Courses in Journalism

A Jrl 225
Media Law and Ethics (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. It is often said that "law and ethics have the same center point, but law has a smaller circumference." The center point focus on what is "right" to do in varying circumstances. This is especially true for journalists, whose practices in gathering, reporting, writing, and publishing news in many different forms and media often involve overlapping dilemmas of ethical questions and legal ramifications. This course will introduce students to the foundations of media law and ethics, explaining historical and contemporary theories and practices, and applying close analysis through actual cases and hypothetical situations. It will pay special attention to some of the most common dilemmas for journalists - libel, for example, or free press/fair trial conflicts, or confidentiality, or going "undercover" to investigate wrongdoing, or publishing what could be offensive content, as a few examples.
(1834) Armao, Rosemary
6 Week 3: July 6-August 14
Online course in Blackboard

A Jrl 475Z
Opinion Writing (3)
This course may be either an intensive skills-oriented workshop or a conceptual course on a topic in journalism that bears serious study. More than one section may be offered in a semester. May be repeated for credit if content varies.
(2502) Barnes, Steven
6 Week 1: May 26-July 3
MTTh 8:30a.m.-11:00a.m.
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Internship in Journalism (1-6)
The course is limited to Journalism majors and minors. Internships in a variety of media are offered for variable credit. The internship requires that students work on-site in a professional media organization, under the direct supervision of a qualified supervisor. A faculty supervisor will also design an academic component for the internship, based on readings, daily journals, and the writing of papers that analyze and reflect on the work experience. The faculty supervisor will meet regularly with interns (by telephone or by email, if the student is working at an internship outside of the Capital District). Internships are open only to qualified juniors and seniors who have an overall grade point average of 2.50 or higher and an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in their coursework in Journalism. Prerequisite(s): Permission of Faculty Supervisor. S/U graded.
(1141) McKenna, Holly
12 Week: May 26-August 14
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