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JOUR 650

Broadcast Newsroom/Graduate Class
Fall 2004

Scope: This is a graduate-level broadcast class, with strong emphasis on producing, writing, directing and production. You will work closely with undergraduates in the RTV 450 & 460 courses and will meet with that class weekly. Your primary responsibility will be UM News, a weekly update of what's happening on campus. You will research, report, write, shoot and edit one package each week, in addition to any other assignments given by your instructors. You will also be responsible for producing **Montana Journal**, a half-hour magazine-format program that also airs statewide on PBS.

Class Time: The class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:10-3:00 in PAR-TV 150 (the studio). Additionally, graduate students will meet with the instructors on Wednesdays from 1:10-2 and any other assigned meeting times. 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 Wednesday. Beginning September 15th, you will meet during only one class period per week. **Monday**, students assigned to **UM News** will meet. **Wednesday, PBS Newsbrief** 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.

JOUR 650

Broadcast Newsroom/Graduate Level
Fall 2004

Montana Journal

(Meets on Fridays)

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. 10: Story ideas due including written research and class presentation

Sept. 13: Stories assigned

Sept. 22 : Video and interviews shot

Sept. 27: First draft of script to instructor

Sept. 29: Second draft of script to instructor

Oct. 1: First edit complete

Oct. 6: Final edit and updated script complete

Oct. 8: Final post-production complete

Montana Journal II

Oct. 11: Story ideas due including written research and class presentation

Oct. 13: Stories assigned

Oct. 25 : Video and interviews shot

Oct. 29: First draft of script to instructor

Nov 1: Second draft of script to instructor

Nov. 6: First edit complete

Nov. 10: Final edit and updated script complete

Nov. 12: Final post-production complete

Montana Journal III

Nov. 15: Story ideas due including written research and class presentation

Nov. 17: Stories assigned

Nov. 24: Video and interviews shot

Nov. 29: First draft of script to instructor

Dec. 1: Second draft of script to instructor

Dec. 6: First edit complete

Dec. 10: Final edit and updated script complete

Dec. 17: Final post-production complete

JOUR 650

Broadcast Newsroom/Graduate Level
Fall 2004

UM News

(Meets on Mondays)

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 NBC Montana. You will also produce a 1:00 version of the same show which may 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 Wednesday to prepare for taping.** At 3:00, instructors will meet with the producer and director. The show will be taped on Wednesday after newsbrief is taped. Graduate students will be responsible for producing one or two half hour shows at the end of the semester including the best work produced over the course of the class. Graduate students will write, produce, anchor, shoot and complete the post-production on these half-hour shows which may air on a broadcast station.

Monday(week before air): Assignments determined in class

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

Tuesday 3pm: Graphics, videotape approved by instructors.

Wednesday 4:45-UM News taping