

Department: English
Name of Course: Journalism
Prerequisite: None

Course Description

Journalism is an English elective in which students have many opportunities to explore journalism and the media. This course captures the dynamics of today's ever changing world of journalism with a real, hands-on approach. Students will be expected to read and analyze case studies, know the history of the media and its place in our society and understand and use AP style. Journalism provides students with extensive training in writing, editing and rewriting material for publication. Throughout the course, students will become familiar with all aspects of journalism by writing news stories, editorials and features; writing headlines and cutlines; design layout using word processing and page design software; and learn the art of teamwork.

Major Topics of Study

- **History of journalism**
- **Press freedoms**
- **Gathering and selecting news**
- **Interviewing**
- **News Writing**
- **Feature Stories**
- **Sports Writing**
- **Advertising**
- **Layout and Design**

Texts and Materials

Law of the Student Press
The Associated Press Stylebook
Student Journalism and Media Literacy
Excerpts from newspapers and other sources
Shattered Glass

Quarterly Average

20% Homework
20% Classwork and Participation
40% Major writing assignments, Tests, Projects,
20% Quizzes