

**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:** RTV 240 Television News

**UNIT VALUE:** 4

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS:** 128

**BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:** Appropriate language and computational skills

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**PREREQUISITE:** RTV 110 and RTV 120, or RTV 140

**COREQUISITE:** None

**RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:** None

**SCOPE OF COURSE:**

Principles of scripting, gathering and editing of television news. Production of newscasts for airing on cable television. *May be taken four times.* CSU

**SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will:

1. Identify television news sources including news agencies and their functions.
2. Explain and apply the principles of broadcast journalism to television news.
3. Analyze and evaluate the merit of various news stories available for television broadcast.
4. Justify choices of broadcast and story content.
5. Solve novel problems associated with television news gathering, writing, and production.

**CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:**

- I. Broadcast News Writing
  - A. Writing for Broadcast
  - B. Writing the News Story
  - C. News Selection & Sources
  - D. Features
  - E. Scripting Visuals
- II. Broadcast News Coverage

- A. News Organization
- B. Interviewing
- C. Actualities
- D. Electronic News Gathering
- III. Broadcast News Editing
  - A. Editing and Rewriting Broadcast News
  - B. Preparing the Newscast
  - C. Formats
- IV. Broadcast News Issues
  - A. Legal Considerations
  - B. Ratings vs. Professionalism
  - C. Editorials

**REQUIRED READING:**

Handouts as required by instructor.

**SUGGESTED READING:**

Los Angeles Times, San Diego Union, and/or local North County newspapers, news magazines.

**REQUIRED WRITING:**

Various news copy rewriting exercises, TV newscast format assignment, feature proposal, news stories for weekly newscasts. (approximately 450 words/week excluding revisions and editing.)

**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.**

- Complete writing assignments
- Remote feature writing and production
- Current events background readings
- Newscast viewing for formatting assignment
- Pre-production of newscasts
- Required readings
- Lecture note review

**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.**

Yes  No

**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):

Student will record three TV newscasts. Grading will depend upon demonstrated improvements in writing and announcing. Each newcast will count for 20 points for a total of 60 points.

A+ = 90-100%      B = 80-89%      C = 70-79%      D = 60-69%      F = 0-59%

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

Yes X 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

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**SIGNATURES ON FILE:**