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**Day and time:** Course meets every Wednesday, beginning August 20 – 6:30pm to 8:50 pm –All classes, except the first, will be taught in the Bill Mercer Press Room at Apogee Stadium unless COVID Protocols change at UNT. **The initial class will take place in the Media Arts building.**

**Course Objective:** Teaching Radio/TV broadcast elements, including play by play & color commentary, production, direction, industry acumen with additional material covering job opportunities in sports broadcasting. **Class relies heavily on guest lecturers.**

**Text:** *Optional* – for those interested in play by play technique - “The Art of Sportscasting – How to Build a Successful Career” Tom Hedrick.

**Materials:** Radio/Television elements are part of the course and students will use RTVF gear for their work. *You will need to supply your own SD card.* Opportunities for production, camera and on-air work will be provided by the Mean Green Athletic Department thru streaming of live athletic events.

**Assignments:**

- A. Three (3) assignments with Mean Green Productions, Dave Campbell’s Texas Football, KNTU OR NTTV. Opportunities will be discussed at the first class.**
- B. Grades will be based on: Assignments, Essays on guest lecturers, Attendance, Final Exam.
- C. Final will be based on subjects/techniques demonstrated in the class.

**Attendance:** You are granted one unexcused absence. From that point on, the next missed class is an automatic grade lower. Miss three classes and you are out. **NO SLEEPING IN CLASS!** There has traditionally been high demand for this class, so if you decide early that this class is not what you expected, please drop it so that others might add.

**Grades:** These will be based on a combination of: attendance, effort to improve, ability to turn in the required assignments listed above and willingness to be engaged in question and answer portions of the class, especially as it regards our guest speakers.

**Evaluations:** Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) will be made available to you at the end of the semester providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. Please participate and fill out this evaluation when the time is appropriate.

**Disability Accommodation:** The RTVF Department cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students. If you have not registered with the ODA, we encourage you to do so. If you wish to take your exams at the testing center, please register with the ODA first. Please present your written Accommodation Request to me as early in the term as possible.

**Acceptable Student Behavior:** Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at [www.unt.edu/csrr](http://www.unt.edu/csrr)

## **Attendance Policy** as it relates to COVID-19

### COVID-19 impact on attendance

While attendance is expected as outlined above, it is important for all of us to be mindful of the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially given concerns about COVID-19. Please contact me if you are unable to attend class because you are ill, or unable to attend class due to a related issue regarding COVID-19. It is important that you communicate with me *prior to being absent* as to what may be preventing you from coming to class so I may make a decision about accommodating your request to be excused from class.

If you are experiencing cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, or any of the other possible symptoms of COVID-19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or [askSHWC@unt.edu](mailto:askSHWC@unt.edu)) or your health care provider. While attendance is an important part of succeeding in this class, your own health, and those of others in the community, is more important.