

# Journalism 2346 Reporting

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## Required Texts:

- Melvin Mencher, *News Reporting and Writing* 9<sup>th</sup> ed.
- The Associated Press Stylebook 2004

## Course Description:

This course is designed to acquaint students with all aspects of print reporting, from breaking news to feature writing. News beats from politics to police reporting will be covered, with a special emphasis on covering the courts. Writing for other sections of the newspaper will also be covered, including sports and business. Feature writing for newspapers and magazines will also include interviewing and profile writing. Associated Press style will be emphasized.

## Course Requirements:

- Bring a floppy disk to save your work on;
- Bring your AP Stylebook and a good dictionary;
- Study your stylebook weekly as per attached schedule;
- Be prepared for a pop style quiz on Wednesdays.

## Attendance:

Attendance is compulsory and absences will be noted. Unavoidable absences must be for a valid reason and must be approved in advance. Any assignments or quizzes missed due to unexcused absences may not be made up.

## Grading:

Style quizzes	15%
Writing assignments	50%
Mid-term exam	15%
Final exam	20%

## Schedule of Classes

### Week 1

Aug. 23 Introduction

Aug. 25 The Reporter's Craft

### Readings

Mencher, Ch. 1

### Week 2

Aug. 30 News Values

Sept. 1 Obituaries

Mencher, Ch. 2-3  
AP Stylebook A-B  
Mencher, Ch. 19

### Week 3

Sept. 8 Lead writing

Mencher, Ch. 5

### Week 4

Sept. 13 Story structure

Sept. 15 Accidents

Mencher, Ch. 6  
AP Stylebook C-D  
Mencher, Ch. 18

### Week 5

Sept. 20 The Writer's Art

Sept. 22 Speeches, Meetings & News Conferences

Mencher, Ch. 7  
AP Stylebook E-G  
Mencher, Ch. 16

### Week 6

Sept. 27 Political Reporting

Sept. 29 Education & Science Reporting

Mencher, Ch. 24  
AP Stylebook H-L

### Week 7

Oct. 4 Crime Reporting I

Oct. 6 Crime Reporting I

Mencher, Ch. 20  
AP Stylebook M-N

### Week 8

Oct. 11 Sources

Oct. 13 Mid-term Exam

Mencher, Ch. 11&13

**Week 9**

Oct. 18	Court Reporting I	Mencher, Ch. 21 AP Stylebook O-P
Oct. 20	Court Reporting II	

**Week 10**

Oct. 25	Interviewing	Mencher, Ch. 14-15 AP Stylebook Q-S
Oct. 27	Profile Writing	TBA

**Week 11**

Nov. 1	Media Law	Mencher, Ch. 25 AP Stylebook T-U
Nov. 3	Feature Writing	Mencher, Ch. 8

**Week 12**

Nov. 8	Media Ethics	Mencher, Ch. 27
Nov. 10	Film – Absence of Malice	

**Week 13**

Nov. 15	Sports Reporting	Mencher, Ch. 22 AP Sports & Business
Nov. 17	Business Reporting	Mencher, Ch. 23

**Week 14**

Nov. 22	Investigative Reporting	Mencher, Ch. 10 AP Stylebook V-Z
Nov. 24	Film – All the President’s Men	

**Week 15**

Nov. 29	Review	
Dec. 1	Final Exam	