

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Profile

Course Number : HSS 240	Course Title : Community Involvement: Theory and Practice
Required / Elective: Elective	Pre / Co-requisites : -
Catalog Description: Introduction to issues in academically based community service. Practicum focused on the use of creative methods in tutoring and mentoring youth and children in local community and different parts of Turkey. Study of the concepts of community, democratic citizenship, service, compassion, social justice, social change and leadership. Development of skills in creativity, critical thinking and research, public communication, problem solving and teamwork.	Textbook / Required Material :
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3/ 5 ECTS	
Extended Description : This is a course for those who care about social problems and want to become involved in a semester project addressing an issue in the local community in and around Şile. Class time will be divided between lectures, in-class writing activities, group discussions and group activities. Students will become familiar with the major issues that arise during the process of initiation and process of community involvement projects. Some of these include self-awareness in the process of becoming aware of the other; learning to listen to the community members through interviews; identifying needs and assets based on these interviews; working with sustainability; and project evaluation.	
Course Outline:	
Week	Topics
1	Introduction to the Course: Using Academic Tools for Social Change
2	Getting Involved: Quantitative and Qualitative Research
3	Field Research for Social Change
4	Case Study Readings
5	Field Outings and Writing Field Notes
6	Methods of Qualitative Research
7	Field work and Participant Observation
8	Workshops on Writing Field Notes
9	Case Study Readings
10	Conducting Interviews: Field Outings
11	Workshop on Interviews

12	Conclusion					
Design content : none			Computer usage: No particular computer usage required			
<u>Course Outcomes:</u>						
	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
1	Apply analytical and critical thinking skills to contemporary global issues.					*
2	Describe the interrelationships between science, technology, and society.					
3	Describe the interrelationships between art, culture, and society.					
4	Explain the historical, political and economic conditions in which science and technology emerge.					
5	Explain the historical, political and material conditions in which art and cultural expression emerge.		*			
6	Analyze how modes of thought are shaped by socio-cultural, historical, political and economic variables.				*	
7	Apply discipline-relevant methods to HSS research assignments.			*		
8	Summarize and assess current developments in their subject area.				*	
9	Recognize ethical issues and social responsibilities in the contemporary world.					*
10	Synthesize complex ideas in clear and concise ways.					*
11	Generate creative solutions to local and/or global problems.					*
12	Recognize relevance of coursework to personal experiences, lifelong learning, and job security.					*
13	Demonstrate an ability to function on teams.					*
14	Demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively with written, oral and visual means.				*	
Recommended reading : -						
Teaching methods : Lectures, class discussion, video clips, slides						
Assessment methods : Midterm, Reflection Papers, Project, Project Report						
Student workload:						

Preparatory Reading	30 hrs
Lectures and Workshop	45 hrs
Project	50 hrs
Writing	25 hrs

TOTAL150 hrs . . . to match 25 X 6 ECTS

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