

## In the News Clare Lavelle - Levels B2-C1

What's in the news? From the serious to the light-hearted, and from the culture-specific to the universal, the news interests and intrigues readers everywhere.

This course will enable the students to become efficient and critical readers. Articles will be dissected and analyzed, discussed and debated. There will be ample opportunity for budding journalists to learn the characteristics and conventions of journalistic writing.

### Learning objectives:

- Improving reading skills and critical thinking.
- Expanding vocabulary and working with idiomatic expressions.
- Practice discussing, debating, hypothesizing and interviewing.
- Writing short news reports and articles.
- Improving listening skills.

### Evaluation:

- Active participation/ homework assignments 50%
- Short news article writing assignment 25%
- Short news report (video) student-led assignment 25%

**Sources:** Newspapers, new media, The News from the global news TV channels and radio stations CNN, BBC, RTE, AL Jazeera, SkyNews, etc.

