

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: COMM-125 Introduction to Journalism

Department: Communications

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
COMM-125	Introduction to Journalism	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall, Spring	42	
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Communications	Lower Division	Greek, English

### Course Description

To achieve the above aims the course will cover the following topics: What is news – News Awareness, News and information, News gathering, News reporting and production, News agencies, Interviewing, Feature writing, Specialization, Newspaper production, Writing for Electronic Media, Comments and Editorials, The law – Freedom of the Press, The social effects of mass media.

### Instructor

Mr Nicos Philippou

### Course Aims and Objectives

To introduce students to the world of print and broadcast journalism and its effect on the public opinion and on society as a social controller.

### Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, discussions, exercises, visits to media premises and studios.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (22 hours lectures / presentations, 14 hours workshop / exercises and 6 hours visiting to media workplaces).

### Evaluation and Grading

Attendance: 10%  
Homework: 20%  
Mid-Term: 30%  
Final Exam: 40%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbooks

1. D. Ferguson & J. Patten, Journalism Today, NTC, Illinois, USA, 1993.
2. Sophocleous, Andreas Cl., and Stavros Stavrou, "Introduction to Journalism" (Notes), Nicosia, 1999.

### Recommended Reading

1. Boyd, A., Broadcast Journalism, Focal Press, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (1994).
2. Hartley, J., Understanding News, Methaen Publ., 1982.
3. Hennesy, B., Writing Feature Articles, Heinemann, 1989.
4. Hough, George A., News Writing, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, H. Mifflin Co., Boston, 1995.