

JOUR 503 – Fall 2016

History of Journalism and Mass Communication

204 Stauffer-Flint Hall - Tuesdays and Thursdays -- 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Course number 21404

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Course description and objectives: This course is an exploration of the interplay between society and media. We will explore the evolution of "new media" through history, especially U.S. media. Please keep in mind that each of the new ways of communicating ("the media") presented in your book and in class were new media at the time they evolved into society. You will learn diverse perspectives of historical analysis, the factual basis for journalism and mass communication history, and an appreciation of history as a product of a variety of factors (such as social, cultural and economic forces). Overall, I hope you will gain an understanding of why things are the way they are in the area of your chosen career path.

Textbook: Folkerts, Teeter and Caudill, *Voices of a Nation: A History of Media in the United States*, Fifth Edition.

Internet Resources:

Blackboard: <http://courseware.ku.edu>

Professor Guth's web site: <http://people.ku.edu/~dguth>

Grading:

Blackboard Essay Questions (4)	200 points (total)
Tests (2)	300 points (total)
Final Exam	200 points
Personal History Paper	200 points
Attendance/Participation	100 points
Graduate paper (grad students only)	250 points

Grade Scale (percentage): A=92-100, A-=90-92, B+=88-90, B=82-88, B-=80-82, C+=78-80, C=72-78, C-=70-72, D+=68-70, D=62-68, D-=60-62, F=0-60.

Blackboard Essay Questions: There will be four short essay (150-250 words) discussion questions posted periodically on the course Blackboard site. Each will be answered within Blackboard prior to an announced deadline. Each is worth 50 points and will be graded for content, spelling and grammar.

Tests and the Final Exam: Each of the tests is worth 150 points. The final exam is worth 200 points. Exams will consist of multiple-choice questions and will be machine graded. Study guides will be available in advance of each exam. Please bring two No.2 pencils to each exam. *Please note: The time, date and location of the final exam are established by KU. However, in the event that a student has (3) three or more final examinations scheduled on the same day, no student shall be obligated to take more than two exams on that day. No later than two weeks before Stop Day, the student shall notify the instructor(s) from the highest numbered course(s) not having a common final exam of the need to provide a make-up examination to be administered at a mutually acceptable time.*

Personal History Paper: This paper will be worth 200 points and will involve primary and secondary research. Details of the assignment will be announced.

Attendance/Participation: Professor Guth thinks he has a great sense of humor – a sentiment you may or may not share. However, he is not interested in conducting a 16-week monologue. We should all agree that the course would be a lot more enjoyable for everyone if there were an active discussion. For that reason, 100 points have been set aside for an attendance and discussion grade. Half will be based on attendance and the other half on the quality of contribution each student makes to the class. It is important that you feel comfortable expressing ideas and opinions in this class. I welcome and encourage you to share differing perspectives and diverse experiences and to be respectful of others whose viewpoints and experiences may not be the same as your own.



“Legendary broadcaster” Ted Baxter (center) meets Walter Cronkite

Special Note for Graduate Students: In order to receive graduate credit for this course, graduate students are expected to complete an extra assignment. While the specifics of the assignment will be developed in consultation with your professor, it will likely

involve a 10 - 20 page paper that demonstrates graduate-level research and writing. Please meet with Professor Guth for more information on this assignment.

Journalism School Policy on Classroom Attendance:

"No student may add a journalism class after the 20th day of a semester. Students must attend their classes and laboratory periods. Instructors may take attendance into account in assessing a student's performance and may require a certain level of attendance for passing a course. Instructors may choose to drop students from a course, based on attendance, without consent. The School of Journalism reserves the right to cancel the enrollment of students who fail to attend the first class or laboratory meeting.

"The KU Office of Student Financial Aid is required by federal law to determine whether students who receive aid are attending each class in which they are enrolled. Instructors are required to report to that office absences of students who have stopped attending and names of those who have enrolled but never have attended. Students who do not attend classes may be required to repay federal and/or state financial aid. Students who receive any form of financial aid should learn all requirements including minimum hours of enrollment and grades to qualify for and retain that aid."

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