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Journalism 1 Course Syllabus 2022-2023

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Course Objectives: In today's fractured media environment media literacy is more important than ever. In this course students will:

- Be able to informatively and fluently discuss current events and issues in journalism
- Plan, draft, and complete written compositions on a regular basis in a variety of forms for different audiences.
- Learn how to become analytical consumers of media to enhance their communication skills.
- Study published work from professional journalists in a variety of media so they can create, clarify, critique, write, and produce effective communications.
- learn about journalistic traditions, research topics of their choosing to write journalistic texts.

Daily Required Materials: Students are required to attend class with their:

- Laptop computer with access to Canvas
- Pen and Paper
- Assigned Readings

Homework Assignments: Homework will be assigned regularly. Consistent failure to complete homework assignments will result in slower learning, below level mastery of objectives, poor grades and parent/teacher/student conferences

Late Work: Assignments are late if they are not submitted by 11:59pm on the due date for online assignments. If it is not turned in students will be given a 50 in the gradebook until they turn in the assignment. If the assignment is not turned in by the end of the cycle the student will receive a 50 in the gradebook.

Academic Honesty: Except during designated group work, you are expected to complete homework, class work, and tests on your own. Using ideas or quotations from other works without accurate and clear citations will be considered plagiarism and result in a zero for the assignment. When in doubt- cite it! Integrating outside sources into writing is a key part of journalism.

Attendance and Participation: Attendance and participation are required; it is difficult to learn the content and understand the issues if you are not present in class for discussion. Your class participation and attendance can be a deciding factor if your class average straddles two grades.