RTCP 107-01  Practicum in Journalism  Spring 2015

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General Description of the course

Practicum in Journalism exists to give Oberlin College students an opportunity to earn academic credits by working on approved campus publications (see list below). You can earn 1 full co-curricular credit per semester through the practicum. During your time at Oberlin, you can earn a limit of 8 full Co-Curricular Credits (of any kind) toward graduation.

Practicum credit can be earned by working for a combination of approved publications in any given semester, as long as all parties involved are informed of the arrangement from the beginning. It is not advisable to work for more than two publications in one semester, however. All Practicum in Journalism credit is graded Pass/No Pass.

After registering for Practicum in Journalism on PRESTO, you should log onto the RTCP 107 Blackboard site to sign up for the publication(s) you’ve chosen to work for as soon as possible. Signing up for your publication's group on this Blackboard site is necessary to enable your editors to communicate with you. Editors or coordinators of each publication will make all assignments, editorial decisions, and judgments as to whether or not you have fulfilled the requirements for earning credit for their publication.

In order to earn credit you will submit a report at midterm and the end of the semester, which will be a list of all your work for your publication(s) during the semester. Your reports will be read and verified by the editor(s) or coordinator(s) of your publication(s) and Jan Cooper after update deadlines. Sample Midterm and Final Reports are posted in the "Instructions for Midterm and Final Reports" section of the course Blackboard website. Editors and coordinators must submit reports in order to earn credit if they are officially registered in the Practicum.

Publications Approved for Practicum in Journalism Credit:
Fearless and Loathing  The Oberlin Review
The Grape  The Synapse
Headwaters  Wilder Voice
In Solidarity  WOBC News Corps/Documentary

DATES of Importance in Practicum in Journalism Spring 2015

Wed., Feb. 11, 2015--deadline for adding or dropping Practicum in Journalism; all students must sign up for the publication(s) they plan to work for by this day

NOTE: the course CANNOT be added later for 2nd module credit.

Wed., March 18, 2015--deadline for posting your Midterm Report in your publication group(s) on the RTCP 107 Practicum in Journalism Blackboard website (email jan.cooper@oberlin.edu if you have questions)

Fri., March 20, 2015--deadline for editors of publications to verify Midterm Reports by email to Jan Cooper

Mon., April 6, 2015--last day to withdraw from the course

Wed., May 6, 2015-- deadline for posting your Final Report in your publication group(s) on the RTCP 107 Practicum in Journalism Blackboard website (email jan.cooper@oberlin.edu if you have questions)

Wed., May 16, 2015--deadline for editors of publications to verify Final Reports by email to Jan Cooper