

JOUR 3768 - Journalism Individual Studies

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 44025,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Course Description

3768. Journalism Individual Studies. Student selects a package of stories to research, report and produce under the direction of a faculty member, pending approval by the faculty member. Multimedia storytelling is encouraged. Prereq.: Junior standing or permission of instructor. 1-3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Selected Readings	Various	

Selected Readings will be negotiated by the student and instructor by mutual agreement. The projects are individual and specific to each student, so there is no one reading that is specific to the course.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Tentative Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24		Instructor Meeting	Think of ideas for the project
8/31	Sample projects sent over email from instructor based on meeting	Topic Meeting - determine prospectus	
9/7		Prospectus meetin	Completed Prospectus Due
9/14		Work on project	
9/21		Work on project	
9/28		Work on project	
10/5		Work on project	
10/12		Office Visit	
10/19		Work on project	
10/26		Work on project	

11/2	Work on project	
11/9	Office Visit	
11/16	Work on Project	
11/23	Work on Project	
11/30	Project Due	Project Due
12/7	Final Meeting to Review Work	Receive Final Grade

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