

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Journalism Department

Course Number and Title

JOUR 1061, 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.

Prerequisites

None

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours

One

Target Audience/Transferability

This course is designed primarily as a workshop experience and may or may not transfer to other schools.

Student 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.

Topics

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

Forms of Assessment

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