

Course Title: Television News Production I Immersion – Introduction to Television News Production

TVNP1 Immersion will introduce you to the fast-paced environment of television news production. This course is a non-traditional lecture/classroom setting as you will be learning in a hands-on environment of a live multi-media operation. You will learn various television production positions both in traditional and automated news casts settings as you prepare to assist in on-air broadcasts. There is no prerequisite required for registration.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of the course, the student will be able to

- Have a basic understanding of different technical position in the control room
- Have a basic understanding of each position role in the control room
- Understand basic strategies for completing a live or recorded television news program
- Understand basic operational knowledge of traditional and automated television news production
- Have basic knowledge of television news production workflow and terminology

Course Objectives

1. TVNP1 students will shadow experienced TVNP2 students as they perform their tasks
2. TVNP1 students will be encouraged to ask questions in order to learn more about each TVNP2 student's responsibilities
3. TVNP1 students will learn how TVNP2 students communicate and work together as a team to create a live production
4. TVNP1 students will be required to write a paper explaining the various television news production positions and their role

Weekly Course Schedule*

FALL 2025

Class Info

Days: One Weekday (TBD)
(Based on student availability)

Location: Weimer Hall
Room: 3332
INC Television Control Room
(Located on 2nd Floor of INC,
huge glass doors/windows)

Instructor

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Office Hours

Days, times: M and W
1:00-2:00 PM

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Students are assigned a day to attend class based on their submitted availability. Class for TVNP 1 is held from 4pm-6pm. Below is an example of what students can expect to shadow each week.

1. Week 1: Xpressions Operator
2. Week 2: Technical Director
3. Week 3: Director
4. Week 4: Camera Operator
5. Week 5: Audio
6. Week 6: Write 1 Page Paper/Make-up week.

*This weekly course schedule is an example of what students can expect for each week and **NOT** an exact schedule for students. Each student will be assigned a position to shadow and rotate each week to another position until all 5 positions have been shadowed.

Grading Policy:

There are five class periods that you are required to attend. At the end of the final class period, you will be required to submit a one-page, single spaced review of what you learned during the class. A grade of 70% or above is a passing grade. A grade of 69% or below is a failing grade. For more information about UF grading policies please visit: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academicregulations/grades-grading-policies/>

Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center](#). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Attendance Policy:

TVNP1 is offered weekdays from 4:00-6PM. Students are eligible to participate in immersion **one day per week**. Please show up to class **ON TIME, EVERY TIME**. [Click here to read the university attendance policies](#).

Class Requirements:

The INC dress code is appropriate casual attire. Please dress appropriately.

Honor Code:

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Conduct Code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. [Click here to read the Conduct Code](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Recording Policy:

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. **All other purposes are prohibited.** Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or guest lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

Support Resources:

Should you run into any unexpected crisis or challenges, please know that we have resources to help. If you are not sure which resource is appropriate for you, please contact the Knight Division in Weimer 1060, knightdivision@jou.ufl.edu or www.jou.ufl.edu/knight.

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

- **U Matter, We Care:** If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit U Matter, We Care website to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- **Counseling and Wellness Center:** Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- **Student Health Care Center:** Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit the Student Health Care Center website.
- **University Police Department:** Visit UF Police Department website or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

- **UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center:** For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website.
- **GatorWell Health Promotion Services:** For prevention services focused on optimal wellbeing, including Wellness Coaching for Academic Success, visit the GatorWell website or call 352-273-4450.

Academic Resources

- **E-learning technical support:** Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.
- **Career Connections Center:** Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.
- **Library Support:** Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- **JCA Communication Coaching Center:** Free tutoring services provided by Journalism and Communications Abassadors in Weimer Hall Visit <https://jca.jou.ufl.edu/tutoring/> for a list of sessions.
- **Teaching Center:** Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
- **Writing Studio:** 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.