1. Catalog description
   (a) Journalism 3401
   (b) Journalism Practicum
   (c) 0-3-1 Credit / No Credit
   (d) On demand
   (e) JOU Practicum
   (f) Supervised, journalism-related experiences on student media outlets, focusing on information-gathering, writing, editing, photography, design, online journalism, electronic journalism and public relations on The Daily Eastern News, The Warbler, @Magazine, WEIU-TV-FM, The Agency.
   (g) JOU 2001 and a minimum grade of “C” in JOU 2101

2. Objectives and Evaluation of the Course
   (a) Course Objectives:
       • To provide practical journalistic experience for students.
       • To give students guidance on the development of their journalistic skills.
   (b) NA
   (c) Assessment
       • Student work will be critiqued by the instructor, either in a personal conference or on paper. This will provide vital instruction as the work is being done.
       • Students must develop a satisfactory professional portfolio of their work, which may be evaluated by the Journalism Professional Advisory Council. This will provide valuable professional perspective to students and insight into the improvement of the program to the Journalism Department.
   (d) NA
   (e) NA

3. Outline of the course:
   (b) This course will be taught in a non-traditional format. Instructors will meet on a regular basis with students in small groups or individually. Instructors will also closely monitor the students' work on the media outlets. Minimal requirements (for example, 40 hours of work per semester) will be specified.

4. Rationale
   (a) Students who study journalism must augment classroom instruction with guided practical experience. They need experiential knowledge to adequately understand the free flow of information in a democratic society within a real setting.
   (b) This course is designed to be taken by sophomores and juniors after they have taken preliminary journalism courses. Prerequisites: JOU 2001 and a minimum grade of “C” in JOU 2101
   (c) NA
   (d) This course, or equivalent experience, will be required in the Journalism Major. It will be an elective in the Journalism Minor.
5. Implementation
   (a) Joe Gisondi, Brian Poulter, John David Reed, John Ryan, James Tidwell, Mary Durkin Wohlrabe.
   (b) NA
   (c) No text
   (d) Fall 2003

6. Community College Transfer: A community college course may not be judged equivalent to this course.

7. Date approved by the Journalism Department: **November 21, 2002**

8. Date approved by CAH Curriculum Committee: **December 18, 2002**

9. Date approved by CAA: _______ **January 30, 2003**