

Üsküdar University

Faculty of Communication

JOURNALISM

Course Contents

FIRST TERM (1st Grade, Fall Term)

İLET111 Introduction to Communication

Development of communication sciences, basic concepts of communication, the role and importance of communication in human's and social life, types of communication, communication takes place in which levels, effective communication and body language.

SBU157 Political Sciences

Development of political sciences, basic concepts, political systems, the emergence and development of democratic system, parliamentary systems and processes, development and process of democracy in Turkey. Institutions and politics of democratic systems, philosophers and administrators led political sciences.

İLET109 Introduction to Law

Fundamental concepts of law. Basic principles and institutions of Turkish law. Law and democracy. Roman law and its effects on Turkish judicial system. The fundamental basis of constitutional law.

RPSI109 Positive Psychology and Communication Skills

This is an approach that enable individuals realize their own resources and values to be happy, peaceful, successful and highly satisfied with their lives. Usage of these resources and values creatively and appropriately allow individual to exert their personal and cultural potential with a conscious choice. In this course, students will evaluate researches and concept studies on different subjects and theoretical approaches (meaningful life, feeling of thankfulness, happiness, hope, optimism, positive emotions, post-traumatic personal growth, endurance, self-perception, strength, time perception). Students will learn how to use methods such as brain mapping, signature strengths, gratitude journal, seven ways increase happiness (learned optimism, thankfulness).

İNG101 English I

Basic concepts of English. Reading texts and exercises. Listening exercises. Translation exercises. Writing essay. Speaking exercises, conversations.

TURK101 Turkish Language and Literature - I

The objective of this course is to examine the main movements in Turkish literature and bring a fresh perspective on the works of authors that a graduate of Faculty of Communications is expected to have an awareness of. The lessons will include case studies and practices.

ATA101 Principles of Atatürk and History of Revolution - I

The events that have taken place in the recent Turkish history; especially the occurrences surrounding the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, War of Salvation, formation of Turkish Republic, the initial years of the Republic rule, the Second World War and the transformation from the single party period will be examined

during this course. Lessons consist of lectures and seminars including those by guest speakers.

RKUL101 University Culture I

In this course considering the agenda of society, country and university, the topics are discussed with the students by experts within or outside the university. Sharing knowledge and experiences of communication professionals working several parts of communication sector with the students.

SECOND TERM (1st Grade, Spring Term)

GZT102 Introduction to Journalism

To provide students with an understanding and appreciation of contemporary journalism practice. Approaches to journalism; journalism theory; theories of news; theories of news reception and audience; news values; bias and objectivity; the working journalist; journalism ethics; print and broadcast news; commercial pressures; public broadcasting.

SOS126 General Sociology

Basic concepts of sociology. Development process of sociology as a scientific discipline. Concepts, theories and approaches ruling classical and modern sociology. Phases of sociological thought. The points where sociology and communication sciences cross and feed each other.

İLET106 Introduction to Economics

Basic concepts of economics. Development phases of economical thought. Microeconomics and macroeconomics. Basic information concerning international economics. Economic policies and practices in Turkey. Liberal thought and economics. Open market and rivalry. Development and underdevelopment concepts. Capitalism and globalization.

FEL109 Basic Concepts in Philosophy

Emergence and development of philosophy. Basic concepts, theories, approaches. Paradigms of philosophical thought. First Age philosophers. Philosophical thought in Medieval Age. Eastern and South Eastern philosophy. Philosophy and communication relation.

ING102 English II

Basic concepts of English. Reading texts and exercises. Listening exercises. Translation exercises. Writing essay. Speaking exercises, conversations.

TURK102 Turkish Language and Literature II

The objective of this course is to examine the main movements in Turkish literature and bring a fresh perspective on the works of authors that a graduate of Faculty of Communications is expected to have an awareness of. The lessons will include case studies and practices.

ATA102 Principles of Atatürk and History of Revolution II

The events that have taken place in the recent Turkish history; especially the occurrences surrounding the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, War of Salvation, formation of Turkish Republic, the initial years of the Republic rule, the Second World War and the transformation from the single party period will be examined during this course. Lessons consist of lectures and seminars including those by guest speakers.

RKUL102 University Culture II

In this course considering the agenda of society, country and university, the topics are discussed with the students by experts within or outside the

university. Sharing knowledge and experiences of communication professionals working several parts of communication sector with the students.

