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RTV 450.01: Senior Project - Broadcast Newsroom

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RTV/Journalism 450

Senior Project/Broadcast Newsroom

Fall 2003

Scope: This is an advanced broadcast class, with strong emphasis on producing, writing, directing and production. You will be responsible for **daily news updates** that air on PBS all across Montana. You will each have an opportunity to fill the many different roles including director, anchor, reporter, photographer, editor, cg operator, producer, etc. You will also be responsible for producing **Montana Journal**, a half-hour magazine-format program that also airs statewide on PBS. You will also produce a weekly edition of **UM News**, a weekly update of what's happening on campus.

Class Time: The class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:10-3:00 in PAR-TV 150 (the studio). Lab time is scheduled from 3:30-5pm Monday through Friday. You will use the lab time for newsbrief production M-F, and UM News production on Thursday. Beginning September 16th, you will meet during only one class period per week. **Monday**, students assigned to **PBS Newsbrief** will meet. **Wednesday**, **UM News** students will meet. And on **Friday**, those assigned to **Montana Journal** will meet. Occasionally we will all meet together. Please check the attached class schedule.

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Grades: Grades will be based on your ability to meet deadlines, teamwork, class participation, writing, shooting, editing, producing and research. You will be given a grade each week for newsbrief and UM News work and one grade for each Montana Journal segment you work on.

PBS Newsbrief Work-30% of final grade
Montana Journal Work-30% of final grade
UM News Work-30% of final grade
Attitude/Class Participation-10% of final grade

Attendance: Mandatory. You must notify one of us in advance if you expect to miss a class. The only acceptable excuses are University business or severe illness. We reserve the right to require students with unexcused absences to drop the course.

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PBS News Brief

These 90-second nightly news updates air over KUFM in Missoula and KUSM in Bozeman and are seen across the state. Students are responsible for all aspects of production. The daily deadlines are as follows:

12:00-Producer has preliminary story ideas, rundown and graphics list approved by instructor

2:00-Producer has copy approved by instructor

2:00-Reporter gives scripts/raw tape to editor

3:00-Producer gives director graphics list

3:00-Producer submits list of supers to cg operator

3:30-Instructor approves final rundown, scripts and graphics

3:30-Producer gives final rundown and scripts to crew members

3:45-Edited tapes given to VTR operator

4:15-Taping begins

4:40-Taped update fed to KUSM

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UM News

Each week, the class will produce a news segment entitled UM News. The 3-4 minute program will air during the Thursday morning newscast on KECI-TV. You will also produce a 1:00 version of the same show which will air on Thursday's 6pm newscast on KECI. UM News will concentrate on news about The University of Montana including campus issues & security, ongoing research, faculty and student news & concerns, performing arts and special events. **Students assigned to the show will meet with the director and producer at 2:10-3:00 on Mondays.** At 3:00 on Monday, instructors will meet with the producer and director for a progress report. The show will be taped on Wednesday after newsbrief is taped.

Wednesday (week before air): Assignments determined in class

Monday: Final rundowns approved by instructor
Final scripts approved and given to editors

Tuesday 3pm: Graphics, videotape approved by instructors.

Wednesday 4:45pm (following MontanaPBS Newsbrief)-UM News taping

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Montana Journal

Montana Journal is a half-hour program featuring 3-5 minute news stories of interest to people across Montana. You will each be responsible for producing at least one segment for one of the programs. Each program will have a topic chosen by the students working on that program. **Only the best segments will air.** You will be responsible for all the production on these half-hour programs. Deadlines are as follows:

Montana Journal I-

Sept. 8: Story ideas due including written research and class presentation

Sept. 10: Stories assigned

Sept. 22: Video and interviews shot

Sept. 24: First draft of script to instructor

Sept. 26: Second draft of script to instructor

Sept. 29: First edit complete

Oct. 3: Final edit and updated script complete

Oct. 10: Final post-production complete

Montana Journal II-

Oct. 8: Story ideas due including written research and class presentation

Oct. 10: Stories assigned

Oct. 20: Video and interviews shot

Oct. 22: First draft of script to instructor

Oct. 27: Second draft of script to instructor

Oct. 29: First edit complete

Nov. 3: Final edit and updated script complete

Nov. 10: Final post-production complete

Montana Journal III-

Nov. 12: Story ideas due including written research and class presentation

Nov. 14: Stories assigned

Nov. 24: Video and interviews shot

Nov. 26: First draft of script to instructor

Dec. 3: Second draft of script to instructor

Dec. 8: First edit complete

Dec. 10: Final edit and updated script complete

Nov. 17: Final post-production complete

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Course Outline (*Subject to Change*)

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Wednesday, September 3

Welcome
Class/Work Schedules
Phone/e-mail lists
Syllabus
Program Schedules
Editing/Equipment Checkout and Responsibilities
ASSIGNMENT-Story Ideas for Montana Journal #601
ASSIGNMENT-The "Look" of our programs

Friday, September 5

Assignments and Duties-all shows
DUE-The "Look"
UM News and MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Monday, September 8

Final Decision on Newsbrief Look/Set and UM News Look and Set
Montana Journal Story Ideas and Presentations

Wednesday, September 10

Assign Montana Journal Story Ideas
Review MontanaPBS Newsbrief
Preview UM News

Friday, September 12

Review UM News and MontanaPBS Newsbrief
Montana Journal Progress Report
UM News Meeting

Monday, September 15

MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, September 17

UM News Meeting

Friday, September 19

Montana Journal & Montana PBS Newsbrief Meeting

Monday, September 22

MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, September 24

UM News Meeting

Friday, September 26

Montana Journal Meeting

Monday, September 29

MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, October 1
UM News Meeting

Friday, October 3
Montana Journal Meeting

Monday, October 6
MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, October 8
UM News Meeting

Friday, October 10
Meeting for all prior to shift changes
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Montana Journal Story Ideas & Presentations

Monday, October 13
MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, October 15
UM News Meeting

Friday, October 17
No class. J-school retreat

Monday, October 20
MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, October 22
UM News Meeting

Friday, October 24
Montana Journal Meeting

Monday, October 27
MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, October 29
UM News

Friday, October 31
Montana Journal

Monday, November 3
MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, November 5
UM News

Friday, November 7

Meeting for all prior to shift changes

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UM News and MontanaPBS Meeting

Monday, November 10

MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

UM News

Friday, November 14

Montana Journal

Monday, November 17

MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, November 19

UM News

Friday, November 21

Montana Journal

Monday, November 24

Meeting for all

MontanaPBS Newsbrief, Montana Journal and UM News Meetings

Wednesday, November 26 & Friday, November 28

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-NO CLASS

Monday, December 1

MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, December 3

UM News

Friday, December 5

Montana Journal

Monday, December 8

MontanaPBS Newsbrief Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

UM News

Friday, December 12

NO CLASS

December 16-20

FINALS WEEK

Final Test Period scheduled for

Monday, December 15th 1:10-3:00 pm

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