

## Analysis of Current Issues Course Description

### **Course Description:**

The goal of this course is to understand how the news reports different events and crises and also how these events impact us, and the rest of the world. Students will practice critical analysis of the news and they will vet sources and judge the reliability of sources. Students will learn to identify bias and understand its sources. The course will cover both national and international news and students will analyze many recurring issues. A major focus of this course is to train students to not only understand the news but to be able to interpret it in a broader historical, political, and geographic sense. The coursework is designed to be hands on so students can learn different technical and software related skills.

First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
<b>The News</b>	<b>Important Milestones in The News</b>	<b>Data and Privacy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-What is a current event?</li> <li>-How do reporters gather the news?</li> <li>-Where should I get my news from?</li> <li>-Who determines what is and isn't published?</li> <li>-Why is the news so negative?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The impact of the Printing Press</li> <li>-The Spanish American War</li> <li>-Edward R. Murrow and McCarthyism</li> <li>-Vietnam The first Televised War</li> <li>-Pentagon Papers</li> <li>-Gulf War</li> <li>-The growth of digital journalism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Edward Snowden</li> <li>-Wikileaks</li> <li>-Mass Surveillance</li> </ul>
<b>Forms of News Media</b>	<b>Media Law</b>	<b>Women's Rights</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Print</li> <li>-Blogs</li> <li>-Radio</li> <li>-Cable News</li> <li>-Data Journalism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The first amendment</li> <li>-Historical Exceptions</li> <li>-Libel</li> <li>-Deregulation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Abortion</li> <li>-Maternity Leave</li> <li>-Equality in the Workplace</li> <li>-Violence against women</li> <li>-Women in the developing world</li> </ul>
<b>More News Issues</b>	<b>Political Unrest in the Middle East</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-If it bleeds it leads</li> <li>-Dangers of Bias</li> <li>-Censorship</li> <li>-Advertising</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Iraq</li> <li>-Syria</li> <li>-Israel Palestine</li> <li>-ISIS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Deniers</li> <li>-Climate Agreements</li> <li>-Facts v. Sensationalism</li> <li>-The environmental movement</li> </ul>
<b>The 2016 Election</b>	<b>The Economy</b>	<b>The Future</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Democrats</li> <li>-Republicans</li> <li>-Third Parties</li> <li>-Debates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free Trade</li> <li>-Jobs</li> <li>-Growth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Exciting sci fi like research</li> <li>-How much is Hype and PR</li> <li>-Fears of AI</li> </ul>

**\* Note:**

Depending on what happens in the world this year, the order of these topics may be rearranged, and new topics may be added or even thrown out. This will be done to make the course as relevant and current as possible.