THIRD TERM (2nd Grade, Fall Term)

İLET219 Communication Research Methods

Emergence and development of epistemology. Developmental stages of methodology. Philosophical traditions that formed a basis for methodology. Relation between social sciences and methodology. Methods and technics used on social science studies. Empirical methodological tradition. Critical methodological tradition. Questionnaire technique, content analysis. Hermeneutic analysis technics.

İLET203 Communications Law

Basic concepts of communications law. Development of communications law in several countries. Communications law in Turkey. Press freedom and first juristic practices. Censorship and law. Juridical regulation on press. Juridical regulation on radio and television. Cinema and law.

GZT201 Press Narratives

In this course, the aim is to provide understanding different types of newspaper writing, as well as the news, and to strengthen the information with the practices. The content of the course includes main types of newspaper writings and their technical specification, like news, interviews, conversations, columns, articles, reviews, etc.

İLET205 History of Communication

History of humanity and communication. Communication in first ages. Communication in ancient times. Development of communication technologies. Emergence and development of mass communication. Development of mass media in Turkey. Development of journalism. Development of radio. Emergence and development of agency journalism. Television era. Digital publishing and broadcasting. Internet media.

İLET217 Professional English I

Development of ability to use of English on communication. Ability to use of English on professional field of communication. Use of English on printed media journalism. Use of English on radio and television. Use of English on cinema.

GZT203 Journalism and New Media

This course focuses on digital transformation of journalism in the new media age. Course covers the following topics: Concept of new media. Development of new media. Written press in the new media age. Radio and television broadcasting in the new media age. Reading new media texts. Relations between law and new media. New media and ethics.

İLET209 Social Psychology

Emergence and development of social psychology as a scientific discipline. Basic concepts and theories of social psychology. Individual and society

relation. Group and group dynamics. Group and society relation. Family.
Attitude and perception. Attitude scales.
Balance theories. Social psychology and communication.

GZT205 Digital Media Technologies

This course aims at improving computer skills of journalism students to become digitally literate. The course covers subjects as using computer efficiently, data storage, processing and editing, graphics design, data transfer etc.

FOURTH TERM (2nd Grade, Spring

Term) İLET202 Turkish Media History

Emergence and development of press in Turkey. Press in Ottoman period. First Turkish newspaper. Press in republican period. Juridical regulation on press. Emergence and development of radio in Turkey. Television broadcasting in Turkey. Expansion of Internet media. Media holdings.

GZT202 News Language

The main aim of the course is to encourage students who will choose journalism as a profession to use Turkish correctly, to remind the basic grammar rules necessary for journalism, to explain the drawbacks of using sexist and discriminatory words and emphasize the importance of using an objective language in journalism.

İLET204 Political Communication

Relation between politics and communication. Political systems and communication systems. Political structures and structuring of mass communication. Democracy and communication. Propaganda and persuasion techniques. Rhetoric. Political advertisement. Image and perception management.

GZT204 Online Journalism

Emergence and development of online journalism. Online journalism and content production. News writing techniques on online journalism. News and information sources on the online journalism. Online journalism and actuality. Reader profile of online journalism.

İLET206 Photography

Basic concepts of photography. Photography techniques, types of photography, art photography, photojournalism, documentary photography. Framing at photography, depth of field, perspective and color settings.

RPRG104 Entrepreneurship and Project Culture

All stages of project preparation. Project planning and writing skills. Determining various project topics in the field of communication and turning them into projects. Development of research design, determination of data collection techniques and data analysis.

İLET214 Professional English II

Effective use of English on communication field. Development of ability to use of English on news writing. Ability to read media texts in English. Development of ability to prepare media content in English.

FIFTH TERM (3rd Grade, Fall Term)

Core Courses

İLET303 Theories of Communication

Emergence and development of communication sciences. Liberal and critical paradigms on communication sciences. Models theories and approaches within these two paradigms. The effects of mass media. Political economy of communication, cultural studies. Media and interactivity.

GZT301 Desktop Publishing

Basic principles of desktop publishing. Principles of page layout. Desktop publishing practices. Desktop publishing programs. Desktop publishing hardware and formats.

Elective Courses

GZT351 Photojournalism

Photojournalism is about telling stories with pictures. Students taking this course will learn the techniques of photojournalism for newspapers, magazines, media websites. During the semester students will work on different assignments. They will shoot pictures for different news subjects, such as conference, sport, art, entertainment etc.

GZT353 Interview in Journalism

What is interview, types of interview, preparing for the interview, interview questions, conducting the interview and recording, transcribing and editing the interview, writing process.

