



Sharif University of Technology
Languages and Linguistics Center
Minor Program
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Course: *Reading Journalistic Texts*

Number of Credits: *2 Credits*

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1. Course Description

This course is developed for science and engineering students minoring in English at Sharif University of Technology. Students who are taking this course are supposed to have already passed “Reading Comprehension”.

2. Course Objectives

The main aim of this course is to familiarize students with journalistic texts from different genres in media including politics, cinema, finance, sports, and science *inter alia*. In being exposed to these different texts, students will get acquainted with the main terminologies and vocabulary and the way different texts and news are presented to people in general. The course instructor will juxtapose the same pieces of news propagated by different cable networks, newspapers or magazines to raise students’ awareness of how ideology infiltrates our conscious or subconscious knowledge. In so doing, critical discourse analysis and reading are also promoted.

3. Scoring Criteria

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| a) Classroom Participation | 2 points |
| b) Classroom Presentation | 2 points |
| c) News Writing Submission | 2 points |
| d) Mid-term Exam | 6 points |
| e) Final Exam | 8 points |

4. Course Schedule

	Topic	Readings
1	Introducing the syllabus; An Introduction to Media and Discourse Analysis	
2	Cinema, Literature, Music, and other types of Art in the Media	News Coverage on Fajr Film Festival vs. Cannes Film Festival: Their History and Coverage
3	Politics and Society	The Coup in Iran: The Fox and The Bald Eagle at Play?!
4	More on Politics	What Al Jazeera, BBC & Press TV Propagate: Their Most Recent News
5	Sports: Soccer and other sports	European Premiere League vs. Iranian Leagues: News Coverage in Skysports and the Guardian
6	Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math and a lot more!	https://www.sciencenews.org/ http://www.sciencemag.org/
7	War and its Aftermath in the Middle East	Syrian Refugees in Diaspora War in Iran: News Coverage in the 80s
8	Entertainment	Most Recent News Coverage in NBC, Fox News, Washington Post & New York Times
9	Midterm Exam	
10	Economy	The Economics

11	Celebrities	World Celebrities in Science, Art, Sports, and Politics
12	Crime and Felony	Drug Trafficking, Murders, and Abuse
13	Art and Literature	Literary Magazines: Iranian & World Literature in the Global Limelight
14	Students' Initiatives	
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E-mail Policy

Students are expected to have academic e-mails and **check their e-mails** each session before the class starts in case handouts are sent to them or specific instructions are given for the class.

Office Hours and Appointment Policy

I will be available during my office hours pasted on my office door. If you have some schedule conflict and cannot meet me during my schedule time, you can e-mail me to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient alternate time. Please contact me at least two days before the appointment time.