

**SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
COURSE SYLLABUS**

**I. TITLE OF COURSE:** JN1903- Directed Independent Studies in Journalism

**II. COURSE DESCRIPTION:** One - Three **credit hours**  
Zero **credit hours of lecture** and One **credit hours of lab per week.**

This course will give students the opportunity to pursue special interests in journalism through guided independent study in a chosen area of journalism. It is designed to increase each student's knowledge of the journalistic field.

For each unit of credit, a minimum of three hours per week with one of the hours for class and two hours for studying/preparation outside of class is expected.

Pre-requisite: Consent of instructor

**III. PROGRAM AND/OR DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:**

Department Statement: The mission of the Humanities and Social Sciences is to foster an appreciation of the role that the humanities and social sciences has played in the evolution of civilized society and to explore the ways that an understanding of theory and practice in philosophy, the social and behavioral sciences, the fine arts, and written and oral expression will enable students to participate thoughtfully in a global society.

Program Statement: The journalism program of SCCC is dedicated to teaching students to competently and fairly report news in the student newspaper and online newspaper forums while learning life and career skills. The journalism program will present opportunities to learn skills in news writing, design, mass media, and photography. The journalism program will emphasize that ethics, accountability, and integrity are intrinsically tied to a responsible citizenry.

**IV. TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:**

None

**V. SCCC OUTCOMES**

Students who successfully complete this course will demonstrate the ability to do the following SCCC Outcomes.

VI: Exhibit skills in information and technological literacy

IX: Exhibit workplace skills that include respect for others, teamwork competence, attendance/punctuality, decision making, conflict resolution, truthfulness/honesty, positive attitude, judgment, and responsibility

**VI. COURSE OUTCOMES:**

Because students will choose from a variety of interests to study, each student will have somewhat unique outcomes. Some students begin with little knowledge in their chosen area and will gain a foundation of knowledge on which to build, whereas a student who has had prior experience in an area will gain expertise in that area. Each project completed by a student should be an example of knowledge gained and skill applied. This knowledge and expertise will be noted as each project is evaluated.

1. Examples of possible outcomes may include, but are not limited to, the following.
2. Beginning photography students
3. Students in advertising sales
4. Students who draw cartoons, do column writing or write editorials
5. Students with beginning computer knowledge
6. Students with prior knowledge of Macintosh computers and programs who choose to do computer graphics
7. Beginning writing and reporting students
8. Students with prior knowledge of writing and reporting
9. Students accepting editorial positions

## **VII. COURSE OUTLINE:**

Because of the independent studies nature of this course, topics to be covered will be addressed in a signed contract filed with the registrar.

## **VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:**

1. Written and practical assignments
2. Class discussion and projects
3. Student presentation of projects

## **IX. INSTRUCTIONAL AND RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

1. Associated Press Stylebook / AP Stylebook.com
2. Relevant resource materials
3. Individual project materials
4. Industry texts, websites, magazines, and materials

## **X. METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:**

Outcome 6:

1. Students will learn to do research, conduct interviews, use marketing skills, operate camera equipment and computer programs as determined by individual agreements for Directed Independent Studies.

Outcome 9:

1. Students will display work place skills through attendance, punctuality and decision making through determining news budgets.

## **XI. ADA STATEMENT:**

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Seward County Community College will make reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. If you need support or assistance because of a disability, you may be eligible for academic accommodations. Students should identify themselves to the Dean of Students at 620-417-1106 or going to the Student Success Center in the Hobble Academic building, room 149 A.

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