GZT355 Newspaper Production Techniques

Newspaper publishing process steps. Newsgathering and writing. Reporting techniques. Editorial process. Journalism practices.

GZT357 Social Media Journalism

Social media concepts. Economic, social and cultural effects of social media. The effect of social media on daily life practices. The use of social media in economic and social life. Examination of social media usage practices.

GZT359 Data Journalism

Data journalism means collecting, analyzing, visualizing and making news in understandable language. In this course, students will be taught how to make journalism based on data, how to access data, how to analyze and visualize with computer-aided programs.

GZT361 Investigative Journalism

Main objective of the course is to put forward the main difference of investigative journalism from other journalistic practices, to evaluate its'

importance from the public interest perspective, and to introduce main investigative reporting subjects and methods. Course content includes; Defining investigative journalism, public interest, historical development of investigative journalism, investigative journalism in Turkey, investigative journalism subjects, investigative journalism methods.

GZT363 Netiquette

Netiquette, the etiquette of the internet has become a necessity with the development and prevalence of new media technologies. Every kind of online activities of people contribute to their digital footprints and influence their everyday life reputation. This course aims to revisit essential etiquette rules for using online platforms. Netiquette rules such as correct usage of language, proper use of social media platforms, photo/ video sharing and subjects that usually discussed together with netiquette such as and cyberbullying, hate speech will be touched upon. Netiquette Course aims students who have career plans as social media experts, image consulting and all the communication faculty students.

GZT365 Podcast Journalism

In this course, students will be introduced to podcast journalism. Theoretical knowledge will be given and then the students will practice podcast journalism. Basic topics: What is podcast? How to do podcast broadcasting? How to use podcast in journalism?

SIXTH TERM (3rd Grade, Spring Term)

Core Courses

GZT302 Journalism Practices

Overview on newspaper publishing techniques. Stages of journalism practices. Content production in journalism. Access of news and information sources. Converting gathered information to news text. News desk process. News filtering process. Publication of the news or its publication on the internet. The printing process of the newspaper. Web newspaper's web design and publishing process.

GZT304 Media Literacy

Media literacy is basically defined as reaching to media content, analyzing them, questioning the correctness of the contents and producing content for media. The main aim of media literacy is to understand media correctly and to produce ethically correct contents. Starting with traditional media literacy, this course will examine different forms of literacy which becomes a necessary condition in terms of the development and transformation of the media and it will emphasize the new media literacy from the perspective of critical media analysis. The aim is to give the students equipment that prepares them for lecturing elementary level media literacy courses.

Elective Courses

GZT352 Freelance Journalism

This course teaches the critical skills necessary to become a freelance journalist in today's online news media. Students taking this course will learn how to become a freelance journalist and how to produce freelance stories. The course will focus on basics of interviewing, gathering information, writing and editing stories.

GZT354 Digital Content Production and Management

Basic principles of content production in digital communication. Use of knowledge sources in digital content production. Scientific and intellectual formation of digital content producers. Digital content production practices. Digital content production in journalism. Digital content production on social media.

GZT356 Science Journalism

Science journalism concept. Emergence and becoming widespread of science journalism. Necessities and conditions procreant science journalism. Science journalism examples in world and Turkey. Problems of science journalists. Future of science journalism.

GZT358 War Journalism

Emergence of war journalism. War journalism during First World War. Specialization tendencies during Second World War. Formation of war correspondents. Working conditions of war correspondents. Security. Ethical problems on war journalism. War journalism and objectivity of news.

GZT360 News Desk Practices

News production process. Organization of news production. Organizational structure of news center. Factors influencing news production News sources. News gathering, writing and interview practices.

GZT362 Sport Journalism

Develop an understanding and ability to distinguish among the various sports communication professions (2) Provide basic knowledge of the responsibilities and skills necessary for sports journalists and sports communications professionals (3) Understand basic issues related to ethical practices in sports media professions (4) Establish introductory knowledge of the business of sports and media.

GZT364 Human Rights Journalism

Human rights reporting is a journalism approach that defends that human rights violations can be improved through monitoring and reporting. This course focuses on news making processes for all kinds of rights violations. The aim of the course is to make students more sensitive to rights violations.

GZT366 Editing Techniques in Video Journalism

The main aim of the course is providing students to do editing in new media environment. Within the course, basic editing programs, general logic of editing, editing techniques, post- production are the main topics to be covered. Students are able to do editing music clips, documentaries, commercials, and drama.

