

Introduction To Journalism Course Syllabus

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Room 401

Description: 1 Semester

Course Description.

This course introduces students to the concepts, processes, and practices of journalism. Students will be challenged to think how journalists think and learn what journalists do. This freshmen-level course also reinforces basic study skills and introduces some of the software tools used in the field of journalism.

Goals of the Course.

- To learn and understand the importance of the first amendment
- To learn the skills of interviewing
- To learn the basics of photography
- To learn about the different types of journalistic articles
- To learn different styles of publication design

Expectations.

The following three categories are essential to your success in this class:

Timeliness: You are expected to meet all deadlines, as timeliness is essential when working on a publication. You are also expected to be on time to class, meetings, interviews, etc.

Responsibility: Agreeing to take on the responsibility of working on a student publication or broadcast means you should assume responsibility for your actions. Whenever you are working on an article, conducting an interview, or shooting video around the school campus or community, you are representing LHS. Be proud and be professional.

Attention to Detail: It is very important for you to be attentive to detail when working on our school publications. In fact, you want to be sure to verify all sources before running a story.

Grading Policy. This class will follow the grading scale located in the student handbook. The class will be graded in the following areas:

Formative (Homework)	50%
Summative (Quizzes, Tests/Final Project)	35%
Citizenship (based on schoolwide agreements)	15%

Semester Grade : Quarter 1 = 45% / Quarter 2 = 45% / 1st Semester Test = 10%

Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. Each student is responsible for doing his or her own work. Students who violate this policy will be subject to receiving a zero for the assignment, test, quiz, etc. Students who continue to cheat or plagiarize may be subject to further discipline.

Classroom Rules.

*Be in class...*you can't learn or earn a grade if you aren't here.

Be on time... in the world of design timing and deadlines are key. If you are late, the client will find someone new. A great way to show respect to a client is by respecting their time.

*Be attentive...*pay attention and be involved in class. The way we get better is by learning from mistakes, whether they are our own or others.

*Be honest...*cheating or plagiarism will be graded with a zero.

Be respectful... to other people and their views.