

## SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

### Course Code, Number, and Title:

JOUR 1224: Investigative Journalism

### Course Format:

[Course format may vary by instructor. The typical course format would be:]

Lecture 1 h + Seminar 0 h + Lab 1 h

**Credits:** 1.5

**Transfer credit:** For information, visit [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)

### Course Description, Prerequisites, Corequisites:

Students develop and complete a long-term investigative research project, using basic and more advanced journalism research tools and skills. Students learn how to execute and complete projects, as well as overcome obstacles they may face in the development of those projects.

Students will receive credit for only one of JOUR 1120 and 1224.

Prerequisites: JOUR 1122

Registration in this course is restricted to students admitted to the Diploma or Certificate in Journalism.

### Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Define the necessary elements for a good investigative project
- Select sources of information for that project
- Organize a plan with the necessary steps to complete a long-term project
- Strategize how to do difficult, sometimes uncomfortable or hostile interviews in order to obtain exclusive information
- Evaluate the complex material gathered and summarize it in a compelling, readable way

**Instructor(s):** TBA

**Office:** TBA      **Phone:** 604 323 XXXX      **Email:** TBA

**Office Hours:** TBA

## **Textbook and Course Materials:**

[Textbook selection may vary by instructor. An example of texts and course materials for this course might be:]

For textbook information, visit [https://mycampusstore.langara.bc.ca/buy\\_courselisting.asp?selTerm=3|8](https://mycampusstore.langara.bc.ca/buy_courselisting.asp?selTerm=3|8)

*Note: This course may use an electronic (online) instructional resource that is located outside of Canada for mandatory graded class work. You may be required to enter personal information, such as your name and email address, to log in to this resource. This means that your personal information could be stored on servers located outside of Canada and may be accessed by U.S. authorities, subject to federal laws. Where possible, you may log in with an email pseudonym as long as you provide the pseudonym to me so I can identify you when reviewing your class work.*

## **Assessments and Weighting:**

**Final Exam %**

**Other Assessments %**

(An example of other assessments might be:) %

Assignments: 30%

Project: 60%

Participation: 10%

**Grading System:** Letter grade

Specific grading schemes will be detailed in each course section outline.

Passing grade: C-

## **Topics Covered:**

[Topics covered may vary by instructor. An example of topics covered might be:]

Week 1: Debunking fake news

Week 2: Creating a comprehensive outline for investigative projects

Week 3: Developing human sources: an overlooked art

Week 4: Working on our investigative projects

Week 5: How to interpret data and stats

Week 6: How to deal with problematic sources

Week 7: Working on our investigative projects

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Week 8: Authenticating content: from photos to scientific data and everything in between

Week 9: Authenticating content: practice session / quiz

Week 10: Working on our investigative projects

Week 11: How to find information on issues

Week 12: Finalizing our projects

As a student at Langara, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself and complying with the following policies:

**College Policies:**

[E1003 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

[F1004 - Code of Academic Conduct](#)

[E2008 - Academic Standing - Academic Probation and Academic Suspension](#)

[E2006 - Appeal of Final Grade](#)

[F1002 - Concerns about Instruction](#)

[E2011 - Withdrawal from Courses](#)

**Departmental/Course Policies:**

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