

# Honors Journalism

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## About the course

- a prerequisite for tower and tower pulse:
- designed to familiarize you with:
  - your first amendment rights
  - court cases related to scholastic journalism
  - journalistic writing
  - publication production
  - selling advertising
  - designing pages
  - taking photos
  - shooting video

## Required readings

- “scholastic journalism” by rolnicki, tate, taylor
- “the newspaper designer’s handbook” by tim harrower (class resource)
- “the associated press style book and libel manual” edited by the associated press (class resource)
- “the non-designer’s design book” by robin williams (class resource)
- “the radical write” by bobby hawthorne (class resource)

## Classroom policies

- all school rules apply in this class
- late work receives a 10 percent deduction for every day late, up to 50 percent

- any plagiarism or cheating results in a zero on the assignment

## Things you will learn

- writing skills:
  - process writing
  - news writing
  - feature writing
  - sports writings
  - editorial writing
  - column writing
  - caption writing
  - headline writing
  - ad copy
  - journalistic grammar
  - writing for the web
  - blogging
- publishing skills:
  - adobe indesign
  - adobe photoshop
  - adobe illustrator
  - theories of effective design
  - current trends in design
  - video for the web
  - audio for the web
  - blogging platforms

## Other information

- in comparison to students who don’t take a journalism course in high school, students who take a journalism course in high school :
  - do better on their ACT
  - have a higher freshman college GPA
  - score better on the AP language test
  - score better on all major writing tests (dvorak et. al, 1996, indiana university)

Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter. -Thomas Jefferson