



MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION & STORYTELLING

School of Journalism and Mass Communication

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JOUR 3102
FALL 2017
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SECTION 1

12:20 – 2:15
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JOUR 3102 (Multimedia Production and Storytelling) is an introduction to video storytelling and production; understanding the differences in content for different media; and understanding content management.

Time & Location	Tue-Thur 12:20 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Murphy DMS South
Instructor	Jerry Broeckert
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Lab Hours	Check DMS Lab web site (dms.sjmc.umn.edu)
Resource Website	www.jerrybroeckert.com

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND EQUIPMENT

Required Textbook:

There is no required textbook for this class.

Students will be assigned readings throughout the semester.

Required Equipment:

- External FireWire or USB-3 Hard Drive (recommend minimum 500GB storage capacity)
- SDHC Card (Minimum Class 6, 16GB; recommend Class 10)
- Four AA Batteries
- Earbuds or Headphones

The Digital Media Studio provides:


- Media equipment necessary for completing assignments.
 - Computers with all necessary software programs to complete assignments.
- (Students are required to use Avid Media Composer 8 for this course.)

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	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Week 1: Sep 5 Sep 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Class Student Survey • Course Overview Required Equipment • Working in the Digital Media Lab • Log In and Printing Procedures • Examples: Sequence, Interview, and the Video Story • Types of Visual Productions: Video and Slideshows • Sequences: The Foundation in Storytelling • Types of Shots: Match, Jump and Cutaway • Photo Composition: Rule of Thirds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign: Sequence Edit Assignment • Examples: Sequence Edit Assignment • Developing a Shot List for Sequence Edit Assignment • Basic Tripod Operations • Basic Video Camera Operations • (01) Lab Exercise
Week 2: Sep 12 Sep 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVID as a Video Editing Software Program • Overview of Editing in Avid • Formatting Your External Hard Drive • Why Content Management is Important • Copy Practice Sequence Files Hard Drive • Edit the Practice Sequence Exercise • (02) Lab Exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit the Practice Sequence Exercise • (03) Lab Exercise
Week 3: Sep 19 Sep 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit the Practice Sequence Exercise • (04) Lab Exercise • (05) D/L: Practice Sequence @ Wed Sep 20 at 3pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Tripod Operations • Basic Video Camera Operations • Techniques for Shooting Good Video • (06) Lab Exercise
Week 4: Sep 26 Sep 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due at start of class: Shot List • In Class: Shoot Graded Sequence Exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit the Graded Sequence Exercise • (07) Lab Exercise • (08) D/L: Graded Sequence @ Mon Oct 2 at 3pm
Week 5: Oct 3 Oct 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign: Practice Sequence Interview /Examples • Copy Practice Sequence Interview Files Hard Drive • Edit the Practice Interview Exercise • (09) Lab Exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit the Practice Interview Exercise • (10) Lab Exercise
Week 6: Oct 10 Oct 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit the Practice Interview Exercise • (11) Lab Exercise • (12) D/L: Practice Interview Exercise @ Wed Oct 11 @ 3pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Graded Interview Requirements • Video Camera Operations: Wireless Mics • Techniques for Shooting a Good Interview • (13) Lab Exercise • Good Broadcast Voice • Assign: Record Bike Theft Story Voicetrack
Week 7: Oct 17 Oct 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due at start of class: Questions for Interview • In Class: Shoot Graded Sequence Interview (Shoot interview only) • Create Interview Project Folder; Copy Video Files; Transcribe Interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Class: Shoot Graded Interview (Shoot b-roll only) • Copy Video Files; Import Interview Images; Edit Sequence Interview • Class Time: Edit Graded Interview
Week 8: Oct 24 Oct 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit the Graded Interview Assignment • (14) Lab Exercise • (15) D/L Graded Interview Assignment Wed Oct 25 3pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due: Your Recorded Bike Theft Story Voicetrack • Elements of a Good Video Story • Story Structure of Bike Theft Story • Workflow for Editing a Video Story • Assign: Graded Video Story / Examples • Assign: Graded Video Story Pitch • Edit the Practice Story Edit • (16) Lab Exercise

