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## JRNL 484.01: Daily News

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## **JRNL 484-01: Daily News (Newsbrief) Autumn 2018**

Welcome to JRNL 484-01: Daily News. This is a 1-2 credit course, meeting M-F 2:30pm to 4:00pm to produce and record two :30 News Briefs that air nightly on MontanaPBS.

We will produce two :30 New Briefs for MontanaPBS M-F. You will operate studio cameras and lend other studio support to the recording of these News Briefs.

**Class Time:** The class officially meets M-F from 2:30pm-4:00pm in the television studio, control room DAH 101.

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Office hours: Monday & Wednesday 11:30am-1:30pm (or by appointment)

**Attendance: Mandatory.** You must notify me in advance if you expect to miss a class. The only acceptable excuses are university business or severe illness that must be documented by Curry Health Center or other medical professional. We reserve the right to require students with unexcused absences to drop the course.

**Diversity Initiative:** The well-rounded journalist knows how to tell stories from varied perspectives. The School of Journalism has undertaken an initiative to create opportunities for students to tell stories of more varied and diverse groups of people. Diversity means not only racial diversity but also ethnic, socio-economic, gender and age diversity. You will need to integrate these groups into at least one of your news packages, which must focus on a diversity issue. We will discuss the groups of people and some possible story ideas during the preparation of the assignments

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overview of process and jobs**

**Daily News: MontanaPBS News Brief  
(Record shows M-F 2:30-4:00pm)**

Each day, the class will produce two :30 New Briefs for MontanaPBS, focusing on state wide news. The two :30 recordings air on MontanaPBS M-F.

A good portion of your grade will depend on your attendance, participation and ability to do research.

Directors and Producers are primarily responsible for the productions. We expect you to communicate, cooperate and create daily, informative news updates. Stick to your deadlines, be flexible and work together on all aspects of the program.

**Job Descriptions:**

- Producer and Anchors research and write two :30 scripts M-F.
- Director sets up studio and is the control room crew (help from producer) to record the newsbriefs.

**Monday-Friday: RECORDING Procedures**

Director and Producer will also work as the production crew during recordings.

**On Camera Talent**

- Students are on-camera talent for daily Newsbriefs.

**Studio Crew**

- Students are directors (studio setup and control room duties) and Grad Student is Producer who assists with control room duties (record and audio).
- Director and Producer send finished Newsbriefs to MontanaPBS in Bozeman to air each night.