

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

JOUR

Course Number

1061

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.

Prerequisites

None

Credit Hours

1 credit hour

Contact Hours

15 contact hours

Load Hours

1 load hours

Semester Offered

Fall and Spring

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 demonstrate information literacy.
- Students will demonstrate technological fluency.

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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