

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: EN 232 Journalism/Newswriting II

Credit: 4

Prerequisites

EN 231

Description

This class capitalizes on the skills students learned in EN 231 and introduces them to more advanced forms of newswriting. Students will learn how to write in-depth features and investigative pieces that go beyond the basic news story. Students will also learn how to use more modern storytelling techniques, and create an online portfolio. Again, their work will be showcased in *The Voice* and *The Voice Online*.

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Identify research and write feature stories.
- Identify research and write investigative pieces.
- Analyze, edit and fact check feature and investigative pieces.
- Utilize the modern storytelling techniques of video, audio and photography through portfolio creation.
- Recognize how the news media is changing and the skills necessary to meet those changes in the workplace.
- Analyze, write and edit opinion pieces.

Topical Outline

Newswriting II is a continuation of Newswriting I. Students will take the basic skills they learned in Newswriting I and apply it to feature, investigative and opinion pieces. The class will operate as a newsroom and students' finished pieces will be displayed in *The Voice* and *The Voice Online*. Students will learn to edit and fact-check their peers' articles and continue to learn AP Style.

Required Texts and Other Materials

AP Stylebook, Associated Press, 4th edition: Basic Books.

Inside Reporting: A Practical Guide to the Craft of Journalism by Harrower, Tim, 2nd edition, New York: McGraw-Hill.

Student Assessment

Students will be graded on their finished products, on in-class exercises and quizzes. Two newspapers will be produced each semester and students will be graded on the quality of the

articles contributed to *The Voice* and *The Voice Online*. Students will also be graded on their online articles.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism is cheating. Plagiarism is presenting in written work, in public speaking, and in oral reports the ideas or exact words of someone else without proper documentation.

Whether the act of plagiarism is deliberate or accidental [ignorance of the proper rules for handling material is no excuse], plagiarism is, indeed, a “criminal” offense.

As such, a plagiarized paper or report automatically receives a grade of **ZERO** and the student may receive a grade of **F** for the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

Available Resources

If you are having difficulty with work in this class, tutoring is available through the Success Center. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600, x1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

(List availability of open labs and/or writing center)

Before Withdrawing From This Course

If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) **BEFORE** withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.