

Journalism

Course Information:

0.5 Credit

Asynchronous Spark Course

Course Site: <https://akgrad.sparkeducation.com/>

Course Description:

The course features an examination and practice of the fundamentals of news gathering, interviewing and news writing, features, sports and editorial writing, advertising copy and layout, editing, proofing, printing, and typography.

Course Organization: The course is divided into two terms. The first term consists of seven lessons that focus on the basics of news writing. Lessons are mostly text with some links to outside resources. Lessons are followed by either a quiz or assignment. In the second term you will write three fully developed news stories.

Materials Required:

- Computer or tablet with Internet access

Academic Dishonesty: With most correspondence courses as well as AKGrad & YKSD, honesty of parents and students is essential. If an AK Grad teacher confirms that a student has plagiarized work or used AI, the student will receive a 0 and be subject to consequences determined by their school of record.

Grading: In this course you will be graded on quizzes, assignments, and new stories.

- **Quizzes:** There is 1 multiple choice quiz.
- **Assignments:** There are 5 assignments. Assignments are teacher graded and require you to create a document or media to demonstrate your understanding of the material. Writing assignments range between one paragraph and one page. Assignments are scored on how well you backup your answers with evidence from the course material and your investigations.
- **New Stories:** You will write 3 fully developed news stories. For each news story you will submit 4 assignments: story idea and deadline, draft, final draft, and photo and caption.

The following grading scale will be used for determining your final grade. After completing the course with a "D-" or better you will receive one Carnegie credit from the Yukon Koyukuk School District.

Percent	Grade
97% - 100%	A+
93% - 96%	A
90% - 92%	A-
87% - 89%	B+
83% - 86%	B
80% - 82%	B-
77% - 79%	C+
73% - 76%	C
70% - 72%	C-
67% - 69%	D+
63% - 66%	D
60% - 62%	D-
< 60%	F

Course Schedule: Though you are in charge of your own schedule, we will encourage you to create a schedule for completing the course. As your teacher, I will support you in meeting your goals. A pacing guide is provided in the course. The following is a list of Units that need to be completed.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2
Unit: Introduction to Journalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson: Story Ideas ● Lesson: Interviewing ● Lesson: Remaining Unbiased ● Lesson: Leads ● Lesson: Inverted Pyramid ● Lesson: AP Stylebook ● Lesson: Photojournalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● News Story 1 ● News Story 2 ● News Story 3

Subject to Change

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. Your instructor will notify you of changes via Spark announcements.