

## JOURNALISM

The Journalism minor is appropriate with any major and should be considered by students who wish to pursue careers in writing, reporting and editing for the print or broadcast media. Special consideration should be given by secondary education minors who would like preparation to supervise a high school newspaper.

The minor in Journalism stresses communication skills in newspaper writing, editing and Adobe/Pagemaker desktop publishing. Coursework in Journalism ethics and/or Media and the Law are also requirements for a Journalism minor. Six credits of electives from Mass Communication, Photojournalism, Newspaper Editorial/Management Practices & Policies, complete the program.

Journalism minors are expected to gain experience working on *The Observer*, the award-winning student newspaper. Internships may be available to Journalism minors with an overall GPA of 3.000 in their senior year.

The Journalism minor is supervised by the Department of English.

### MINOR IN JOURNALISM (20 credits)

REQUIRED: 3 courses (9 credits)

JRN 105 Intro Newspaper Wrting, Rprtnng & Edtnng    JRN/ENG 223 Feature Writing  
JRN 106 Basic Design Newspapers & Other Publications

Choose 6 credits from:

JRN/MC 117 Media and Society  
JRN 220 Photojournalism  
JRN 320 Newspaper Editorial/Mgt  
JRN 390 Internship

Reporting

Choose 3 credits from:

JRN/MC 330 Journalism Ethics  
JRN/MC 358 Media & the Law

Choose 2 credits from:

JRN 101 Newspaper Lab-

JRN 102 Newspaper Lab-Layout

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **101. Newspaper Laboratory—Reporting** **1 credit**

Applied practice in newspaper reporting and editing for *The Observer*. (**May be taken twice.**)

#### **102. Newspaper Laboratory—Layout and Design** **1 credit**

Applied practice in layout and design as a page editor or assistant editor for *The Observer*. (**May be taken twice.**)

#### **105. Introduction to Newspaper Writing, Reporting, & Editing** **3 credits**

Practice in news style writing, gathering information, and editing for publication. Major emphasis on style manuals and grammar, plus discussion of feature, column and editorial writing styles as they pertain to the College's bi-weekly newspaper.

#### **106. Basic Design for Newspapers and Other Publications** **3 credits**

Practice in type selection, copyfitting, photo and illustration selection and use, paste-up skills and printing processes, plus introduction to Adobe/Pagemaker desktop publishing in connection with the College newspaper.

**117. Media and Society (MC 117)**

**3 credits**

A study of the forms of communication involved in the mass media (print, radio, television and film). Basic theories of Message, Receiver, Channel, and Sender are applied in classroom exercises through oral reports, surveys and research.

**220. Photojournalism (MC 220)**

**3 credits**

The use of cameras and films and the developing and printing of black-and-white photographs used in journalism. Planning, taking and editing news pictures; writing cutlines and captions and the technique of the picture story are emphasized.

**223. Feature Writing (ENG 223)**

**3 credits**

A writing course in which students read and write a variety of newspaper and magazine feature articles. Students will learn how to select markets for free-lance feature articles and how to prepare manuscripts for submissions to prospective publishers.

**320. Newspaper Editorial/Management Practices & Policies**

**3 credits**

A practical overview of professional practices and corresponding policies in the gathering, writing, and editing of news.

**330. Journalism Ethics (MC 330)**

**3 credits**

A comprehensive study of legal and ethical considerations inherent to a free press in a free society. Case histories plus a series of guest speakers add depth and insight to a course that probes ethical codes and value systems in the mass news media. Special emphasis is given not only to how the press functions, but why it functions as it does.

**358. Media Law (MC 358)**

**3 credits**

Study of the legal issues concerning the media including: statutes and regulations governing press, broadcast and films; analysis of defamation, libel, contempt, privacy, copyright, legal rights and privileges of the mass media. **Prerequisite: MC 117.**

**390. Internship**

**3-9 credits**

Available to qualified students. Participants will work in College-approved off-campus intern programs in publishing or editorial fields. Journalism minors may take an internship with the consent of the departmental supervisor and an overall minimum GPA of 3.000.

**455. Independent Study**

**1-3 credits**