

J200 – WRITING FOR MASS MEDIA

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4:30-7:15 p.m., Tuesdays

First class meeting: Aug. 25

Last class meeting: Dec. 8

No class: Oct.13 (Fall Break)

No class: Dec. 15 (Final Exam Week)

Text: The Associated Press Guide to News Writing (The Resource for Professional Journalists); Associated Press Stylebook; also need dictionary.

Reading assignments (from Guide to News Writing): For Sept. 1 (Read Chapters 1-2); Sept. 8 (Chapter 3); Sept. 15 (Chapters 4-5); Sept. 22 (Chapters 6-7); Sept. 29 (Chapter 8); Oct. 6 (Chapters 9-10); Oct. 20 (Chapter 11); Oct. 27 (Chapter 12).

HOW GRADE IS DETERMINED:

- Reporting story (2-4 pages), due Oct. 6 – 15 percent of grade
- News/feature (2-4 pages), due Oct. 27 – 15 percent of grade
- Interview profile (3-5 pages), due Nov. 17 – 15 percent of grade
- Feature story (3-5 pages), due Dec. 8 – 15 percent of grade
- In-class assignments and attendance – 25 percent of grade
- Homework assignments – 15 percent of grade

IMPORTANT:

- Story page lengths are based on standard computer printout pages on 8.5x11 inches, double-spaced, 12-point type.
- Late assignments will be counted off one letter grade PER DAY late (assignments may be e-mailed to either of my e-mail addresses. If stories are assigned they must be turned in, even if they are late, or you will receive a zero for that assignment.

NOTE: If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities (Walb, room 113, telephone number 481-6658), as soon as possible to work out the details. Once the director has provided you with a letter attesting to your needs for modification, bring the letter to me. For more information, please visit the web site for SSD at <http://www.ipfw.edu/ssd/>.

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