

**CREA S-135. Advanced Journalism: Investigative Reporting (CRN: 31672)**

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The course will focus on reporting and writing longer hard news stories. Topics will include the Freedom of Information Act and the use of publicly available records, online research, computer spreadsheets, and databases. We will discuss strategies for gathering information from sources who may be unwilling to part with it; we will also discuss some of the pitfalls and traps of investigative reporting and how to avoid them.