

Course Title : News Writing and Reporting I

Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
COM 211	B	3	3	2	0	4.00	5
Lecturer and Office Hours			Roland Zili, MA				
Teaching Assistant and Office Hours			Rudi Dunga, Msc				
Language			Albanian				
Course Level			Bachelor				
Description			News Reporting and Writing I, is a skills-based immersion into journalism. Students will learn the foundations of journalism and the craft's two main components - reporting and writing of the news - and will explore how news is delivered through mobile devices, TV, radio, Web and printed publications				
Objectives			This course aims to expose you to basic journalistic principles, and to build fundamental reporting and writing skills. These goals are pursued in lectures, assignments, and reporting exercises that echo the situations professional journalists face. By the end of the course, you can expect to have a good grasp of the fundamental issues and methods of gathering news & writing news stories. You will also have the opportunity to improve your Albanian-language writing skills, in order to convey facts in straightforward and understandable fashion				

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	The Reporter At Work
2	Components of a Story
3	Writing the Story
4	The Internet and Other Tools of the Trade
5	Obituaries
6	The Lead
7	The Writer's Art
8	Midterm Exam
9	Features, long stories and series
10	Broadcast newswriting
11	Digging for information
12	Making sound observations
13	Building and using background
14	Finding, cultivating and using source
15	Using source form Reporter
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	
Textbook	• "Raportimi dhe Shkrimi i Lajmeve", Melvin Mencher (Columbia University)
Other References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Gazetaria", Stephan Russ-Mohl • "Gazetari Universal", David Randall • "Writing and Reporting Media", Carole Rich • "Raportimi dhe Shkrimi i Lajmeve", Missouri Group
Laboratory Work	

Computer Usage			
Other			
Learning Outcomes and Competences			
1	Students acquire basic knowledge's about news reporting and writing		
2	Students will be able to use better sources of information, to structure the story for a newspaper, TV, radio, and long stories.		
Course Evaluation Methods			
In-term studies		Quantity	Percentage
Midterms		1	20
Quizzes		0	0
Projects		5	20
Term Projects		0	0
Laboratory		0	0
Attendance		1	10
Contribution of in-term studies to overall grade			50
Contribution of final examination to overall grade			50
Total			100
ECTS (Allocated Based on Student) Workload			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total Workload (hours)
Course Duration (Including the exam week : 16 x Total course hours)	16	5	80
Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	2	28
Assignments	5	0	0
Midterms	1	10	10
Final examination	1	10	10
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			128
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			5,12
ECTS			5