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	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Week 9 Oct 31 Nov 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Story Exercise • How and Why to Use Graphics and Images • Basic Photoshop: Creating Graphics and Manipulating Images • (17) Lab Exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Story Exercise • Use of Sound • Pacing, Trimming and Leading with Audio • (18) Lab Exercise
Week 10: Nov 7 Nov 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Story Exercise • (19) Lab Exercise • (20) D/L: Practice Story Wed Nov 8 @ 3pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Class: Story Pitch <p>Complete Story Pitch Form in Course Handbook prior to pitching story in class. The Story Pitch is part of your Graded Story grade.</p>
Week 11: Nov 14 Nov 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing and Review of Shooting Script <p>Draft shooting script filed in Instruction Folder at end of class period. The Shooting Script is part of your Graded Story grade.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graded Story Shoot • Inventory camera equipment • Issue video camera during class
Week 12: Nov 21 Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return video camera at start of class • 50 point penalty for not returning camera at start of class by this day. Cameras can only be returned to Jerry at start of class on this date. DO NOT RETURN TO LAB ATTENDANTS. • Production Day: Edit Video Story • (21) Lab Exercise 	<p>THANKSGIVING DAY – NO CLASS</p> 
Week 13: Nov 28 Nov 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production Day: Edit Graded Story • (22) Lab Exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production Day: Edit Video Story • (23) Lab Exercise • (24) D/L: Graded Story @ Fri Dec 1 @ 3pm
Week 14: Dec 5 Dec 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to Graded Story • (25) Lab Exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to Graded Story • (26) Lab Exercise • D/L Revised Graded Story @ Fri Dec 8 at 3pm
Week 15: Dec 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Class • Course Critiques Receive Course Grades • Story Critiques - The Story Critiques are part of your Graded Story grade. 	

3102-1: DEADLINES FOR GRADED STORY ASSIGNMENT	
Story Pitch	Thu Nov 9 In Class (Course Handbook)
Shooting Script	Tue Nov 14 In Class (Instruction Folder)
Camera Use	Thurs Nov 16 – Tues Nov 21
Submission	Fri Dec 1 at 3pm (Instruction Folder)
Revision	Fri Dec 8 at 3pm (Instruction Folder)

Cameras are only available to shoot what you need for your story on the dates indicated. Be sure your story idea can be shot during those dates. No exceptions to camera use will be approved.

ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Practice Sequence Edit Exercise: Given video files, edit a sequence. Designed to take ten hours or less to complete. No credit will be given if filed after deadline.

- **Sequence Edit Exercise:** Shoot and produce a video sequence. Designed to take ten hours or less to complete. No credit will be given if filed after deadline.

Practice Interview Exercise: Given video files, edit a sequence. Designed to take ten hours or less to complete. No credit will be given if filed after deadline.

- **Interview Exercise:** Shoot and produce a profile and interview of one to three minutes. Designed to take ten hours or less to complete. No credit will be given if filed after deadline.

Practice Story Edit: Given a script, video and audio track, students will edit a news package using Avid Media Composer. No credit will be given if filed after deadline. Designed to take ten hours or less to complete.

- **Graded Story:** Shoot, write and produce a 90-180 second video story. Designed to take 12 hours or less. Significantly reduced credit will be given if filed after deadline. No credit if not filed by last day of semester.

The Story Pitch, the Shooting Script, filing the produced Graded Story and making prescribed Revisions and the Story Critique are all part of the grade for the Graded Story.

Lab Exercises: Exercise will be assigned and normally completed during the class period. Exercises will frequently come from q required reading or that day's work in class. No credit will be given if filed after deadline. These exercises cannot be made-up for an unexcused absence.

- *Satisfactory completion of the projects with a bullet point with a grade of at least C- is required to pass the course. Also, if you miss deadline on the assignment and get zero points, you are still required to complete the assignment by the last day of scheduled classes with what would have been the equivalent of a C-.*

HOW SCORES TRANSLATE INTO FINAL GRADES (% OF POSSIBLE TOTAL POINTS)

	100 - 92 = A	90-91.99 = A-
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65-69.99 = D		
< 65 = F		

MORE ABOUT THIS CLASS

Attendance: I'm at tickler on attendance and promptness. If you're the kind of person that misses classes, often comes late or likes to leave early, I'm probably **not** the best instructor for you. If you're interested in learning and want to gain a basic proficiency in basic video storytelling, I'm a great instructor to have because I'll work with you and do whatever it takes to make that happen for you. Attendance at every class and promptness at the start of the class are mandatory. Unexcused absences, repeated tardiness or leaving early will result in a loss of class participation points. Everything we do in a class builds on what we'll be doing in the next class.

