RTCP 107-01 Practicum in Journalism  Fall 2014

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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. Under the old credit system, if you have served as an editor or major coordinator for an approved publication, you can earn an additional 2 hours of credit (for a total of 6) toward graduation. This distinction is not available under the new credit system.

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. 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. 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. Signing up for your publication’s group on this Blackboard site as soon as possible is necessary to enable your editors to communicate with you.

In order to earn credit you will keep a list of all your work for your publication(s) during the semester. These will become part of your midterm and final reports. Your report will be read and verified by the editor(s) or coordinator(s) of your publication(s) after update deadlines. Editors and coordinators must keep 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 Grape
Headwaters
In Solidarity
The Oberlin Review
Synapses
Wilder Voice
WOBC News Corps/Documentary

If you would like to earn Practicum credit for working on a publication not on this list, please ask the editor/coordinator of the publication to contact me (lmcmilli@oberlin.edu) about qualifying for the list.
To qualify to be on this list a publication must:
1. be a chartered campus publication or sponsored by another chartered student organization. In some cases publications produced by Oberlin College staff offices may qualify.
2. have published at least one issue.

Please note the dates of importance on the announcement on Bb.