



Course Numbers

- LA213
- LA213IB

Journalism

2018-2019

A 0.5 elective credit. Journalism allows students to explore the fundamental concepts behind the communications industry, including print, broadcast and advertising and the Internet. Students will study history, writing, editing, law and the packaging process, as well as obtain the understanding of deadlines and interviewing through practical application.

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Version: Gamma+

Standards-Referenced Grading Basics

The teacher designs instructional activities that grow and measure a student’s skills in the elements identified on our topic scales. Each scale features many such skills and knowledges, also called **learning targets**. These are noted on the scale below with letters (A, B, C) and occur at Levels 2 and 3 of the scale. In the grade book, a specific learning activity could be marked as being 3A, meaning that the task measured the A item at Level 3.

The **Learning Goal** is the complete Level 3 of the scale.

Each lettered bullet point represents one **Learning Target**.

Each arrow bullet point represents an **unpacked** requirement of the target

Scale Level Symbols	
Ⓐ	The targets on this level can be changed
Ⓢ	Targets on this level can not be changed
➕	More targets can be added to this level
ⓧ	No targets are written at this level

When identifying a Topic Score, the teacher looks at all evidence for the topic. The table to the **right** shows which Topic Score is entered based on what the Body of Evidence shows.

Only scores of 4, 3.5, 3, 2.5, 2, 1.5, 1, and 0 can be entered as Topic Scores.

Evidence shows the student can...	Topic Score
Demonstrate all learning targets from Level 3 and Level 4	4.0
Demonstrate all learning targets from Level 3 with partial success at Level 4	3.5
Demonstrate all learning targets from Level 3	3.0
Demonstrate at least half of the Level 3 learning targets	2.5
Demonstrate all learning targets from Level 2 but none of the learning targets from Level 3	2.0
Demonstrate at least half of the Level 2 learning targets and no Level 3 learning targets	1.5
Demonstrate none of the learning targets from Level 2 or Level 3	1.0
Produce no evidence appropriate to the learning targets at any level	0

Process-Based SRG

Process-Based SRG is defined as an SRG course design where the same scale recurs throughout the course, but the level of complexity of text and intricacy of task increase over time. This course does not have a traditional unit-based design. Instead, students cycle through the same basic topics repeatedly as they progress through the course, with the complexity of the text, analysis, and writing expectations increasing steadily throughout. To account for this, process-based courses consider evidence using a “Sliding Window” approach. When determining the topic score for a grading topic, *the most recent evidence* determines the topic score. Teacher discretion remains a vital part of this determination, but it is hard to overlook evidence from the most recent (and therefore most rigorous) assessments.



Some scales, particularly **Writing** and **Speaking & Listening** Topics, use an arrow for bullets instead of letters. While letters indicate **Learning Targets**, arrows indicate **Success Criteria** – think of them as the descriptors of what a student’s total product or performance must show to score a 3 on that scale.

Guiding Practices of Standards-Referenced Grading

1. A consistent 4-point grading scale will be used.
2. Student achievement and behavior will be reported separately.
3. Scores will be based on a body of evidence.
4. Achievement will be organized by learning topic and converted to a grade at semester’s end.
5. Students will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency.
6. Accommodations and modifications will be provided for exceptional learners.

Course Map

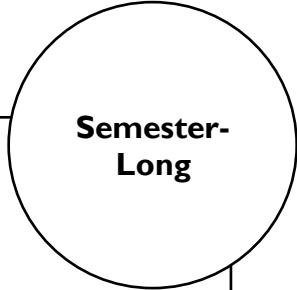
Grading Topic	Content Standards
Journalistic Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalism Education 11 • Writing 2 • Writing 4 • Language 1
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalism Education 1 • Speaking and Listening 5
Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalism Education 4
Professional Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalism Education 3 • Journalism Education 5
Photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalism Education 9

Testing Information
NONE

Textbooks
No adopted text at this time

Credit Policy
This course, as an elective, does not count towards the 4.0 required English credits for graduation.

Extended Topics

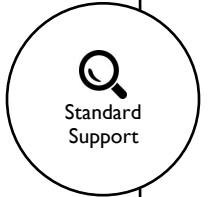






Organizing Principles

The skills developed and demonstrated through this course persist throughout the course instead of being limited to a specific unit. These topics can be clustered and broken down into units by individual instructors, but the general course design is left open so that different approaches can easily be taken by teachers based on students, texts, and context.

