



Class Title: Orange Journalism and Media Reporting

Teacher Name: Marie Jones

Class Day: Monday

Class Size: 10

Class Cost: \$40

Class Fee: \$96

Ages or color group served: Orange

What level is this class: Level 2

Prerequisites: No prior photography experience required. Students should be able to write simple sentences independently and be able to participate in discussions, interviews, and group activities. A phone, tablet, or camera is helpful but not required (shared family devices are acceptable).

Graduation Requirements: HCU attendance policy

Homework Requirements: Occasional light homework may be assigned if a student does not finish classwork during class time. This may include finishing a short article, completing an interview, or taking a photograph outside of class. Most work will be completed in class.

Class Description:

Students will learn how reporters gather information, take photographs, conduct interviews, and write short news stories. Each week students will practice observation, note-taking, photography, and clear communication. By the end of the semester, each student will publish their own article with a photograph as part of a class newspaper or magazine.

Learning Goals

Students will:

- observe details like a reporter
- ask effective interview questions
- take purposeful photographs
 - write clear short articles
 - identify facts vs opinions
- create captions and headlines
- work as part of a media team

Week 1:

What is a Journalist?

Learn the 5 W's

Week 2:

Observing like a Reporter

Recognizing details and build a reporter eye

Week 3:

Intro to Photography

Learning what makes a good photo

Week 4:

Composition : Rule of thirds

Learn how to frame the same subject

Week 5:

Interviewing skills

Learning how to ask good questions

Week 6:

Taking Notes & Quotations

Learning how to record conversations

Week 7:

Photojournalism

Learn how pictures can tell stories/news

Week 8:

Headline & Captions

Learn how readers decide to read an article

Week 9:

Opinions vs Facts

Learn how to distinguish between facts and opinions

Week 10:

Fact Checking

Learn what is reliable vs unreliable information

Week 11:

Write your article

Students will choose a topic, apply all steps, and for their publish day

Week 12:

Publish Day!

Students will submit their full articles to submit and be published into a newspaper received at graduation.