

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer course A.A. degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: Journalism 295: Directed Study in Journalism

UNIT VALUE: 1,2,3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48, 96, 144

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language and computational skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: Approval of project or research by department chairperson / director

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

Independent study for students who have demonstrated skills and/or proficiencies in journalism subjects and have the initiative to work independently on projects or research outside the context of regularly scheduled classes. Students will work under personal supervision of an instructor. May be taken four times. CSU

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will gain the ability to identify and analyze appropriate topics for newspaper or magazine articles. Students will be equipped to evaluate subjects based on news and interest value as well as marketability. Students will be able to effectively research topics and synthesize information. Students will translate data into clearly organized written pieces. Students will demonstrate awareness of the role creativity plays in successful writing. Students will apply sound professional journalism practices and ethical standards to their work.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

Because this is a "directed study" course, the actual content will vary from semester to semester. The student is encouraged to design his/her own projects to fulfill personal learning objectives. Fundamental content for all students will include:

1. Locating effective topics
2. Researching skills
3. Interview techniques
4. Article formats
5. Descriptive writing and color articles

6. Human interest articles
7. Profiles and personality sketches

REQUIRED READING:

Reading will vary depending on focus of student projects. Examples of typical texts include:

Black, Jay. Doing Ethics in Journalism. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1995.

Friedlander, Edward & Lee, J. Feature Writing for Newspapers and Magazines. New York: Longman, 1999.

Overbeck, Wayne. Major Principles of Media Law. New York: Harcourt Brace, 1994.

Schwartz, Jerry. Associated Press Reporting Handbook. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2002.

SUGGESTED READING:

Feature articles in newspapers and magazines as assigned by instructor.

REQUIRED WRITING:

1. Completion of a learning contract, which defines the exact nature of proposed writing projects, including learning objectives.
2. Completion of monthly report forms, which detail the number of hours spent on projects and activities performed.
3. Completion of writing projects. Number of writing assignments will vary dependent on number of units students are enrolled in. Each assignment will be approximately 4 typewritten pages.

1 unit -	5 stories
2 units -	8 stories
3 units -	11 stories
4. An end of the semester completion report in which the student summarizes and analyzes his/her work for the semester.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short-term classes.

Researching topics and interviewing sources. Reading assignments and writing articles. Students will spend a minimum of three hours each week for each unit of credit for which they are enrolled

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

DISTANCE LEARNING:

This course may be offered as a distance learning course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

If yes, check all that apply.

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

This will vary with the project or research and will be detailed in the written contract.

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes No Number of times course may be taken for credit: 4

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s), 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

58161 (c) (2) (A and B)

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SIGNATURES ON FILE