SEVENTH TERM (4th Grade, Fall Term)

Core Courses

GZT Graduation Project I

Students must successfully complete Graduation Project I and II. Students are given the freedom to choose either to design a newspaper, create website/news site or to write a thesis in two semesters. Students who choose project must complete two different projects.

İLET401 Communication and Ethics

The roots and thought of ethics. The importance of the fields of communication. The ethics of communication in Turkey. Ethical approaches to press, television and Internet broadcasting.

Elective Courses

GZT451 Environment Journalism

This course aims to prepare students for specialization in environmental journalism. Students taking this course will understand the importance of environmental journalism and its role in modern society; evaluate urgent environmental problems objectively; analyze sources and their motives; demonstrate ability to write in-depth environmental news stories.

GZT453 Media and Democracy

This course concentrates on media and democracy. Basic topics are; The importance of media for democracy; media freedom; improving democracy with the help of the media. International media freedom reports are also discussed.

GZT455 Crime Journalism

Definition of crime journalism. Domain and interest of crime journalism. Educational formation of crime journalists. Working conditions and professional status of crime journalists. Crime journalism in Turkey. Accreditation conditions for crime journalism.

GZT457 Local Journalism

Concept of local journalism. Historical overview on local press. Importance of local press. Economy of local press. News sources for local journalists. Local news production process. Local news practices.

GZT459 Design and Programming Language in Journalism

Programming languages. Web-based interaction. HTML & CSS. Software life cycle. Open source.

GZT461 Travel and Tourism Journalism

This genre of journalism is very popular in travel and tourism magazines. Travel and tourism journalism focuses on introducing new tourism places with an appealing language. Students taking this course will practice travel and tourism journalism.

GZT463 Peace Journalism

The concept of peace journalism and its' history. Basic principles of peace journalism. Difference from war journalism. Peace journalism initiatives in the world and in Turkey. Peace journalism practices.

GZT465 Economy and Finance Journalism

The main aim of the course is to provide students with the necessary information about economy and finance journalism. Students will specialize in writing good and understandable stories on economic subjects, such as inflation, employment, unemployment, income distribution, banking, finance etc.

EIGHT TERM (4th Grade, Spring Term)

Core Courses

GZT492 Graduation Thesis II

Converting the findings of the research, the design phase which has been completed, into a thesis text.

GZT402 Internship

It is aimed that students gain experience to develop their professional career fields according to their interests.

ISG490 Occupational Health and Safety in Communications

Aim and importance of occupational health and safety in the field of communication, its historical development; basic concepts in occupational health and safety, practices and legislative measures based on examples in Turkey. In the case of stress, discrimination and oppression in film sets, natural disaster situations, war correspondence, filming and making news in terrorism zones, and in busy working hours in advertising agencies; risks in computer, laboratory and studio use and employer responsibilities. International conventions on occupational health and safety for communications employees, joint decisions of the European Union.

Elective Courses

GTZT452 Social Media and Audience

Concept of social media. Social media content production and audience participation. Collocation of production and consumption. Shift from passive audience to active audience. New productive audience. Reexamination of communication models, communication theories and approaches.

GZT454 Online Journalism Practices

Students who take this course will develop their own news sites and will do internet journalism within the framework of current practices in internet journalism.

GZT456 Citizen Journalism

The meaning of citizen journalism. Development of citizen journalism. Dijital age and citizen journalism. Demilitarization process and citizen journalism. New media era and citizen journalism.

GZT458 Alternative Media

What's alternative media? The place of alternative media in public opposition. History and place of alternative media in Turkey. New communication technologies and alternative media. Alternative media and freedom of speech. Alternative media and citizen journalism.

GZT460 Social Media and Children

Impact of social media on children. New media literacy for children. Child abuse and social media.

GZT462 Health Journalism

This course aims at preparing students for health journalism. Students taking this course will learn the importance of health journalism, basic principles of writing good stories on health related issues, main sources for health journalism, and ethical principles. They will also practice health journalism.

GZT464 News Criticism

Students taking this senior level elective course will write news criticisms. They will scrutinize the media and look for problematic news stories, then they will focus on those stories from the ethical perspective.

Foreign Language Elective Courses

Fall					Spring				
ISP 123	Spanish I				IS P1	Spanish II			
AR A1	Arabic I				AR A1	Arabic II			
ÇI N1	Chinese I				ÇI N1	Chinese II			
RU S12	Russian I				RU S1	Russian II			