

Television Arts/MCTV 9 Course Outline

Morinville Community High School

Instructor: Mr. Boutestein
Prerequisite: None
Term: 1 (2025-26)

Credits: N/A
Grade Level: 9
Period: 4 (Day Bs only)

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 is prerecorded and aired through our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/MCTVNewsMorinvilleAlberta>). The broadcasts are completely staffed by members of this class. As part of the contribution to this class, students are expected to stay after school roughly 6 times during the semester to air the show (depending on the number of shows that can air around the school schedule). Beside working as crew members on the show, students in the class produce all the pre-produced segments which air on the program.

Mark Distribution

Crew Contribution (37% - Roughly 12.3% per episode)

Students will be assessed on their contribution to each of the three MCTV broadcasts that airs 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). Currently, our recording times are slated for the following dates:

Episode 436 (Wednesday, November 5)

Episode 437 (Wednesday, December 10)

Episode 438 (Tuesday, January 13)

News Reports/Segments Produced by the Student (63% - 21% per segment)

As part of the crew, every member of MCTV is expected to shoot and edit three one and a half to two and a half minute video segments to be aired on the show during the course of the season. Generally these segments are news reports, but if approved by the executive producer (Mr. Boutestein), other segments may be considered (ie. spoofs, music videos, comedy). Due to a limited number of camcorder/tripod sets, students must work in pairs on their news report/segment assignments.

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
TOTAL: \$1610

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 9 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 9 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: _____