

MCTV Course Outline

Morinville Community High School

Instructor: Mr. Boutestein

Recommended Prerequisite: Television Arts/MCTV 9

Term: 2 (2025-26)

Credits: 5

Grade Level: 10-12

Period: 4

Course Description

Since March of 1995, Morinville Community High School has been home to MCTV, a live news broadcast that airs during the school year. Students in this course learn the ropes of live television production from the ground up. The show airs weekly via our YouTube channel. Beside working as crew members on the show, students in the class create all the pre-produced segments which air on the program.

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Students will be assessed on their contribution to each of the twelve MCTV broadcast dates during the course of the semester (ie. did they do the job they were signed up to do and how well did they do it) and seven full afternoon on-location shoot at local Morinville businesses. As well, students will prepare/shoot/edit video segments to be aired on the program. The breakdown as is follows...

CREDITS ONE AND TWO - One Credit for Each Six Live Broadcast Dates

- Episode 436 (Wednesday, March 4)
- Episode 437 (Wednesday, March 11)
- Episode 438 (Wednesday, March 18)
- Episode 439 (Wednesday, March 25)
- Episode 440 (Wednesday, April 15)
- Episode 441 (Wednesday, April 22)
- Episode 442 (Wednesday, April 29)
- Episode 443 (Wednesday, May 13)
- Episode 444 (Wednesday, May 20)
- Episode 445 (Wednesday, May 27)
- Episode 446 (Wednesday, June 3)
- Episode 447 (Wednesday, June 10) - Season Finale

CREDITS THREE, FOUR AND FIVE - News/Sports Reports/Video Segments

Generally these one and a half minute to two and a half minute segments are news reports. However, if approved by the executive producer (Mr. Boutestein), other segments may be considered (ie. spoofs, music videos, comedy). For rookie crew high school members, every one aired segment counts as one credit, while for returning high school crew members every two aired segments counts as one credit. All advanced students are required to shoot one sports report per semester. If more than the required news reports are filed, the student can receive more than the normal five credits for the course (ie. one credit for every two extra news reports).

Course Expectations

- **ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY:** Good attendance and punctuality are essential to success. It is the student's responsibility to catch up with missed class work and assignments due to absence (excused or unexcused).
- **ASSIGNMENTS:** A majority of the course work needs to be completed on the computers in class (unless the student has access to non-linear editing software at home like Final Cut Pro). It is crucial that students attend and be on time for all classes in order to complete their work. It is the student's responsibility to catch up with missed work due to absence (excused or unexcused). Assignment due dates are critical for this course. If a student commits to having a segment complete for a particular broadcast, it needs to be done the day before. If not, the broadcast may be cancelled if not enough pieces are ready to go to air.
- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Following the order from the Minister of Education, we will no longer permit the use of personal mobile devices in classrooms or access to social media sites on school networks. Cell phones/smart watches/headphones must be turned off or set to silent mode and placed in the designated pouch in each class. In case of an emergency, students must go to the school office to use the phone. First offence will result in the device being confiscated for 5 days (during school hours). Second offence will result in the device being confiscated for 10 days (during school hours). Further offences will result in parent meetings, further confiscation and, potentially, an in-school suspension. **THIS IS YOUR VERBAL WARNING!**
- **FOOD/DRINK:** NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE STUDIO OR CONTROL ROOM!
- **LANGUAGE:** Swearing and derogatory language is not allowed. Generally push ups and/or sit ups are assigned as punishment.
- **DRESS CODE:** Dress appropriately for a school environment. No controversial logos/slogans/imagery please. No hoods on your heads. MCTV hosts always dress for success!
- **EQUIPMENT SIGN OUT:** No student is allowed to sign out equipment from the studio unless they have their equipment form signed by themselves and their parent/guardian. Please get this form back Mr. Boutestein ASAP.

Will Students Have Access to Extra Help Opportunities?

- Students can get extra help from Mr. Boutestein before and after school in room 111.
- You can contact Mr. Boutestein via e-mail at gboutestein@gsacrd.ab.ca or mctv@me.com.
- You can access Mr. Boutestein's course materials online at boutestein.wixsite.com/mchs.
- Students and parents can sign up for push notifications of upcoming assignments/broadcasts by opening the web browser on your smartphone and going to the link rmd.at/mctv. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind and you'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

Course Fees/Materials/Supplies

- There is no material fee for this course.
- **Students are provided with video equipment for shooting and editing, but must supply**
 - **A pair of wired headphones to monitor audio when recording and editing.**
 - **A minimum 8 GB memory stick to transfer videos before broadcasts.**
 - **A minimum 32 GB SD card to record your video footage if you're using one of the twelve 4K cameras. (NOTE: There are limited number of old HD camcorders that do not require SD cards as well.)**

Student Contract/Equipment Sign Out Form

Due to the nature of this course, your son/daughter will require to sign out video equipment to complete assignments. This equipment is expensive to purchase and repair. Replacement costs are as follows:

AVCHD Sony HD Camcorder: \$950
Camcorder Battery: \$50
Camcorder A/C Adaptor: \$50
Promaster Camcorder Bag: \$50
Behringer Dynamic Vocal Microphone: \$50
Kopul 20' Microphone Cable: \$20
Rycote Triangle Microphone Flag: \$30
Genaray LED Compact On-Camera Light Kit (light, two batteries & charger): \$75
Manfrotto Tripod: \$300
Manfrotto Tripod Plate: \$25
Transfer Cable (USB 2.0 A-Male to Mini-B Cord): \$10
USB 2.0 to USB-C Adaptor: \$5
TOTAL: \$1615

Students will not be able to sign out video equipment without returning this signed form to Mr. Boutestein. Any damage or loss of equipment while in your possession, will be your financial responsibility. DO NOT GIVE EQUIPMENT TO SOMEONE ELSE WHILE IT'S SIGNED OUT TO YOU.

I (student name), _____ have read and understand the course outline and sign out policy for the MCTV course. Furthermore, I am aware of the course expectations, as well as accepting full financial responsibility for any equipment that I sign out during this school year.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Contact

I (parent name), _____ have read and understand the sign out policy for the MCTV course. Furthermore, I am aware of the course expectations, as well as accepting full financial responsibility for any equipment that my son/daughter signs out during this school year.

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian phone number (home): _____

Parent/Guardian phone number (work): _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address: _____