

JOURNALISM

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DESCRIPTION

Journalism is the process of gathering, writing, documenting, editing and delivering content to an audience. It is fundamentally a democratic art, a way in which a free society engages in conversation about what is noteworthy or important to its people. In part, the study of journalism enables students to both understand the practices and analyze the impact of traditional, digital, and new media.

PCC offers courses in journalism that focus on media and information literacy and develop skills needed to be media practitioners. Students who take journalism courses develop critical thinking skills and effective research and writing techniques for various media. Students also enhance their understanding of the role and responsibilities of journalists and the effects of all types of media on culture and society. PCC journalism courses are transferable to any Oregon college or university; select courses fulfill General Education requirements for the AAOT and ASOT-BUS degrees.

J201 and J204 are options for completing the Communication Studies Focus Award. This award recognizes students who have gained considerable knowledge in Communication Studies by completing four courses and earning 15-16 COMM (Communication Studies) or J (Journalism) credits. For more information and specific requirements, please see the Focus Award section of the catalog.