

Ilkem Kayican Dipcin

Lecturer

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Award winning educator and lecturer with over 15 years of expertise in designing and delivering academic programs, managing research projects, and coordinating international collaborations. Skilled in curriculum development, team leadership, and cross-cultural communication.

Work History

2019-Present **EAP Instructor & Program Coordinator Sabanci University**

- Managed and coordinated a team of SL instructors for Society & Humanity 101&102 courses
- Led development of English for Academic Purposes and professional communication curricula
- Implemented innovative pedagogies and digital tools
- Managed project timelines and budgets for curriculum development initiatives

2017-2024: **Supervisor & Trainer, Academic Writing Program Sabanci University**

- Managed lifecycle of 50+ Writing Fellows, including recruitment, training, and performance evaluation
- Developed and implemented new orientation program, improving Fellow retention by 25%
- Coordinated with multiple departments to expand program reach and impact

2014- 2019 **English Instructor**

Sabanci University

- Taught English language to freshmen students in university setting
- Enhanced overall student success with personalized feedback, constructive criticism, and one-on-one tutoring sessions
- Mentored struggling students during after-school hours or outside of class time to provide additional support in mastering course content
- Improved classroom engagement by implementing interactive teaching techniques and hands-on learning experiences
- Promoted skill development in reading, writing, speaking, and listening through various instructional methods tailored to individual needs

2011-01 - **Writing Center Coordinator**

2014-01 Istanbul Bilgi University

- Established Writing Center serving 300+ university students annually, expanding services to 5+ departments
- Recruited and developed 5+ writing consultants to deliver personalized instruction, increased participation 20%
- Managed scheduling for 50+ writing instructors, coordinating monthly teacher workshops

Research Project Management

Supervisor, "Is the Essay Dead in Higher Education? Exploring the skills & scope of ChatGPT" (2023)

- Developed project proposal and led research initiative
- Supervised 11 students from diverse majors including business, social sciences, and computer engineering
- Managed project timeline and deliverables over a 5-month period

Principal Investigator, "Present Shifting perceptions: Establishing common ground for more effective integration of EAP Practitioners in academia" (2021-2022)

- Wrote project proposal and secured funding
- Designed and managed research process
- Coordinated team of 4 professional instructors
- Ensured project milestones were met over 16-month duration

Co-supervisor, "Exploring AI in the Corporate Landscape" with Dr. Nese Ceren Tosun (Warwick University, UK)

- Managed a team of 20+ undergraduate researchers
- Coordinated data collection and analysis across multiple companies
- Ensured project deliverables met deadlines and quality standards

Principal Researcher, "Teaching Academic Writing and Researching through Blended Learning" (2012)

- Coordinated research project for Bilgi University Language Programs
- Designed and implemented blended learning strategies
- Managed project timeline and resources over 2-month period

Core team member, "Prejudices, Stereotypes and Discrimination: Sociological and Educational Perspectives" project

- Contributed to research design and data analysis
- Supervised graduate students in monitoring content of English textbooks
- Reviewed and analyzed reports on textbook content

International Experience:

- Managed international collaborations with colleagues from the US, UK, and the Netherlands.
- Presented research at conferences in Switzerland, UK, Hungary, and the US.
- Attended exchange programs in Italy and Scotland

- Developed and delivered workshops for international audiences (Naples, Italy; Istanbul, Turkey)

Education

2007-09 - **Master of Arts: Institute of Social Sciences, Cultural Studies**
2009-06 Bilgi University - Istanbul

2001-09 - **Bachelor of Arts: English Language and Literature**
2005-06 Ege University - Izmir

2005-03 - **Teaching Certificate: Pedagogical Instruction**
2005-06 Ege University, Faculty of Education - Izmir

Certifications

2024 - 11 Stanford Online: Ethics, Technology, and Public Policy for Practitioners- 6 week Synchronous Online Course

2023-07 AI Powered Learning Science Bootcamp by Dr. Philippa Hardman, Maven, 4-week Synchronous Online Course

2023-01 ICF Certified Professional Coaching Program, Sola Unitas Academy (64 hrs)

2012-08 BELL Teacher Development Course Teaching English for Academic Purposes, Homerton Campus. Cambridge, England

2008-08 Scottish Universities International Summer School, Department of English Literature; British Literature from 1900: Modernity and Postmodernity, University of Edinburgh, Scotland (8 weeks)

Awards

- EAQUALS (Excellence in Language Education) Teaching Award- "Teacher of the Year 2023"
- Sabancı University 2020-2021 Academic Year Teaching Award, First Year University Courses Award - Winner
- Sabancı University 2015-2016 Academic Year Teaching Award, Foundations Development Year, School of Languages- Winner
- Laureate International Universities English Teaching Competition 2012, Winner. Project Title: Teaching Academic Writing and Researching through Blended Learning Other Personal Information

Selected Conference Presentations/Workshops

Between 2014-2024

- New Instructor Orientation curriculum for Society & Humanity Courses
"Designing a lesson for Society and Humanity Courses" Sabanci University Foundation Development Program Orientation days for Teaching Assistants, Istanbul, Turkey (1-day workshop/ 50+ instructors and teaching assistants)
- Exploring the effective use of Generative AI in higher education" Bogazici University, School of Languages Orientation program for Instructors, Istanbul Turkey (1-day workshop/ 50+ instructors)
- "Riding the Waves of Change: Translating Learning & Development in HR into Academic Context" Sabanci University School of Languages Professional Development Day, Istanbul, Turkey.
- "Intercultural Rhetoric" University of Naples "L'Orientale", Naples, Italy (2 day workshop/ +50 international students).
- "Critical Digital Literacy in the Post-truth Era", Sabanci University, Istanbul & Sabanci School of Creative Technology, Ayvalik, Turkey (+100 participants including students, managers, veterans & teachers).
- "Is the Essay Dead in Higher Education? Exploring the skills & scope of ChatGPT, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Winthertur, Switzerland.
- "Is machine Translation the "new normal" for English Medium Instruction (EMI) in higher education or not?" Sabanci University Internal Education Conference
- "Say it in your words! Student source-use and faculty approaches: Toward a collaborative academic integrity environment" Virtual 11th Conference of the European Association for the Teaching of Academic Writing, Technical University of Ostrava, Czech Republic.
- "Promoting Intercultural Awareness and Equality in EAP Courses and Teacher Training", Global forum for English for Academic Purposes Conference, Leicester University.
- "Singing "My Way" in Developing Second Language Writing: Graduate Students' Own Experiences with Restricted Opportunities." Symposium on Second Language Writing, Arizona State University, AZ, USA.
- "Cross-cultural Rhetoric: Teaching Academic Writing to ESL students in Turkey", European Association for the Teaching of Academic Writing) Conference, Central European University, Hungary.

Research Interests

Critical Digital Literacy, generative AI literacy in higher education,

algorithmic capitalism, blended Learning, cross-Cultural Rhetoric in academic writing.