



# Syllabus

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## Tips for Success

If you're new to online courses, or if you just need a quick refresher, be sure to take a look at the Student and Parent Handbook.

## Course Learning Outcomes

The five most important things you will be able to do when you are finished with this course are:

1. Organize your thoughts effectively to be able to synthesize information to produce a news article
2. Classify news in all its variety and be able to stylistically write all the different kinds of articles
3. Create your own dummy newspaper with all the trimmings
4. Interpret news articles for yourself and the public
5. Discuss areas of journalism that are constantly in debate today, such as censorship and where the media is headed

## Course Materials

All the materials you need are included in the course. You do not have to buy any additional textbooks.

## Assignments

You will complete these assignments during the course.

There are many Self Check quizzes in this course. They are computer-graded and do not count toward your grade.

Each unit of the course ends with a computer graded unit quiz. These assignments do count toward your grade and will prepare you for the final exam.

Throughout the unit you will complete various portfolio assignments. You will need to save each of these in a safe place as you complete them. They will be submitted in two different groups called portfolios. Be sure you have completed and attached every assignment associated with a portfolio before you submit it.

**NOTE:** You must pass the portfolio assignments with at least a 60 percent score on it or the entire assignment must be redone and resubmitted. This assignment must be passed before you can take the final exam.

## Exams

You will complete one final exam for this course.

The final exam consists of about 54 questions, including multiple-choice, true/false, and matching items.

## Grading

Your grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams:

ASSIGNMENT OR EXAM	GRADING	PERCENT OF TOTAL GRADE
6 Unit Quizzes	Computer	30%
2 Portfolio Submissions	Instructor	50%
1 Final Exam	Computer	20%

## Resubmissions and Retakes

For information about resubmitting assignments, please contact your AK Grad instructor.

## Grade Scale

Your letter grade is calculated according to these percentages.

<b>A</b>	100% – 90%
<b>A-</b>	89% – 85%
<b>B+</b>	84% – 80%
<b>B</b>	79% – 75%
<b>B-</b>	74% – 70%
<b>C+</b>	69% – 65%
<b>C</b>	64% – 60%
<b>C-</b>	59% – 55%
<b>D+</b>	54% – 50%
<b>D</b>	49% – 45%
<b>D-</b>	44% – 40%
<b>E (fail)</b>	39% – 0%

## Course Policies

For information about how long you have to complete the course, resubmitting assignments, and other questions, please contact your AK Grad instructor.