**In the name of God**

**Semnan University**

**Department of English Language and Literature**

***Reading the press***

***Undergraduate Program (BA)***

**Time:** Mondays (14:30-16:00)

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**Course Description:**

This course is designed for a 13-week term, meeting two hours per week.

**Course Goals:**

This course familiarizes the students with the nature of journalistic English. It aims to develop students’ ability to read and identify the discourse structure of newspaper materials, and to enable them to comprehend the attitude of the journalist.

**Course Learning Objectives:**

The course will enable the students to:

1. Read and identify the discourse structure of newspaper materials.
2. Recognize the attitude the journalist takes to the content of a newspaper article.
3. Respond to what they read.

**Textbook:**

Tahririan, M. H. (2003). Reading English Journalistic. Payame Noor University Press.

**Grading:**

Student performance will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

* Class participation and attendance 5 points
* Midterm exam 5 points
* Final exam 10 points

**Course Schedule:**

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| **Session** | **Topic** |
| 1 | Newspaper |
| 2 | Newspaper |
| 3 | Hard news |
| 4 | Hard news |
| 5 | Syntactic tactics |
| 6 | Syntactic tactics |
| 7 | **Midterm exam** |
| 8 | Special effects |
| 9 | Special effects |
| 10 | Personification and depersonalization |
| 11 | Editorial |
| 12 | Feature |
| 13 | Advertisement |
| 14 | **Final exam** |