



University of Central Florida

Joint Reporting Project with the Nicholson School and the Orlando Sentinel

Nicholson School of Communication and Media

Orlando, FL

Partnership

Students in an independent study course have since 2018 cover news in central Florida for the Orlando Sentinel, focusing on communities where the Sentinel does not have an assigned beat reporter to cover local news.

Lead faculty

Rick Brunson, Rick.Brunson@ucf.edu

Collaborators

[The Orlando Sentinel](#) is a daily newspaper covering central Florida.

Impacts

Reach is not tracked at this time.

Students

68,000 at University of Central Florida

10 in the partnership, per year

Student work

Students must identify their own stories based on their beat.

Course name

Directed Independent Research 4906

Course description

Class is done as an independent study and students receive three credits. Most students are senior journalism majors.

Faculty/staff

Rick Brunson goes over stories once before they are sent on to an editor at Orlando Sentinel.

Funding sources

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