

The Grammar Test and JOUR 2311

(Note: Effective fall 2017 both majors and non-majors will take JOUR 2311. JOUR 2310 will no longer be offered.)

Planning to take "Introduction Multiplatform Reporting and Writing" (JOUR 2311)? You'll first have to pass the School of Journalism's grammar test, which is being offered through a partnership with the Poynter Institute. Students who have already taken J1330 and passed with a C or better are exempt, but they still need to get a permission slip from the School of Journalism's main office, Schoonover 223.

Registering & preparing for the Grammar Test

- Go to Poynter News University website: www.newsu.org
- Create an account
- Click "Courses" in the middle of the screen
- Enter "Ohio University" in the search box
- Click **Language Primer: Basics of Grammar, Punctuation and Word Use (Ohio University Edition)** [self-directed course] <https://www.newsu.org/courses/language-primer-ohio>.
- The cost to access the course, which includes essays, practice drills and the Grammar Test, is \$12.95.
- Click on the "Essays" and "Drills" tabs to practice your grammar skills before taking the final exam
- Want to work on your grammar even more? You also can purchase "Working with Words" by the Missouri Group, the text used in the JOUR 1330--Precision Language course.

Scheduling your Grammar Test

- When you are ready to take the Grammar Test, schedule a time to take it through OHIO (Athens) Testing Services via its online calendar: <https://www.ohio.edu/oit/teaching/testing-and-surveys/testing>
- Please reserve your test date and time on the Testing Services' online calendar system at least 24 hours prior to the test time.

Taking your Grammar Test

- Go to the OHIO (Athens) Testing Center in Bromley Hall Lower Level, 42 West Union Street. Enter through the doors on West Union Street.
- You will need your OHIO student ID to verify your identity.
- You will be required to place all of your personal belongings (including your cell phone) in a locker provided by the center.
- Log on to the Poynter News University website and go to FINAL EXAM.
- You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam.
- Once you start, you need to complete the exam in one sitting. You will not be allowed to stop the exam and come back another time. Once you exit the exam, it is scored.
- **Be aware that you will be monitored by video surveillance and computer software while testing.**
- You will **not** get your score; your score will be sent to the Scripps School.
- To pass, you must receive a score of 75% or above.
- You can take the Grammar Test three times for no extra charge.
- **IMPORTANT:** Only a score received on a Grammar Test taken in the OHIO (Athens) Testing Center will count toward fulfilling your prerequisite for JOUR 2311. Do NOT start the final exam unless you are in the OHIO (Athens) Testing Center. Taking the Grammar Test on a computer NOT located in the OHIO (Athens) Testing Center **will be included in your three attempts**. You may use any computer for the practice drills, but **for the final exam you must take all three attempts in the OHIO (Athens) Testing Center**.
- If you don't pass the exam after three attempts, you should plan to enroll in "Precision Language" (JOUR1330) for additional preparation.

Registering for J2311

- The day before your registration day/time ("enrollment appointment"), go to the J-School main office (Schoonover 223) and request a permission "green" slip. The J-School staff will use the Grammar Test grade report to confirm that you have passed the Grammar Test and met the J2311 prerequisite.
- If you have taken or are currently registered for JOUR 1330, it would be helpful to bring a copy of your DARS to verify that you have met/are meeting the prerequisite for JOUR 2311.
- Have your class number and lab day/time of your top three choices of JOUR 2311 sections you wish to take (just in case one section is already full).
- Take the signed permission "green" slip directly to Registrar Services (Chubb Hall main floor) for immediate processing.