

JOURN49 : Journalism Independent Study

General Information

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Course Code (CB01) :	JOURN49
Course Title (CB02) :	Journalism Independent Study
Department:	JOURN
Proposal Start:	Winter 2025
TOP Code (CB03) :	(0602.00) Journalism
CIP Code:	(09.0401) Journalism.
SAM Code (CB09) :	Clearly Occupational
Distance Education Approved:	No
Will this course be taught asynchronously?:	No
Course Control Number (CB00) :	CCC000422308
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	05/08/2024
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	06/18/2024
Last Cyclical Review Date:	05/08/2024
Course Description and Course Note:	<p>JOURN 49 provides independent exploration to familiarize students with research techniques, career options, and special academic interests in journalism. Emphasis shall be on individual research projects, library research, and/or preparation of research papers. There is no prescribed course content. Students develop and complete a research project approved by the sponsoring instructor and division chairperson. Note: Registration is open to any student at GCC who is currently registered for six or more units and who is admitted to Independent Study by the instructor and division chair. A student is limited to one Independent Study per semester and no more than 12 units credit toward the AA Degree or Certificate, and no more than six units per division. The units received may be acceptable for college transfer subject to the approval of the individual college. This course may be taken 3 times; a maximum of 9 units may be earned.</p>
Justification:	Mandatory Revision
Academic Career:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Credit
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Academic Senate Discipline

Primary Discipline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Journalism
Alternate Discipline:	No value
Alternate Discipline:	No value

Course Development

Basic Skill Status (CB08)

Course is not a basic skills course.

Allow Students to Gain Credit by Exam/Challenge

Course Special Class Status (CB13)

Course is not a special class.

Pre-Collegiate Level (CB21)

Not applicable.

Grading Basis

- Grade with Pass / No-Pass Option

Course Support Course Status (CB26)

Course is not a support course

Transferability & Gen. Ed. Options

General Education Status (CB25)

Not Applicable

Transferability

Transferable to CSU only

Transferability Status

Approved

Units and Hours

Summary

Minimum Credit Units (CB07) 1

Maximum Credit Units (CB06) 3

Total Course In-Class (Contact) Hours 54 - 162

Total Course Out-of-Class Hours 0 - 0

Total Student Learning Hours 54 - 162

Credit / Non-Credit Options

Course Type (CB04)

Credit - Degree Applicable

Noncredit Course Category (CB22)

Credit Course.

Noncredit Special Characteristics

No Value

Course Classification Code (CB11)

Credit Course.

Variable Credit Course

Funding Agency Category (CB23)

Not Applicable.

Cooperative Work Experience

Education Status (CB10)

Weekly Student Hours

	In Class	Out of Class
Lecture Hours	0	0
Laboratory Hours	3 - 9	0
Studio Hours	0	0

Course Student Hours

Course Duration (Weeks)	18
Hours per unit divisor	54
Course In-Class (Contact) Hours	
Lecture	0
Laboratory	54 - 162
Studio	0

Total 54 - 162

Course Out-of-Class Hours

Lecture	0
Laboratory	0
Studio	0
Total	0

Time Commitment Notes for Students

No value

Units and Hours - Weekly Specialty Hours

Activity Name	Type	In Class	Out of Class
No Value	No Value	No Value	No Value

Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, Anti-requisites and Advisories

Co-Requisite

Concurrent registration in 6 or more units.

AND

Prerequisite

JOURN103 - Student Publications Staff (in-development)

Objectives

- Express knowledge of the difference between fact and opinion in newsgathering and writing.
- Determine the veracity of sources for stories, taking into account ethical and legal considerations.
- Write news analyses of campus and local community issues.
- Demonstrate the interpersonal skills essential in gathering the news.
- Produce well-researched, fact-based opinion and explanatory articles.

AND

Prerequisite

JOURN104 - Student Publications Editor (in-development)

Objectives

- Oversee the production of a student newspaper, with responsibility for its content and editing, and meeting deadlines.
- Aid in assigning stories to writers in both Journalism 103 and Journalism 104 classes.
- Assign photos to photographers, including pitching photo assignments to peers.
- Effectively critique the work of writers and photographers.
- Demonstrate editing skills that will make news articles more readable and factually accurate.
- Demonstrate a sense of news judgment.
- Take ownership of uploading stories, photos and videos to a website.

Entry Standards

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Course Limitations

Cross Listed or Equivalent Course

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Specifications

Methods of Instruction

Methods of Instruction	Laboratory
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Methods of Instruction	Independent Study
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Out of Class Assignments

- Research project

Methods of Evaluation

Rationale

Project/Portfolio

Portfolio Evaluations

Textbook Rationale

To be determined by Instructor and internship need.

Textbooks

Author	Title	Publisher	Date	ISBN
No Value	No Value	No Value	No Value	No Value

Other Instructional Materials (i.e. OER, handouts)

No Value

Materials Fee

No value

Learning Outcomes and Objectives

Course Objectives

Conduct independent discipline-specific research activities.

Demonstrate a specific in-depth knowledge in the discipline involved.

SLOs

Apply concepts and knowledge of discipline-specific materials to research projects, essays, and other assignments.

Expected Outcome Performance: 70.0

ILOs Analyze and solve problems using critical, logical, and creative thinking; ask questions, pursue a line of inquiry, and derive conclusions;
Core ILOs cultivate creativity that leads to innovative ideas.

Demonstrate depth of knowledge in a course, discipline, or vocation by applying practical knowledge, skills, abilities, theories, or methodologies to solve unique problems.

Course Content

Lecture Content

No value

Laboratory/Studio Content

Research project (54-162 hours)

That ranges from a broadcast series to a newspaper design project over the span of a semester. Some examples include: A student may create a documentary news package, a magazine spread, produce a newspaper issue, or more. Based on Independent Study contracts, research projects will vary.

Total hours: 54-162

Additional Information

Is this course proposed for GCC Major or General Education Graduation requirement? If yes, indicate which requirement in the two areas provided below.

No

GCC Major Requirements

No Value

GCC General Education Graduation Requirements

No Value

Repeatability

Not Repeatable

Justification (if repeatable was chosen above)

No Value

Resources

Did you contact your departmental library liaison?

No

If yes, who is your departmental library liaison?

Jennie Quinonez-Skinner (Language Arts, Student Services)

Did you contact the DEIA liaison?

No

Were there any DEIA changes made to this outline?

No

If yes, in what areas were these changes made:

No Value

Will any additional resources be needed for this course? (Click all that apply)

No Value

If additional resources are needed, add a brief description and cost in the box provided.

No Value