Class Participation: Points are based on participation. You can get 120 points if you attend all class and lab sessions, are on time and contribute! Up to 10 points are deducted each time you're late or leave class early; up to 25 points can be deducted for an unexcused absence from a student's total if they don't attend a class or a lab (you're considered absent if you miss more than 15 minutes of a scheduled class)—you can't participate if you're not here and you miss the value of class activities! You're late if you arrive after the instructor has started the class. Yup, even if it's only a minute!

Computers, Procrastination and Murphy's Law: "Technical difficulty" is not an acceptable excuse for missing a deadline. Unfortunately, "technical difficulties" are part of the world of working with software, computers and equipment. Expect them to happen. Plan for them. THEY. WILL. HAPPEN. Don't wait until the last minute to complete your work.

Lab Usage and Equipment: You are responsible for knowing and adhering to all DMS policies. All DMS equipment used in the class will be approved and issued by the instructor – **DO NOT ask lab attendants to check out equipment.** Doing so without instructor permission could result in being dropped from the class. When equipment is issued for use in completing an assignment, be sure to return it on time. Being late in returning equipment can result in loss of points on an assignment. Take care of the equipment while it is in your possession. You will be liable for the cost of repairing or replacing equipment due to your negligence. Beverages are allowed in the lab as long as they have a spill-proof lid. Under no circumstances is food allowed in the lab. Treat the lab attendants with respect. They are not all experts on all the software we'll be using in this class. If they are knowledgeable and can help you, they will. Don't get frustrated with them if they can't.

Workload: University policy states that students should expect three hours of work a week per credit. Jour 3102 is a three-credit class, therefore, students are expected to devote nine hours a week towards satisfactory course completion. For the typical 15-week semester that equates to 130 hours of work.

Course Requirements & Grading: Your grade will be based on your understanding of class material and your competence with skills taught in the class. These are hands-on graded lab assignments and exercise. There are severe penalties for missing deadlines. Historically, missing deadlines and unexcused absences have been the single biggest point losers for students. Don't be that person!

MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

Jerry Broeckert joined the adjunct faculty staff as a teaching specialist at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 2010. He holds an M.Ed from the University of Minnesota in the Learning Technologies program with a focus on Multimedia Design and Development.

Jerry served 31 1/2 years in the Marine Corps and retired as a lieutenant colonel. During that time he served as the Marine liaison to the entertainment industry in Los Angeles. He worked on more than 300 projects to include *True Lies* and *A Few Good Men*, three seasons with the CBS series *Major Dad* and he worked with NBC on four Bob Hope specials. He served two tours as an enlisted Marine in Vietnam; was the initial Department of Defense spokesman for the 1991 LA riots; was the senior public affairs officer for the final withdrawal of United Nations forces from Somalia; and, after retiring from the Marine Corps, worked as a writer-producer for a CBS Eyemark first-run syndicated program. He has written for *The Rake* and the *Minnesota Daily* and has extensive experience in working with media professionals at the national, regional and local levels. He has a Southwest Emmy as a producer for a documentary on Marine Corps recruit training. Jerry has worked as a lab instructor for Jour 3451, 4451 and 4452; he was a graduate teaching assistant for 3004W and 3101. Jerry was also the event coordinator for the SJMC event See Change: Power of Visual Communication 2012 through 2017.

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	DATE	EVENT	POSSIBLE POINTS	COURSE CUMULATIVE TOTAL	MY POINTS	MY CUMULATIVE TOTAL
1	Sep 7	Lab Exercise	15	15		
2	Sep 12	Lab Exercise	15	30		
3	Sep 14	Lab Exercise	15	45		
4	Sep 19	Lab Exercise	15	60		
5	Sep 20	Practice Sequence	10	70		
6	Sep 22	Lab Exercise	15	85		
7	Sep 28	Lab Exercise	15	100		
8	Oct 2	Graded Sequence	100	200		
9	Oct 3	Lab Exercise	15	215		
10	Oct 5	Lab Exercise	15	230		
11	Oct 10	Lab Exercise	15	245		
12	Oct 11	Practice Interview	10	255		
13	Oct 12	Lab Exercise	15	270		
14	Oct 24	Lab Exercise	15	285		
15	Oct 25	Graded Interview	150	435		
16	Oct 26	Lab Exercise	15	450		
17	Oct 31	Lab Exercise	15	465		
18	Nov 2	Lab Exercise	15	480		
19	Nov 7	Lab Exercise	15	495		
20	Nov 8	Practice Story	10	505		
21	Nov 21	Lab Exercise	15	520		
22	Nov 28	Lab Exercise	15	535		
23	Nov 30	Lab Exercise	15	550		
24	Dec 1	Graded Story	300	850		
25	Dec 5	Lab Exercise	15	865		
26	Dec 7	Lab Exercise	15	880		
27	Dec 12	Class Participation	120	1000		

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DATES I WAS LATE FOR CLASS	DATES I MISSED CLASS

COURSE OVERVIEW

Jour 3102 Multimedia Production and Storytelling (3 credits)

- Lecture twice a week, lab twice a week.
- Online instructional support.

