

California State University, Northridge
Summer Academic Enrichment Program

Journalism

Course Overview

Who? What? When? Where? Why? Journalism provides us with the answers to these questions for the events that affect our lives. In this course, students will learn how to gather information, organize ideas, format stories for different forms of news media, and edit their stories for publication. Students will also examine the role of journalism in society and how journalism has evolved.

Course Description:

Students will engage in multiple forms of media with a strong focus on article writing. Skills taught will include writing leads, headlines, and cut lines. Students will learn how to gather information for a story, edit, proofread, and complete a draft. Students will learn to use an online newspaper template and the creation of podcasts to deliver news will also be explored.

1. **Goal:** To conduct proper research and gather information for an article.

- Objective: Use newspaper, television, and online sources to gather information for an article.
- Objective: Use firstparty (primary) sources to gather information for an article.
- Objective: Gather information for a story through interviews.

2. **Goal:** To edit and proofread an article.

- Objective: Apply comprehension of the editing process through peer editing.
- Objective: Strengthen and instruct journalistic skills through teacher editing of an article to help students reach their full potential.

3. **Goal:** To use technology as a tool in online journalism.

- Objective: Use audio recording to create podcasts
- Objective: Publish an article on a website for viewing.

Course Materials:

1. Flash drive.
2. Single-subject spiral notebook
3. Pencils and black pens.

Classroom Behavior:

The student is expected to demonstrate mature, polite behavior and extend courtesy to everyone at all times:

1. Actively participate, and have respectful verbal and nonverbal interaction with all opinions must be shown at all times.
2. Since differing views will be expressed, the teacher and the student(s) will mutually maintain a safe environment for courteous dialogue.
3. Respect is to be shown for all CSUN property.
4. No food or beverages will be permitted in the classroom. Snacks must be eaten outside between the designated breaks.
5. Warnings for behavior/discipline problems will be given once. Any further problems will result in communication with the parent(s) or guardian(s) and possible referral to administration.

SAEP Electronics Policy

Cell phones, music players, and headphones are not permitted to be used during class hours.

- a. Please put your cell phone on silent (NOT vibrate).
- b. No texting is allowed during class.

You will be given one verbal warning if the above is not followed. Should a second warning be necessary, your cell phone, music player and/or headphones will be confiscated and held by the teacher until after class. If a third time occurs, your cell phone, music player and/or headphones will be confiscated and held in the SAEP office and MUST BE PICKED UP BY A PARENT.