

Course title	Police and Court Reporting			
Course code	JOUR225			
Course type	Theoretical, Elective course			
Level	Diploma			
Year / Semester	2nd Year / 4th Semester			
Teacher's name	Kyriakos Penindaex			
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week
Course purpose and objectives	The purpose of the course “Police and Court Reporting” is to develop and strengthen students' ability to investigate, cover and write news and reports related to the field of police and court reporting. At the same time, the course aims at training the students on identifying and understanding the most usual practices of identifying and collecting evidence/data as well as to train them on police reporting, demonstrating critical thinking as it relates to their own work and the evidence/ data they have collected.			
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon the completion of the course, the students are expected to:</p> <p>Knowledge</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the sources of information that will help them to write police and court news 2. Understand the applicable legislation and the code of journalistic ethics <p>Skills</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Write valid and objective reports 4. Use accurate vocabulary in police and court reporting <p>Competences</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Utilise available police and judicial information to write valid and objective reports 			
Prerequisites		Required		
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Police and Court Reporting • Police and court news formats • The stages of the criminal procedure (complaint, investigation, prosecution) • Police services, the role of the Legal Service and the Audit Service, composition and operation of courts • Crime scenes and taking evidence • Helpful tips for police reporters • Competent authorities and sources of information • Processing information for news reporting 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The validity of information • How to filter information. What can be broadcasted and what cannot. • Source anonymity protection • Becoming aware of legal issues - Libel lawsuits and complaints to competent institutions, such as the Ethics Committee, Data Protection Commissioner and others. • Police news writing techniques. • Writing specifications for printed media, radio, television and web pages • Legal issues and journalistic ethics • Trial monitoring and coverage
<p>Teaching methodology</p>	<p>Lectures, class discussion, visits to Police Departments, the District Court, the Supreme Court and the Registry Office. At the same time, the course aims at training the students on identifying and understanding the most usual practical of identifying and collecting evidence/data as well as to train them on police reporting, demonstrating critical thinking as it relates to their own work and the evidence/ data they have collected. The supporting materials seen below is expected to support the students in demonstrating critical thinking as it relates to the above.</p>
<p>Bibliography</p>	<p>Greek Bibliography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Καρδάρη, Α. (2017). <i>Εγχειρίδιο Εγκληματολογίας για τον αστυνομικό και δικαστικό συντάκτη [Manual for the police and court reporter]</i>. Παπαζήσης, ISBN: 978-9600232707 • Θεολόγη, Β. (2011). <i>Εγκληματικότητα και ΜΜΕ [Crime and social media]</i>, Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη, ISBN: 978-960-272-812-3 • Ρουκουνάς, Ε. (2010). <i>Διεθνής προστασία Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων [International protection of Human Rights]</i>. Εστία. ISBN: 978-9600506150 • Βιδάλη, Σ. Ν. (2012). <i>Αστυνομία: έλεγχος του εγκλήματος και ανθρώπινα δικαιώματα [Police: Surveillance of crime and human rights]</i>. ISBN: 978-9605620455 <p>English Bibliography²⁶</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jones, L. (2015). <i>A Journalist's Guide to Covering Federal Courts</i>. New York [New York] : Nova Science Publishers, Inc. EBSCOHost. • Wong, C. M. (2017). <i>Police : Global Perceptions, Performance and Ethical Challenges</i>. New York : Nova Science Publishers, Inc. EBSCOHost. <p>Supporting materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Περιοδικό “Νομικό Βήμα” [Journal “Nomiko Vima ”], Εκφραστικό όργανο του Παγκύπριου Δικηγορικού Συλλόγου • Δικαστικές Αποφάσεις Επαρχιακού Δικαστηρίου [Court Proceedings], Κακουργιοδικείου και Ανωτάτου Δικαστηρίου • Δημοσιευμένα δημοσιογραφικά κείμενα σε ΜΜΕ [Published journalistic articles on the media] • Ποινικός Κώδικας [Criminal Code] από την επίσημη ιστοσελίδα της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας

²⁶ Translation tools: Please click on the following link to go to a guide that has been developed to help you get you informed about the process of automated translation. The guide is found at [Moodle > Student information > Οδηγός βιβλιοθήκης- Μετάφραση](#)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 64: The rules of court reporting. Πηγή • Members of the press charged with committing 'acts of journalism' in 2023. Πηγή • Crime reporting is under threat from all sides. What is its future?. Πηγή.
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and class participation 10% • Assignments 20% • Intermediary written examination 20% • Final written examination 50%
Language	Greek