Course Prerequisites

- Jour major or approved IDIM major or ICP major or BIS major.
- [Jour 3004W or 3004V (or concurrent enrollment)], [Jour 3101/H or Jour 3779W or 3241 (or concurrent enrollment in Jour 3101/h, 3279W, or 3241)].

Course Description

JOUR 3102 (Multimedia Production and Storytelling) is an introduction to video, audio and slideshow storytelling and production; understanding basic HTML code; understanding the differences in content for different media; and understanding content management

Expected Competencies

All students should have the following skills:

- An ability to write clearly, with concise word choice and correct sentence construction.
- A command of proper grammar.
- A basic understanding of computers, file storage and word processing.

Writing Expectations

Writing is a core competency in every course at the SJMC. The school's commitment to student writing is reflected in its participation in the University's "Writing-enriched Curriculum" program. The SJMC also assesses student writing and other competencies routinely in all skills courses and reports results to faculty so they can improve writing instruction.

All students are expected to consistently improve their writing as they progress through the curriculum. Proper grammar, punctuation, spelling, style and construction are among the most basic expected competencies. Consideration of audience, synthesizing information from a variety of sources, and mastery of objective tone are also important skills in the Journalism field.

SJMC Expected Writing Abilities - Journalism Skills Courses
Journalism skills courses teach professional skills for work in newspapers, broadcast and multimedia. Writing assignments are used to teach and evaluate students' ability to deliver news and information that is appropriate to a given platform.

1. Demonstrate competence in grammar, mechanics, spelling and style.
2. Write concisely by choosing precise language and using active construction.
3. Write coherently, using logical and narrative flow.
4. Base writing in fact and evidence, with proper attribution to credible sources, to ensure accuracy and trust of readers.
5. Write consistently with the expected structure, language and tone of a particular assignment (efficient, inverted pyramid structure for breaking news; persuasion based on evidence for opinion writing; descriptive, colorful storytelling for features; active verbs and brevity for headlines; etc.)
6. Synthesize and explain information from a range of sources and perspectives to fully reflect the complexities and various points of view of issues and events.
7. Write in ways that are appropriate to channels of distribution (conversational, etc., for radio and TV; descriptive, longer form writing, etc., for magazine; efficient, objective tone, etc., for newspaper; abbreviated language for tweet; etc.)
8. Write in ways that are appropriate for the target audience.
9. Apply ethical and legal standards to ensure fairness and accuracy, avoid libel and unnecessary harm, etc.
10. View writing as a process that requires routine revisions, updates and collaborations.
11. Experiment with story form structure to enhance the narrative's power.

Competency Goals for Jour 3102

Students will learn basic skills in:

- Understanding differences in content for different media (Web, print, radio, television).
- Identifying, writing and producing different story forms for video.
- Understanding content management.

Concept and Theory

- Telling stories using a variety of technologies to gather, process and disseminate information.
- How each technology has a particular audience or application.
- Photographic principles and their application (i.e., composition and rule of thirds).
- Principles of visual grammar and their application (i.e., sequences, screen direction, transitions, cutaways, jump cuts and match cuts).

Production Skills

- Basic proficiency in video camera operation.
- Basic proficiency in video storytelling and production.
- Basic proficiency in photograph manipulation used in creating images and graphics for a video and slideshow story.
- Content management (i.e., managing and publishing content in an organized manner).

