**0103 Journalism**

**Credit: 1**

**Prerequisite: None**

Students enrolled in Journalism write in a variety of forms

for a variety of audiences and purposes. High school

students enrolled in this course are expected to plan, draft, and complete written compositions on a regular basis, carefully examining their work for clarity, engaging

language, and the correct use of the conventions and

mechanics of written English and Associated Press style.

Students will become analytical consumers of media and

technology to enhance their communication skills.

Published work of professional journalists, writing,

technology and visual and electronic media are used as

tools for learning as students create, clarify, critique, write,

and produce effective communications. Students enrolled

in Journalism will learn journalistic traditions, research

self-selected topics, write journalistic texts, and learn the

principles of publishing. Students who excel in this course

may apply for positions on the magazine, broadcasting, or

yearbook staff.

**0113 Advanced Journalism: Yearbook I**

**0123 Advanced Journalism: Yearbook II**

**0133 Advanced Journalism: Yearbook III**

**Credit: 1**

**Prerequisite: Journalism and Teacher Recommendation;**

Students must apply for a staff position and be interviewed by the teacher before registering for this course, which is designed to edit and produce the school yearbook. Students will learn industry-standard software, layout design, and how to create a fiscally responsible product.

**0143 Advanced Journalism: Newspaper I**

**0153 Advanced Journalism: Newspaper II**

**0163 Advanced Journalism: Newspaper III**

**Credit: 1**

**Prerequisite: Journalism and Teacher Recommendation;**

Students must apply for a staff position and be interviewed by the teacher before registering for this course. Students will be involved in electronic journalism, writing editorials, news, sports, and feature stories, as well as designing magazine pages and ads. Students will learn industry-standard software, layout design, and how to create a fiscally responsible product.

**0173 Advanced Broadcast Journalism I**

**0183 Advanced Broadcast Journalism II**

**0203 Advanced Broadcast Journalism III**

**Credit: 1**

**Prerequisite: Journalism and Teacher Recommendation;**

Students enrolled in this course will learn how to write a

script, direct a news segment and work as an anchor on

the daily news announcements. Students will understand

the laws and ethical considerations that affect broadcast

journalism. They will learn the role and function of this type of journalism and how to critique and analyze the

significance of visual representation through the creation

of a broadcast journalism product. They will learn software

involved in producing and creating a news program and a

video.

**0213 Debate I**

**Credit: 1**

**Prerequisite: None**

Major focus is competitive debate; however, all

speech/reading/interpretative events are studied, practiced and performed in tournaments. Class is involved in University Interscholastic League, National Forensic

League and Texas Forensic Association. Students are

required to go to tournaments, some on weekends, and

must be prepared to spend many hours in research and

organization of materials.

**0223 Debate II**

**Credit: 1**

**Prerequisite: Debate I**

The course extends skills developed in Debate I. More

emphasis is placed on processes of logical and critical

thinking.

**0233 Debate III**

**Credit: 1**

**Prerequisite: Debate II**

The course expands skills developed in Debate II.

Students select individual topics that require the use of

analysis and research skills.

**0234 Independent Study in Speech**

**(Debate IV)**

**Credit: 1**

**Prerequisite: Debate III**

The course expands skills developed in Debate III.

Students select individual topics that require the use of

analysis and research skills.