

CONTENT AND TYPES OF INDEPENDENT WORK TASKS IN JOURNALISM

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Annotation. *This article analyzes the content, types and ways of effectively organizing independent work tasks for students studying in the field of journalism. Also, practical tasks that serve to develop students' creative and analytical thinking skills are illustrated through examples.*

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Introduction. Journalism is a creative profession that shapes social consciousness, illuminates reality and directs public opinion. Therefore, students studying in this field need to master not only theoretical knowledge, but also practical skills. Independent learning is an integral part of this process, which serves to independently improve the student's knowledge, develop creative thinking and strengthen professional training.

In the higher education system, independent work assignments are an important component of the educational process, requiring the student to properly allocate his time, independently study the topic, and freely express his opinion. As R. Khudoyberganov noted, "If a journalist does not think independently, he cannot go beyond repeating the voices of others" (Fundamentals of Journalistic Activity, 2018). Therefore, independent work assignments are an important tool in shaping the thinking of journalistic personnel.

Independent work assignments combine the theoretical and practical aspects of journalism. The main forms of organizing this process are presented below:

- **Writing an analytical article.**

The student prepares an article on a socio-political topic. For example, an article written on the topic "Issues of information reliability in modern media" develops critical analysis skills.

- **Preparing an interview.**

The student selects a topic for conversation, formulates questions, edits the conversation, and prepares it for public publication. This process improves the journalist's communication, observation, and editing skills.

- **Writing a report**

The student prepares information from the scene, in which observation, working with facts, and expressiveness play a key role. For example, preparing a report on the topic "Youth Festival - a Field of Opportunities."

- **Writing a press release**

A press release written in the official information genre teaches students to write in a short, concise, and clear style. This type of assignment provides skills in PR and corporate communications.

- **Media monitoring**

The student monitors a specific media outlet and analyzes its topic selection and methodological features. For example, conducting a week-long monitoring on the topic "Coverage of social topics on the Kun.uz website."

There are the following factors for the effective organization of independent learning, which play an important role in increasing the effectiveness of independent work:

- provide students with clear methodological instructions;
- strengthen the practical and creative orientation of assignments;
- conduct seminars to analyze and discuss the results;
- It is necessary to establish projects integrated with media practice.

Conclusion. Independent work assignments in journalism are of great importance in the professional formation of students, in the development of creative thinking and critical analysis skills. It not only deepens knowledge, but also teaches the journalist to make quick, objective and creative decisions in accordance with life situations. Effective organization of independent education, combining it with practical experience is one of the main directions of modern journalism education.

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