

0103 Journalism

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None

Students enrolled in Journalism write in a variety of forms for a variety of audiences and purposes. High school students enrolled in this course are expected to plan, draft, and complete written compositions on a regular basis, carefully examining their work for clarity, engaging language, and the correct use of the conventions and mechanics of written English and Associated Press style. Students will become analytical consumers of media and technology to enhance their communication skills. Published work of professional journalists, writing, technology and visual and electronic media are used as tools for learning as students create, clarify, critique, write, and produce effective communications. Students enrolled in Journalism will learn journalistic traditions, research self-selected topics, write journalistic texts, and learn the principles of publishing. Students who excel in this course may apply for positions on the magazine, broadcasting, or yearbook staff.

0113 Advanced Journalism: Yearbook I**0123 Advanced Journalism: Yearbook II****0133W Advanced Journalism: Yearbook III**

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: Journalism and Teacher Recommendation; Students must apply for a staff position and be interviewed by the teacher before registering for this course, which is designed to edit and produce the school yearbook. Students will learn industry-standard software, layout design, and how to create a fiscally responsible product.

0143 Advanced Journalism: Newspaper I**0153 Advanced Journalism: Newspaper II****0163W Advanced Journalism: Newspaper III**

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: Journalism; and Teacher Recommendation; Students must apply for a staff position. Students will be involved in electronic journalism, writing editorials, news, sports, and feature stories, as well as designing magazine pages and ads. Students will learn industry-standard software, layout design, and how to create a fiscally responsible product.

0173 Advanced Broadcast Journalism I**0183 Advanced Broadcast Journalism II****0203W Advanced Broadcast Journalism III**

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: Journalism; and Teacher Recommendation; Students enrolled in this course will learn how to write a script, direct a news segment and work as an anchor on the daily news announcements. Students will understand the laws and ethical considerations that affect broadcast journalism. They will learn the role and function of this type of journalism and how to critique and analyze the significance of visual representation through the creation of a broadcast journalism product. They will learn software involved in producing and creating a news program and a video.

0403 Oral Interpretation I**0413 Oral Interpretation II****0423 Oral Interpretation III****0433W Independent Study in Speech: (Oral Interpretation IV)**

Credit: 1 (elective)

Prerequisite: None for Level I.

Literature and its presentation are integral to understanding the cultural aspects of a society. Students in Oral Interpretation will select, research, analyze, adapt, interpret and perform literary texts to attempt to capture the entirety of the author's work. Individual and group performances of literature will be presented and evaluated.

0213 Debate I**0223 Debate II****0233 Debate III****0234W Independent Study in Speech (Debate IV)**

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None for level I and successful completion of prior level.

Major focus is competitive debate; however, all speech/reading/interpretative events are studied, practiced and performed in tournaments. Class is involved in University Interscholastic League, National Forensic League and Texas Forensic Association. Students are required to go to tournaments, some on weekends, and must be prepared to spend many hours in research and organization of materials.