. This course is a prerequisite for upper-level journalism courses at institutions that offer a journalism degree.

Prerequisites

None.

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours

Three

Target Audience/Transferability

This course is recommended for students considering journalism as a major. This class is transferable to institutions of higher learning in the surrounding area/region.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Report news using AP style.
- Apply news judgment.
- Utilize interviewing and observation skills in reporting.
- Utilize technology for research and reporting.

Topics

AP style, evaluation of news stories, reading and researching court and other official documents

Forms of Assessment

Tests, papers, oral reports, journals, quizzes, in-class and out-of-class writing