Text Selections

Pending



Grading Topic: Journalistic Writing	
4 	<i>In addition to meeting the Learning Goal, the student demonstrates a command of voice and style that rises above formulaic writing.</i>
3  Learning Goal	<p>Students demonstrate they have the ability to:</p> <p>A. Apply the principles of fair, balanced, and accurate reporting</p> <p>B. Write for a variety of purposes using journalistic writing styles (news, features, opinions)</p> <p>C. Write using clear, precise language</p>
2 	<p>Students demonstrate they have the ability to:</p> <p>A. Examine a topic by selecting, organizing, and analyzing relevant content (prewriting, researching, analyzing various perspectives/angles on the topic, etc.)</p> <p>B. Employ facts, definitions, details, quotations, and research and/or interviews</p> <p>C. Establish and maintain a formal style</p> <p>D. Correctly capitalize words in a sentence and punctuate the sentence correctly using commas, semicolons, and colons where needed</p> <p>E. Explain a topic in writing</p> <p>F. Identify the difference between clear and unclear writing</p>
1 	<i>Student's performance reflects insufficient progress towards foundational skills and knowledge.</i>

Academic Vocabulary
Angles, Journalistic Writing, News Values


Standard Language: Journalism I I
The JEA suggests an emphasis on Writing Skills in its 11th curricular standard.

Standard Language: CCSS ELA W.9-10.2
Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection organization, and analysis of content.

Standard Language: CCSS ELA W.9-10.4
Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Standard Language: CCSS ELA L.9-10.1
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

Click link at right for additional details on these CC standards.








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Multiple Opportunities

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Grading Topic: Design	
4 	<i>In addition to meeting the Learning Goal, students demonstrate in-depth inferences and applications:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Target: Decision-Making
3  Learning Goal	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Apply design elements to create a layout that is visually appealing and effectively communicates the idea of the page to the reader Employ various graphic elements to enhance the readability and attractiveness of the layout
2 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Create a design that accurately fits the content Place text in columns Use pica separation Use text in a visually pleasing way that represents the story Select fonts that support (instead of distract from) the content of the page
1 	<i>Student's performance reflects insufficient progress towards foundational skills and knowledge.</i>

Academic Vocabulary
Layout, Elements, Design, Readability, Attractiveness,
Pica Separation, Font

Standard Language: Journalism I
The JEA suggests an emphasis on Design Skills in its 1st curricular standard.

Standard Language: CCSS ELA SL.9-10.5
Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.

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Grading Topic: Ethics	
4 	<i>In addition to meeting the Learning Goal, students demonstrate in-depth inferences and applications:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Target: Investigation
3  Learning Goal	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to:</i> <p>A. Apply the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the Iowa Student Free Expression Law (Iowa Code Sec. 280.22) and the school district publication policy in order to understand pertinent court cases related to the student freedom of expression (ex: Tinker, Hazelwood, etc.)</p> <p>B. Investigate a journalist’s responsibility to be fair, balanced, and accurate in reporting and writing</p> <p>C. Analyze media for bias, inaccurate information, and reliability of sources</p>
2 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to:</i> <p>A. Identify the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment</p> <p>B. Identify court cases of relevance to a student journalist or a student journalistic publication</p>
1 	<i>Student’s performance reflects insufficient progress towards foundational skills and knowledge.</i>

Standard Language: Journalism 4
 The JEA suggests an emphasis on Law and Ethics Skills in its 4th curricular standard.




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Academic Vocabulary
 Ethics, Freedom of Expression, Responsibility

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Grading Topic: Professional Responsibilities	
4 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to understand the importance of deadlines and how meeting deadlines applies to working with others by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting 100% of key assignment deadlines
3.5 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to understand the importance of deadlines and how meeting deadlines applies to working with others by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting 95% of key assignment deadlines
3 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to understand the importance of deadlines and how meeting deadlines applies to working with others by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting 90% of key assignment deadlines
2.5 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to understand the importance of deadlines and how meeting deadlines applies to working with others by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting 80% of key assignment deadlines
2 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to understand the importance of deadlines and how meeting deadlines applies to working with others by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting 75% of key assignment deadlines
1.5 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to understand the importance of deadlines and how meeting deadlines applies to working with others by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting 70% of key assignment deadlines
1 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to understand the importance of deadlines and how meeting deadlines applies to working with others by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting some key assignment deadlines

Academic Vocabulary
Key Assignment, Deadline

Standard Language: Journalism 3
The JEA suggests an emphasis on Entrepreneurship Skills in its 3rd curricular standard.

Standard Language: Journalism 5
The JEA suggests an emphasis on Leadership and Team Building Skills in its 5th curricular standard.




Teacher Clarifications





The teacher must make it abundantly clear which assignments constitute key assignments for the purposes of this topic.

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Grading Topic: Photography	
4 	<i>In addition to meeting the Learning Goal, students demonstrate in-depth inferences and applications:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Target: Decision-Making
3  Learning Goal	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to:</i> <p>A. Apply the rules of composition when shooting or editing photos</p> <p>B. Produce a photo that uses focusing techniques to capture the subject in an environment that is complementary to the assigned content</p>
2 	<i>Students demonstrate they have the ability to:</i> <p>A. Frame a photo according to content</p> <p>B. Capture a photo in which the subject is in focus</p>
1 	<i>Student's performance reflects insufficient progress towards foundational skills and knowledge.</i>

Standard Language: Journalism 9
The JEA suggests an emphasis on Photojournalism Skills in its 9th curricular standard.



Teacher Clarifications

This topic could equally apply to photographs, video footage, and any other media or multimedia composition with a strong visual component.

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Academic Vocabulary
Composition, Focus, Complementary

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