POLICY STATEMENTS

Additional Student Learning Assessments

The national accrediting agency for Journalism education has required that all accredited Journalism schools assess student mastery of 12 core values and competencies that every graduate of a Journalism and mass communication program should possess. According to the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, all graduates, irrespective of their particular specialization, should be able to:

- understand and apply the principles and laws of freedom of speech and press, for the country in which the institution that invites ACEJMC is located, as well as receive instruction in and understand the range of systems of freedom of expression around the world, including the right to dissent, to monitor and criticize power, and to assemble and petition for redress of grievances;
- demonstrate an understanding of the history and role of professionals and institutions in shaping communications;
- demonstrate an understanding of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and, as appropriate, other forms of diversity in domestic society in relation to mass communications;
- demonstrate an understanding of the diversity of peoples and cultures and of the significance and impact of mass communications in a global society;
- understand concepts and apply theories in the use and presentation of images and information;
- demonstrate an understanding of professional ethical principles and work ethically in pursuit of truth, accuracy, fairness and diversity;
- think critically, creatively and independently;
- conduct research and evaluate information by methods appropriate to the communications professions in which they work;
- write correctly and clearly in forms and styles appropriate for the communications professions, audiences and purposes they serve;
- critically evaluate their own work and that of others for accuracy and fairness, clarity, appropriate style and grammatical correctness;
- apply basic numerical and statistical concepts;
- apply tools and technologies appropriate for the communications professions in which they work.

Workload Policy

For undergraduate courses, one credit is defined as equivalent to an average of three hours of learning effort per week (over a full semester) necessary for an average student to achieve an average grade in the course. For example, a student taking a three- credit course that meets for three hours a week should expect to spend an additional six hours a week on coursework outside the classroom.

Grading Scale

Registration in this course is by A-F only.

- A - Achievement that is outstanding relative to the level necessary to meet course requirements.
- B - Achievement that is significantly above the level necessary to meet course requirements.
- C - Achievement that meets course requirements in every respect.
- D - Achievement that is worthy of credit even though it fails to meet fully the course requirements.
- F - Represents failure and signifies that the work was either completed but at a level of achievement that is not worthy of credit or was not completed.
- (Incomplete) - assigned at the discretion of the instructor when, due to extraordinary circumstances (as determined by the instructor), the student who has successfully completed a substantial portion of the course's work with a passing grade was prevented from completing the work of the course on time. The assignment of an I requires a written agreement between the instructor and student specifying the time and

manner in which the student will complete the course requirements. In no event may any such written agreement allow a period of longer than one year to complete the course requirements (except for students called to active military duty). If students have University-based conflicts or complaints, including course-related issues, the Student Conflict Resolution Center (sos@umn.edu or 612-624-7272) offers free and confidential assistance.

Course Grade Changes

Questions about course grade changes should be directed to your instructor; or you may contact the Student Conflict Resolution Center at 612-624-7272 for assistance. Grade changes will be made only when there is evidence of an error in grading and/or recording of a grade.

Attendance

Students are expected to be present in class, and students who miss regularly should not expect to do well in this course. See the "Assignments & Activities" page of this syllabus for more details on class participation.

Sale of Notes

Students may not distribute instructor-provided notes or other course materials, except to other members of the same class or with the express (written) consent of the instructor. Students may not engage in the widespread distribution or sale of transcript-like notes or notes that are close to verbatim records of a lecture or presentation. Students are not permitted to record any part of a class/lab/other session unless explicitly granted permission by the instructor. If the student does not comply, the student may be asked to leave the classroom.

General Expectations & Extra Credit

Students are responsible for knowing all information contained in the syllabus and for meeting all course requirements, observing all deadlines, examination times, and other course procedures. A student is not permitted to submit extra work in an attempt to raise his or her grade unless the instructor has specified at the outset of the class such opportunities will be afforded to all students.

Equity, Diversity, Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action

The University provides equal access to and opportunity in its programs and facilities, without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Email Protocol

Email accounts have been established as the University's official means of communication with students; you are expected to check your umn.edu email account regularly. When contacting students via email, faculty members are obligated to communicate solely through students' umn.edu account rather than through other email services.

Academic Freedom and Responsibility

Academic freedom is a cornerstone of the University and it includes the freedom to discuss relevant matters in the classroom. Along with this freedom comes responsibility. Students are encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. Students are free to take reasoned exception to the views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled.

Reports of concerns about academic freedom are taken seriously, and there are individuals and offices available for help: The instructor, the Department Chair, your adviser, the associate dean of the college, or the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs in the Office of the Provost.

Student Writing Support

15 Nicholson Hall and satellite locations varying by semester
(612-625-1893) <http://writing.umn.edu/sws>

Student Writing Support offers face-to-face consulting for all University of Minnesota students working on any writing project. Consulting is available by appointment online and in Nicholson Hall, and on a walk-in basis in Appleby Hall. In addition, SWS offers a number of web-based resources on avoiding plagiarism, documenting sources, and planning and completing a writing project. See <http://writing.umn.edu/sws/quickhelp/index.html>.

