



MONROE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Course Outcome Summary

Standard Course

JOURN 161 Introduction to Journalism

Course Information

Division	Humanities/Social Sciences
Contact Hours	45
Total Credits	3

Prerequisites ENGL 090 and RDG 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests.

Course Description

Students in this course will learn how to determine what is newsworthy, as well as the basics of news and feature writing, journalistic style, copy editing and gathering of information with an emphasis on interviewing techniques. Students may hear presentations by professional journalists and/or visit a newspaper operation.

Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the function of journalism in a free society
2. Demonstrate the ability to write news stories using appropriate journalistic style and a variety of structures
3. Define key ethical standards of journalism
4. Explain the various laws and protections that affect the work of journalists, from the First Amendment to open meetings and open records acts

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