

C&J 375

3 credit hours

Intermediate Reporting

DESCRIPTION

This class is designed as a writing practicum that allows students to learn the principles and routines of beat reporting and special interest writing. Students cover their assigned campus beats and are strongly encouraged to make stories available to the *Daily Lobo* (or any other relevant publication upon consultation with the instructor). Reporters are expected to write original news and news features explaining trends, problems and complex issues.

MISSION

To offer continuing practice in news gathering and reporting with a focus on developing research and writing skills.

OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen *writing and editing* skills and knowledge of AP style. Emphasis will be placed on mastering technical aspects of news writing and practicing *clear, accurate* and precise reporting.
- Develop relevant *research and analytical skills*: the ability to cultivate human sources, gain access to public records and online resources, *interpret data and statistics*, conduct different types of interviews and *critically evaluate* information received.
- Deepen the understanding of professional standards, *ethics* and *First Amendment* issues.
- Discuss current industry trends and internship and career choices in the field.
- Foster *multicultural awareness* and reflection on the *historical role of news* media in a democratic society.
- Facilitate the acquisition of newsroom experience in campus and local news organizations.