	Department of Literature, Journalism, Writing & Languages **Course Number and Name** **JRN 2015 Journalism Workshop** **Number of Units** **1**
Fall 2026	

Meeting days: Mondays	**Instructor title and name: Dr. Dean Nelson**
Meeting times: 4:30 pm	**Phone: 619-849-2592**
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Final Exam: (day/time)	**Office location and hours: Most MWF afternoons, or by appointment**
Additional info:	**Additional info:**

PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

It is expected that all students will abide by the health and safety standards set by the university.

TEXT: Associated Press Stylebook (current edition)

The course is designed as a hands-on practicum, where students produce a weekly newspaper and news website for the university community. Students will write the stories and headlines, edit the stories, take photos, design the pages, and work with the printer and webmaster. In other words, they are the news staff for the semester.

MEETINGS: The class meets Mondays at 4:30 p.m. in the Point Weekly office in the Bond Academic Center room 159. The first 30 minutes or so are a critique of that day's paper by the professor, and the rest of the time is brainstorming story ideas and content planning.

The journalism program has adopted these as our desired outcomes for journalism students:

1. Exhibit effective research and reporting practices.
2. Display strong interpretive, analytic, and critical thinking skills.
3. Communicate ideas clearly and accurately in forms appropriate to the purpose, medium, and audience.
4. Employ appropriate ethical and legal standards and professional codes in their service to their communities and cultures.

COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 1 unit class delivered over 15 weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 37.5 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. The time estimations are provided in the Canvas modules.

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Each week you are responsible for turning in a well-sourced story that are within standard journalistic practices. If you miss an occasional week, you can make it up by doing multiple stories and photos in other weeks, as long as you keep your editor informed.

STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on State Authorization to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due.

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See Academic Policies for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

While all students are expected to meet the minimum standards for completion of this course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may require academic adjustments, modifications or auxiliary aids/services. Please let the professor and the accessibility office if you are needing accommodations.

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions (virtual or face-to-face), the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. In some courses, a portion of the credit hour content will be delivered **asynchronously** and attendance will be determined by submitting the assignments by the posted due dates. See Academic Policies in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog. If absences exceed these limits but are due to university excused health issues, an exception will be granted.

SPIRITUAL CARE

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith.
If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact the Office of Spiritual Development

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