Also, if you feel you need help with writing, you may want a copy of one of the many books that help writers hone their skills. These include:

- The University's *Student Writing Guide* which provides detailed, step-by-step guidance through the writing process and lists numerous writing resources. Available at: writing.umn.edu/sws/assets/pdf/2010swg.pdf
- Kessler, Lauren and Duncan McDonald, *When Words Collide*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, most current edition.
- Strunk, William Jr. and E. B. White, *The Elements of Style*. New York, NY: Macmillan Publishers, most current edition.

These are just a few of the many books you can find about quality writing techniques. Your work in this class will be judged, at least in part, on your ability to communicate well.

Disabilities

The University of Minnesota views disability as an important aspect of diversity, and is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is the campus office that collaborates with students who have disabilities to provide and/or arrange reasonable accommodations.

- If you have, or think you have, a disability in any area such as mental health, attention, learning, chronic health, sensory, or physical, please contact DRC at 612-626-1333 to arrange a confidential discussion regarding equitable access and reasonable accommodations.
- If you are registered with DRC and have a current letter requesting reasonable accommodations, we encourage you to contact your instructor early in the semester to review how the accommodations will be applied in the course.
- Students are responsible for requesting accommodations as early in the term as possible, because the DRC does NOT require instructors to provide retroactive accommodations.

Additional information is available at: <https://diversity.umn.edu/disability/> Note: Students with special needs may receive this syllabus and other course materials in alternative formats upon request. Contact the SJMC Student Services Center for more information, 612-625-0120.

Scholastic Misconduct - Definition

Students are responsible for understanding and following the Student Conduct Code.

According to the University's Student Conduct Code, scholastic dishonesty means "*plagiarism; cheating on assignments or examinations; engaging in unauthorized collaboration on academic work; taking, acquiring, or using course materials without faculty permission; submitting false or incomplete records of academic achievement; acting alone or in cooperation with another to falsify records or to obtain dishonestly grades, honors, awards, or professional endorsement; altering, forging, misrepresenting, or misusing a University academic record; or fabricating or falsifying data, research procedures, or data analysis.*"

The SJMC has its own policy on plagiarism and fabrication, which are considered extremely serious breaches of academic conduct AND professional practice in the media industries. See <http://cla.umn.edu/sjmc/about/plagiarism-fabrication-policy>. If you are unsure what constitutes plagiarism or fabrication, you may complete a tutorial on the topic found here: <https://ay15.moodle.umn.edu/course/view.php?id=989>. *Proven scholastic misconduct in Jour 3102 will result in a course grade of F.*

Sexual Harassment

University policy prohibits sexual harassment and retaliation as defined in the May 11, 2012 policy statement. Any individual who believes they have been subjected to sexual harassment or retaliation for reporting sexual harassment can report their concerns to the Office for Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA) at eoaa@umn.edu or 612-624-9547.

Excused Absences

Students are responsible for planning their schedules to avoid excessive conflict with course requirements. Students will not be penalized for absence during the academic term due to unavoidable or legitimate circumstances. Such circumstances do not include voting in a regional, state, or national election. Such circumstances do include: illness, physical or mental, of the student or his or her dependent; medical conditions related to pregnancy; participation in intercollegiate athletic events (but travel or intercollegiate athletic competition during study days and finals week are prohibited, except under certain circumstances); subpoenas; jury duty; military service; bereavement, including travel related to bereavement; religious observances; and activities sponsored by the University if identified by the senior academic officer for the campus or his or her designee as the basis for excused absences.

The instructor has the right to request, and the student must provide if requested, verification for absences, with the exception of a single episode medical absence that does not require medical services. The instructor has the right to request verification for a single episode medical absence if (i) the student has had more than one single episode medical absence in the class, or (ii) the single episode medical absence involves missing laboratory sessions, exams or important graded in-class assignments.

Students must notify their instructors of circumstances leading to a request for makeup work as soon as possible and provide information to explain the absence. Some situations will be sufficiently urgent that arrangements for makeup work cannot be made prior to the date of an absence. In such cases, arrangements should be made as soon as possible following the student's return. Instructors are not obligated to accommodate a student who has missed so much of the critical components of a course, even for legitimate reasons, that arrangements for makeup work would not be reasonable.

Student Mental Health and Stress Management

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. University of Minnesota services are available to assist you. You can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via <http://www.mentalhealth.umn.edu>