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| Be able to describe what journalists do -- and why -- and be able to discuss the roles of journalism and journalists in American society | • Can differentiate journalistic content from other kinds of media content  
• Can describe basic journalistic tasks and who carries them out  
• Can explain some of the basic ways journalism functions as an institution in American society | • Lectures  
• Readings  
• Class discussions  
• Film analysis  
• Interview assignment | • Exams  
• Quizzes  
• Research assignment  
• Class discussions  
• Activities |
| Be able to recognize the similarities and differences between the practice of journalism in the United States and in other countries | • Can explain how news media function within different political systems  
• Can compare and contrast journalism in the U.S. and other countries | • Lectures  
• Readings  
• Class discussions  
• International Journalism assignment | • Exams  
• Quizzes  
• Class discussions  
• International Journalism assignment |
| Be able to identify major eras, individuals, concepts and philosophies related to the First Amendment and the development of American journalism | • Can recite the First Amendment  
• Can identify the historical, political and social roots of the First Amendment  
• Can identify the key thinkers and explain their points of view re: the First Amendment | • Lectures  
• Readings  
• Class discussions  
• Film Analysis | • Exams  
• Quizzes  
• Research assignment  
• Class discussions  
• Activities |
| Be familiar with the resources available to journalism scholars, including books, journals and trade publications, and use them for research | • Can identify some of the key dates in the development of American journalism  
• Can identify some of the basic legal, ethical and critical issues in American journalism  
• Can identify the significant journals and trade publications that examine journalism and describe their content  
• Can locate and evaluate Internet sites that examine journalism  
• Can locate books in the URI library useful to research on journalism-related topics | • Lectures  
• Readings  
• Research assignment | • Exams  
• Research assignment |
| Be able to discuss and write about issues facing contemporary journalists in a critical manner | • Presented a situation, be able to describe the journalistic issue(s) involved and formulate an argument that takes a position on the issue  
• Beginning to develop the capability of critically assessing journalistic performance | • Readings  
• Lectures  
• Class discussions  
• Film Analysis  
• Research assignment | • Class discussions  
• Exams  
• Research assignment |