

COURSE DESCRIPTION FORM

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2024/2025-1

Course Code & Name | ES 176 RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL WRITING

| Course Schedule | |
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| Room | |
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| Assistant's Name Phone E-mail | |
| Midterm Dates | |
| Additional Information | Grading out of 100 is as follows: Midterm: 15% Homeworks: 18% Term Project: 27% Final Exam 40% Attendance: 80% attendance is required by the university regulations (20% non-attendance only for sick-leave or similar; to be proven) |

| COURSE INFORMATON | | | | |
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| Course Code | ES 176 | Course Title | RESEARCH AND TECHNI | ICAL WRITING |
| Semester | Credits | ECTS | C +P + L Hour | Prerequisites |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 3+0+0 | |

| Language of Inst | ruction | Course Level | Course Type |
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| English | | Bachelor's Degree (First Cycle Programmes) | Elective |
| Course Coordinator Assist. Pro | | . Dr. Gülten POLAT | |
| Instructors | Assist. Prof. Dr. Gülten POLAT | | |
| Assistants | | | |
| Goals | This course is designed with the aim of giving information to the students on the fundamentals of scientific research writing, methods of literature review methods, and thesis preparation techniques. | | |
| Content | Basic research concerns prior to writing a research paper. The basis for scientific research; Research paper. Language for research writing. Concepts of research writing and a research paper. How to start? Structure of a paper: title, authors; abstract; introduction; materials and methods; data preparation and results; discussion and evaluation; concluding remarks, references, acknowledgments. Preparing tables and graphs. Proper use and misuse of language. Style in writing. Ethical aspects of research writing. Oral and poster presentation of a paper. | | |
| Contribution of the Course to the Professional Education | | | eparation to future professional communication of engineering |



| Course Learning Outcomes | Detailed Program Outcomes | Teaching Methods | Assessment Methods |
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| 1) Adequate knowledge about literature review methods and selection of proper and correct materials | 4b, 8a, 8b | 1, 2 | А, В |
| 2) Adequate knowledge about evaluating the quality of published scientific papers | 4b | 1, 2 | А, В |
| 3) Ability to write a scientific report and/or thesis | 7b, 7c, 7d, 9a, 6c | 1, 2, 6 | A, B, E, F |
| 4) Ability to make an oral presentation of a scientific research | 7b, 7c, 7d | 1, 2, 8 | A, B, E, F |

| Teaching Methods: | 1: Lecture by instructor, 2: Lecture by instructor with class discussion, 3: Problem solving by instructor, 4: Use of simulations, 5: Problem solving assignment, 6: Reading assignment, 7: Laboratory work, 8: Term research paper, 9: Presentation by guest speaker, 10: Sample Project Review, 11: Interdisciplinary group working, 12: |
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| Assessment Methods: | A: Written exam, B: Multiple-choice exam C: Take-home quiz, D: Experiment report, E: Homework, F: Project, G: Presentation by student, H: |

| | COURSE CONTENT | | | | |
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| Week | Topics | Study Materials | | | |
| 1 | General issues about research writing | Lecture Notes and Textbook | | | |
| 2 | Terminology | Lecture Notes and Textbook | | | |
| 3 | Scientific paper concepts | Lecture Notes and Textbook | | | |
| 4 | Anatomy of a scientific paper: Title, authors, abstract, and introduction | Lecture Notes and Textbook | | | |
| 5 | Anatomy of a scientific paper: Materials and methods; results and discussion | Lecture Notes and Textbook | | | |
| 6 | Preparation of table and figures | Lecture Notes and Textbook | | | |
| 7 | Anatomy of a scientific paper: Concluding remarks, references, acknowledgments | Lecture Notes and Textbook | | | |
| 8 | Citations and ethics in research writing | Lecture Notes and Textbook | | | |
| 9 | Midterm | Lecture Notes and Textbook | | | |





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| 10 | Thesis writing | Lecture Notes and Textbook |
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| 11 | Evaluation of a published scientific paper and a published thesis | Lecture Notes and Textbook |
| 12 | Oral and poster presentation methods of a scientific study | Lecture Notes and Textbook |
| 13 | Teamwork: Oral presentation of a scientific study | Lecture Notes and Textbook |
| 14 | Teamwork: Oral presentation of a scientific study | Lecture Notes and Textbook |

| RECOMMENDED SOURCES | | |
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| Textbook | All the handouts and slides are given to the students electronically. | |
| Additional Resources | How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper, R.A.Day, Oryx Press, NY, 1994. | |
| Additional Resources | Bilimsel Bir Makale Nasıl Yazılır?, R.A.Day, Çeviri: Gülay Aşkar Altay, TÜBİTAK, 1996. | |

| MATERIAL SHARING | | |
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| Documents | All the handouts and slides are weekly given to the students electronically. | |
| Assignments | Homeworks are submitted at the beginning of the next week and grades are announced before the final exam. | |
| Exams | Midterm and final exam answers are shared when the students require to see their performance. | |

| ASSESSMENT | | | |
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| IN-TERM STUDIES | NUMBER | PERCENTAGE | |
| Mid-terms | 1 | 25 | |
| Assignment | 2 | 30 | |
| Term Project | 1 | 45 | |
| Total | | 100 | |
| CONTRIBUTION OF FINAL EXAMINATION TO OVERALL GRADE | | 40 | |
| CONTRIBUTION OF IN-TERM STUDIES TO OVERALL GRADE | | 60 | |
| Total | | 100 | |

| COURSE CATEGORY | Field Course |
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| COURSE'S CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM OUTCOMES | | | | |
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| No | Program Learning Outcomes | check √ | | |
| 4b | Ability to employ information technologies effectively. | √ | | |
| 6c | Ability to work individually. | \checkmark | | |
| 7b | Knowledge of a minimum of one foreign language, | \checkmark | | |
| 7 c | Ability to write effective reports and comprehend written reports, prepare design and production reports, | \checkmark | | |
| 7d | Ability to make effective presentations, | \checkmark | | |
| 8a | Recognition of the need for lifelong learning, ability to access information, ability to follow developments in science and technology, | √ | | |
| 8b | Ability to continue to educate him/herself. | \checkmark | | |
| 9a | Consciousness to behave according to ethical principles and professional and ethical responsibility. | $\sqrt{}$ | | |

| ECTS ALLOCATED BASED ON STUDENT WORKLOAD BY THE COURSE DESCRIPTION | | | | |
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| Activities | Quantity | Duration (Hour) | Total Workload (Hour) | |
| Course Duration | 14 | 3 | 42 | |
| Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice) | 11 | 4 | 44 | |
| Homework | 2 | 8 | 16 | |
| Project (Teamwork studies) | 1 | 24 | 24 | |
| Final | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| Total Work Load | | | 128 | |
| Total Work Load / 25 (h) | | | 5.1 | |
| ECTS Credit of the Course | | | 5 | |

| Prepared by: Assist.Prof.Dr. Özgür Köylüoğlu | Preparation date: 23.05.2024 |
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