

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 / 6 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.	
Design content : none	Computer usage: No special usage required
<p><u>Course Outcomes:</u></p> <p>Describe the history and theory of community involvement (1, 6,14) Identify different types of research methods and the difference between them (6) Describe challenges and opportunities in team work (13) Describe ethical issues raised in ongoing project and in self-reflective writing (9, 14) Critically assess the value of their project (9, 12, 14) Employ course theory and methods to learn more about their local environment and themselves and be more effective communicators. (7, 9,12)</p> <p>1. Apply analytical and critical thinking to current global issues. 2. Analyze how modes of thought are shaped by socio-cultural, historical, political and economic variables. 7. Apply discipline-relevant research methods to HSS projects. 9. Recognize ethical issues and social responsibilities in the contemporary world. 12. Recognize relevance of coursework to personal experiences.</p>	

14. Demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively with written, oral and visual means.

Recommended reading

Teaching methods

Some lecture, discussion, movies

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

TOTAL 150 hrs

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