



Legacy High School 2016-17 Syllabus

Broadcast Journalism II

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Supplies needed:

- Paper, notebook, iPad for notes
- Folder for handouts
- Pens/pencils
- SDHC Class 10 Memory Card
- 2 pack of 9 volt batteries
- Polo shirt (\$15 to Mallett)
- Staff shirt (\$10 to Mallett if you did not get yours at lockin)
- LBTV Student contract
- Equipment contract

Tutoring

Mondays and Wednesdays
3-3:30 p.m.

Broadcast Journalism II

Placement: 10-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: Broadcast Journalism I or Journalism I and application

Students will learn the basics of television production. The class begins with the history of broadcast journalism, and moves to the exploration of story types. Students will be trained in digital video camera techniques, including the basics of shooting and electronically editing video stories. This class collaborates with the print Journalism (newspaper & yearbook) classes to combine /converge print media with broadcast media, for publication on the Internet. Students will learn to write in broadcast style, and will produce video announcements which will be broadcast (via the student operated online newspaper) to the student body on a consistent basis. The prospective student acknowledges and agrees to the necessity for occasional after-hours (early mornings, evenings, weekends, etc.) work to cover stories and meet deadlines. The commitment to meeting deadlines means the student must be able to exercise good time-management, and from time-to-time give priority to their broadcast responsibilities over other non-essential outside activities.

Methods of Instruction

- Lecture/discussion
- Group/individual activities
- Writing assignments

Course Goals

- Develop skills necessary to create a good video story.
- Provide students with a working knowledge of publication workflow.
- Provide an overview of content and an introduction to broadcast concepts.
- Students improve videography, filming and writing skills.

Classroom Rules

- Respect, maintain and be safe with: each other, yourself, materials and equipment.
- Be an active listener.
- Stay on-task and work during class time.
- Clean up after yourself. I am not your momma!
- **No food or drink at computers.** Bottled water is OK.

Assessment & Grading

The class is divided into three categories:

Projects 40%: LBTV videos, 4 per six weeks

Daily work 60% - Assignments, evaluations, critiques, work logs

Grading scale — 100-90% = A, 89-80% = B, 79-70% = C, 69-60% = D

Classroom Procedures

• **Tardy policy:** Students should be in their assigned seat when the bell rings. **Students just entering the room or up and about** will be counted tardy. If you arrive to class tardy, quickly find your seat so as not to disturb class that is already in progress.

• **Assignments:** Students should become accustomed to checking the board each day for an outline of the day's plan and any assignment due dates/tests dates. All assignments are posted online on the LBTV schedule.

• **Turning in work:** Students will turn all assignments in to their assigned class period tray on the book shelf in my office.

• **Tests:** Students can retake any test they fail. A 70 percent is the highest grade a student can earn on a retake according to district policy. Retakes can be completed during a student's lunch or after school. All retakes must be completed before the end of the six week period. Midterm/final exams are not included in the retake policy. Please see Mrs. Dearing to arrange a retake time.

• **Late work:** Late work is strongly frowned upon. In the field of journalism deadlines are extremely important. If a journalist misses a deadline most likely they will get scooped and ultimately lose pay and or employment. **20 points** will be deducted **from the grade earned for each class period** the assignment is late. It is the student's responsibility to get make up work and complete it in a timely manner. Assignments will not be accepted after **2 days**.

• **If you are absent:** Students who are absent should check the red absence folder in their assigned turn in tray on the bookshelf. All missed handouts/assignments will be available in that folder. Students should check with another classmate to see what they missed and then should check with Mrs. Dearing. Interrupting the teacher during class to find out what you missed is not appropriate. Students have as many days as they were absent to complete missing assignments. Turn in all absent work, labeled that you were absent, in to the tray on the proper shelf.

• **Grade status:** Students are strongly encouraged to view their grade status in the online gradebook. Students will be provided with a progress grade report and student/teacher conference at each three week grading period.

• **Extra credit:** While reading newspapers, you may notice when words and phrases are used incorrectly. You may also notice style mistakes. Any mistake you find in a PRINTED NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE will be worth 5 points toward your current events quiz grade. You may also find photographs that are badly lit or poorly composed. To receive credit you should cut out the article/photo and identify the mistake and write a sentence describing how you would fix it and why.

• **Plagiarism:** Copying materials, ideas, words or phrases will not be tolerated in any fashion. Students must create their own work. Students must cite any references or resources used in this class.

• **Classroom computers:** Students should use proper login to gain access to the computers in the lab. Don't forget to log out after each use. Please keep your passwords private. Students will not be allowed to use computers until MISD Acceptable Use Policy is signed and returned.

• **Rest room use:** Students will be allowed to use the rest room ONLY during work time. Please do not ask to use the rest room when instruction is being given. If you need to use the rest room, please obtain bathroom pass from Mrs. Dearing, fill it out and give it back when returning from the rest room. Rest room breaks are a privilege and may be taken away.

• **Leaving the room:** Students should obtain a pass from Mrs. Dearing any time they need to leave the room to take photos or work on assignments. Please remember you should be working and NOT disrupting classes, visiting with friends, **going to the vending machines or PTA for cookies**. If it is necessary for you to leave the room to take a photo that's what you should be doing — working. It's not break/snack time. I have a one strike policy on this. If you break the rule the privilege will be taken away.

• **I am not your momma:** Please take care of equipment and put it back where you got it from.

• **Cell phones:** I don't want to see them. You should not be using them in class.

• **In case of emergency:**

*** This is my worst fear as you may be out of this room often. Please get to a safe place and let a teacher/administrator know where you should be if any of these happen while you are out of the room.

Fire - Students should exit the room, turn right and exit the building. Students should exit the door to the back parking lot/grassy area and gather as class for roll call.

Tornado - Students will move into the hallway outside the classroom.

Shelter in place - Students will move away from door and gather at the back of the room on the other side of the island. Lights should be turned off. The classroom door will be lock and students should remain silent. I will not let you in once the door has been locked.

Remember, it is what you make it.
Take responsibility for your education!