

Publications I-IV (English)

Elective – Year – 9/10/11/12

Prerequisites: Department Recommendation

Course Description

This course is a basic study of the elements of journalism reporting and production. The students will make applications of journalism by demonstrating their God-given talents and abilities in several areas (writing, design, and layout) to share the Gospel and news of Luther High School, including but not limited to the school newspaper and yearbook. Desktop publishing skills will also be emphasized.

Course Goal

The Christian teacher will:

1. teach skills necessary for communicating using print media.
2. emphasize the technique of interviewing.
3. emphasize the technique of observing and reporting.
4. teach page layout on the Lifetouch website.
5. teach design and use of graphics on Lifetouch website.
6. teach basics of using a digital camera.
7. teach basics of using Lightroom photo editing program.

Course Objectives for Publications I

The successful student will be able to:

1. explore and become proficient in various forms of writing.
2. develop skills for editing and evaluating his/her own writing and the writing of others.
3. know how to present his writing in an attractive manner through page layout and design.
4. be able to take photos using a digital camera.
5. be knowledgeable about incorporating graphics and photography in page design.
6. apply all journalism skills learned through publication of the yearbook, *The Shield*.
7. effectively utilize the Journalism curriculum to apply skills of photography, writing, and layout and design.

Course Objectives for Publications II

The successful student will be able to: same as Journalism I plus the following:

1. use photo editing to enhance digital photography.
2. critique other's writings at a higher level.
3. manipulate the Lifetouch website without help.

Course Objectives for Publications III

The successful student will be able to: same as Journalism II plus the following:

1. have the opportunity to be Copy Editor.
2. have the opportunity to be Photo Editor.
3. have the opportunity to be Book Editor.

Course Objectives for Publications IV

The successful student will be able to: same as Journalism III

1. have the opportunity for mentoring Journalism I, II, and III students.

Student Materials (all provided by Luther High School)

- Lifetouch Website
- Photoshop
- Microsoft Publisher
- Microsoft Word

Grading

The student's semester grade is based strictly on a point system. Points will be derived from daily assignments and photo opportunities. These will be graded on strict percentage.

Classroom Procedures

Routines – Students need to be in their assigned seat when the bell rings.

Tardies – Tardies will be given unless an appropriate pass or excuse is given.

Behavior – Common classroom courtesies should be used at all times to insure maximum teaching/learning efficiency.