

**Course Profile - Department of International Relations**

Course Number: <b>POLS 263</b>	Course Title: <b>Women, Gender and World Politics</b>
Required / Elective: Elective	Pre / Co-requisites: -
Catalog Description: Questions of equality and inequality. Philosophical roots of feminism. The role of women and gender in international relations. Conditions of women globally. Parameters of developmental and economic issues. Female participation in democracy and politics. International and national security concerns. Comparative analysis of women in democratic and non-democratic governments.	Textbook / Required Material : Reading pack compiled by the instructor
Course Structure / Schedule: <b>( 3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS</b>	
<p>Extended Description:</p> <p>This course provides an overview of the ways in which gender based inequalities and political constructions of gender influence politics both at national and international levels. The focus is on both political constructions of gender, and political mobilization based on gender. The course starts with conceptual and theoretical debates around feminism, and proceeds with the ways in which gender perspective contributes to political science and international relations. Second, the gendered discourses surrounding global politics and national identity formation are explored. Third, women's participation in politics is discussed, highlighting the interaction of processes such as democratization and development with gender in/equality. Fourth, the parameters of developmental and economic issues are discussed, with special emphasis on the problems surrounding women's relation to the labor market. The course concludes with the most salient current policy debates related to women in Turkey, such as women's labor force participation, violence against women, and politics of reproduction and the family are discussed.</p>	
Design content: None	Computer usage: Not required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an understanding of the concept of gender and how it relates to major debates in politics and international relations</li> <li>• Understand how women's participation in politics and gender equality matters for democratization</li> <li>• Analyze structural processes forming gender inequality</li> <li>• Understand the ways in which politics is gendered</li> <li>• Think, write and speak more clearly about issues of gender equality</li> </ul>	
Teaching methods: Lectures, class discussion, documentary screening, slides	
Course Outline	

Week	Topics
1	Introduction
2	Key concepts and debates: Gender, social construction of gender, the problem of inequality, the equality/ difference debate
3	Theoretical roots of feminism
4	The repercussions of feminist theory in the discussions of 'the woman issue' in Turkey
5	Gender perspective: Theoretical contributions to political science
6	Gender perspective: Theoretical contributions to international relations
7	Gender and global politics
8	Gender and global politics
9	Women, modernization and national identity
10	Discussion on the Turkish women's movement and the screening of a relevant documentary
11	Women, democracy, and participation in politics
12	Women, democracy, and participation in politics
13	Perspectives on women's labor, development and globalization
14	Current policy debates relating to gender equality in Turkey
15	Overview and conclusion

Assessment methods:

Class participation: 10%

Response papers: 20%

Pop quiz: 5%

Midterm exam: 25%

Final exam: 40%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events		X			
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions			X		

IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture			X		
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations		X			
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					X
IR6	Understand the international legal framework	X				
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations		X			
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events				X	
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions				X	
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					X
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)				X	
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					X
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					X
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics				X	
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically					X
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence				X	
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences				X	
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups					x
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms				X	
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					x
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public			X		

16	Understand, read, and write in English					x
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report					X
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy					

\*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	67 hrs
Lectures	35 hrs
Class discussion	7 hrs
Written assignments	35 hrs
Examinations	6 hrs

**TOTAL ..... 150 hrs (25x6) 6 ECTS**

Prepared by : Instructor

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