COM320, Interviewing and Reporting

Fall 2010

Schedule for Aug. 25-Oct. 20

Wed. Aug. 25 Intros/Syllabus review/Fill out student info forms

Fri., Aug. 27 Intro to Hilltop publications/staff pics/bios

Sun., Aug. 29 MIDNIGHT DEADLINE BIOS

Mon., Aug. 30 Sample news quiz. What is media? Review first day shots.

Wed., Sept. 1 DEADLINE Story Assignment #1: Affect of Zeitoun/Trouble the Water. Sample news quiz. Review Connections form. Write cutlines.

Fri., Sept. 3 CONNECTIONS DUE. Difference between essay vs. news writing. Review Story Assignment #1. Weekend reading assignment: Chapters 1 & 2: What Is News? and Finding Stories.

Mon., Sept. 6 BOOK QUIZ on Chapters 1 & 2: What Is News? and Finding Stories. Discuss chapters.

Wed., Sept. 8 NEWS QUIZ for credit. Discuss Story Assignment #2: Deadline, Sunday, Sept. 19th., midnight.

Fri., Sept. 10 CONNECTIONS DUE. Weekend reading assignment: Chapters 3 & 4: Basic Reporting and Organizing Your Thoughts.

Mon., Sept. 13 BOOK QUIZ on Chapters 3 & 4: Basic Reporting and Organizing Your Thoughts. Discuss inverted pyramid vs. other types of leads. Write leads in class.

Wed., Sept. 15 NEWS QUIZ. Status reports on Story Assignment #2: DUE SEPT. 19. Write more leads in class.

Fri., Sept. 17 CONNECTIONS DUE. Review leads from published stories and classify them. Finish interviewing and begin writing Story Assignment #2.

Sun., Sept. 19 DEADLINE ASSIGNMENT #2: MIDNIGHT, email to jfulford@mhc.edu.

Mon., Sept. 20 Review Assignment #2 in-class. Rewrites due by Friday., Sept. 24. Reading assignment, Chapter 5, Writing the Story.

Wed., Sept. 22 NEWS QUIZ. Begin discussing Chapter 5, Writing the Story.

Fri., Sept. 24 REWRITES OF ASSIGNMENT #2 DUE. BOOK QUIZ on Chapter 5, Writing the Story.

Mon-Wed, Sept. 27-29 Assist in laying out your story for first newspaper of the semester.

Fri., Oct. 1 Discuss Assignment #3: Deadline, Sunday, Oct. 10, midnight. Weekend reading assignment, Chapter 6: Reporting Meetings, Speeches and Special Events.

Mon., Oct. 4 BOOK QUIZ on Chapter 6: Reporting Meetings, Speeches and Special Events. Discuss Chapter 6.

Wed., Oct. 6 NEWS QUIZ. Status reports on Story Assignment #3.

Fri., Oct. 8 CONNECTIONS DUE. Finish interviewing and begin writing Story Assignment #3, deadline Sunday, Oct. 10.

Sun., Oct. 10 DEADLINE STORY ASSIGNMENT #3, MIDNIGHT, jfulford@mhc.edu.

Mon., Oct. 11 Review Story Assignment #3. Rewrites due Friday, Oct. 15th. Review for mid-term, covering Chapters 1-6.

Wed., Oct. 13 MID-TERM EXAM, Chatpers 1-6.

Fri., Oct. 15 CONNECTIONS DUE. Rewrites due of Story Assignment #3. Fall Break Begins.

Sat.-Tues., Oct. 16-19 Fall Break.

Wed., Oct. 20 CLASSES RESUME at 8a. Make Story Assignment #4, Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 7, midnight. Schedule for second half of semester discussed.