

**Common Course Outline**  
MCOM/ENGL 152  
**Newspaper and Online Journalism**  
3 Credits

**Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

**MCOM/ENGL 152 – Newspaper and Online Journalism** develops advanced reporting techniques such as topic generation, interviewing, and article composition. Students will develop articles for CCBC’s student newspaper, *The CCBC Connection*.

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**Prerequisite:** MCOM/ENGL 151

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. generate appropriate story ideas for news articles, feature articles, and commentary;
2. compose news articles suitable for publication using Associated Press (AP) Style;
3. compose feature articles suitable for publication using AP Style;
4. compose commentary articles suitable for publication using AP Style;
5. demonstrate the ability to meet deadlines;
6. conduct interviews;
7. practice and uphold journalistic ethics; and
8. apply libel laws and avoid legal problems.

**Major Topics**

- I. Topic generation
- II. News articles
- III. Feature articles
- IV. Commentary
- V. Meeting deadlines
- VI. Drafting
- VII. Interviewing
- VIII. Journalistic ethics
- IX. Media law

**Course Requirements**

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

**Grading/exams**

- Active participation on class discussion board
- A minimum of five major written articles (each 500 words minimum)
- A minimum of one written assignment beyond the articles such as a course reflection or research paper

Written Assignments: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources.

**Other Course Information**

This course is a Mass Communication elective.

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