

COMM 480: TELEVISION NEWS

— “Centre County Report”...

is Penn State’s live, local newscast, produced by students in the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications. It serves as our **capstone broadcast journalism course**.

It’s the ultimate hands-on experience! We teach students how to produce and present a **half-hour weekly newscast** in our state-of-the-art TV studio. The show includes news, weather and sports coverage from Centre County and across central Pennsylvania.

Available On:

- WPSU-TV, a PBS station reaching 500,000 TV households in 29 Pennsylvania counties.
- CBS News Pittsburgh, KDKA-TV’s streaming channel.
- Penn State Campus Cable.
- our own YouTube channel.

Award-Winning News:

- Five-time winner: nation’s best college newscast (Society of Professional Journalists, Broadcast Education Association, and College Television Awards, the college version of the Prime Time Emmys)
- Multiple winner: NATAS College Production Awards (college version of the NATAS regional Emmys)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can anyone take the CCR class?

No. It's an application-based course so you have to apply. If you're a broadcast journalism or telecommunications major, you do good work, and you're really motivated, there's a great chance you'll be accepted into the six-credit class.

When can I take CCR?

Junior or senior year after completing several pre-requisite courses.

What roles do students fill on CCR?

Reporter, anchor, producer, director, sports and production.

Are there other opportunities related to CCR?

Yes! The Bellisario College also has an international reporting course (COMM 402) where students travel to a foreign country over spring break and report on news issues there. There's also a sports magazine show, "In the Game," and a high-school football highlight show, "After the Whistle."

Where can I see CCR work? **CAN WE WORK IN A QR CODE, TOO?**

<https://www.commedia.psu.edu/centre-county-report>



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