



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Independent Study						
Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
JRN	3000	50788	1, 2006	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA004
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	100703

STAFFING

Examiner: Craig Burgess

Moderator: Dianne Jones

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: JRN2003 or JRN2005

SYNOPSIS

This course provides students with an opportunity to gain professional newsroom experience under the guidance of working journalists. Students fulfil a minimum of three internship placements with journalism and media organisations. Students must enrol in this course in semester 1, but may complete the requirements at any time in the year.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course students will have:

1. the ability to apply knowledge and skills obtained in other journalism courses in several industrial environments; (all assessment items refer)
2. a level of professional expertise that would be sufficient to justify their employment as final-year journalism cadets. (all assessment items refer)

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Provincial, weekly newspaper experience	40.00
2.	Metropolitan and/or broadcast experience	60.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07

46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Practical Experience	160.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
REPORT ONE	100.00	33.00	07 Mar 2006 (see note 1)
REPORT TWO	100.00	33.00	07 Mar 2006 (see note 2)
REPORT THREE	100.00	34.00	07 Mar 2006 (see note 3)

NOTES

1. ALL REPORTS DUE ON OR BEFORE 07 JULY 2006
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3. ALL REPORTS DUE ON OR BEFORE 07 JULY 2006

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
There are no attendance requirements for this external course. However, it is the student's responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To be assured of completing each assessment item satisfactorily a student must submit all of the items of summative assessment by the due date and achieve on each the minimum specified standards outlined in 4 (Requirements for a pass in the course).
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted marks for all summative assessment.

- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no exam for this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Given the details under (6) above, there are no deferred exams for this course. However, if any deferred/makeup work is granted, it would have to be submitted by a date set by the examiner.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (b) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if requested by the Examiner. (c) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (d) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (e) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination); IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Students must have passed all other compulsory journalism courses in the major to receive an ungraded pass for this course.
 - 2 Correct English is essential in Journalism. Errors of spelling, grammar and punctuation will be penalised when assignments are marked. Severe deficiencies could mean failure in the course.
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