

Course Title : News Writing and Reporting II

Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
COM 212	B	4	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 II, 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	Interviewing principles and practices
2	Speeches, meetings and news conferences
3	Hunches, feelings and stereotypes
4	Accidents and disasters
5	Obituaries
6	The police beat
7	The courts
8	Midterm Exam
9	Sports reporting
10	Business reporting
11	Local government and education
12	Reporters and the law
13	The morality of journalism.
14	Publishing or not publishing
15	Reporter's right
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	
Textbook • "Raportim dhe shkrim lajmi", Missouri Group	
Other References <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Gazetaria", Stephan Russ-Mohl • "Gazetari universal", David Randall • "Shkrim, Raportim lajmi", Carole Rich • "News writing and reporting", Melvin Mencher (Columbia University) 	
Laboratory Work	

Computer Usage			
Other			
Learning Outcomes and Competences			
1	Students acquire basic knowledges 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	30
Quizzes		0	0
Projects		5	30
Term Projects		0	0
Laboratory		0	0
Attendance		0	0
Contribution of in-term studies to overall grade			60
Contribution of final examination to overall grade			40
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	8	8
Final examination	1	10	10
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			126
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			5,04
ECTS			5