Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : **POLS 401**	Course Title: **Turkish Politics**
Required / Elective : Required (POLS)	Pre / Co-requisites : None
Catalog Description: Examination of the state tradition in Turkey; understanding the interaction of state, politics, and society; secularism, civil-military relations, problems of democracy; transition to multi-party politics and its problems; parliamentary system and political parties; political participation, interest groups and civil society.	Textbook / Required Material : Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, 2005, *Turkish Dynamics: Bridge across Troubled Lands*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan Additional pack of recent articles on Turkish politics (mostly from the journal *Turkish Studies*)

Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 **/ 6 ECTS**

Extended Description : This course is designed to discuss problems and issues in Turkish politics. The subject matter of the course is extensive, and it roots back to the period before the foundation of the Republic in 1923. In order to devote long enough time to the most recent issues, the course focuses on domestic politics with an emphasis on the post-1950 period. The lectures start with the early years of the Republic and the politics of the single-party period. The consequent topics include the transition to the multiparty system, the emergence and reign of Demokrat Parti, the 1960 coup, the social upheaval of the 1970s and the political consequences of the 1980 coup. The course continues with recent issues: Political Islam, Kurdish question, civil society, labor unions, the turban issue, Refah-Yol government, the AKP years and the 2007 parliamentary elections.

Design content : None	Computer usage: Basic office word skills for students' critical papers

Course Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Possess knowledge about the political history of modern Turkey from the single-party to the multi-party period, and the effects of military coups and constitutions on the Turkish party system.

- Understand the ideology of various political groups and political parties in Turkey.

- Acquire skills for writing critical reviews of scholarly articles on Turkish politics.

Recommended reading:

Ali Çarkoğlu and Ersin Kalaycıoğlu. 2009. *The Rising Tide of Conservatism in Turkey*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Teaching methods: Lectures

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	Early Republican Years and the Kemalist Renovation
2	Transition to Multi-Partyism: The Demokrat Parti
3	The 1960s and 1970s I (The 1960 Coup and the 1961 Constitution)
4	The 1960s and 1970s II (Neo-Kemalism and Party System Change)
5	The 1980 Coup, the 1982 Constitution and the 1983 Elections
6	The Center Right (Motherland Party and True Path Party)
7	Nationalism and Neo-Nationalism
8	Midterm Examination
9	Conservatives and Islamists
10	The Republican and Kurdish Left
11	Party Closures in Turkey
12	Turkey's EU Membership Bid
13	Kurdish Question I
14	Kurdish Question II
15	The Arab Spring and its Effects on AKP Government's Foreign Policy

Assessment methods:
Attendance: 10 %
Critical papers: 10 %
Pop quizzes: 15 %
Midterm: 30 %
Final Examination: 35 %

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					
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					
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						
IR6	Understand the international legal framework			X			
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations						
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						
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically				X		
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative						
10	Have self-confidence						
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						
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					X	
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public						
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:

    Pre-reading .... 65 hrs

    Lectures ………………………………… 35 hrs

    Exams and Quizzes .... 10 hrs

    Writing critical reviews............................ 40 hrs

    TOTAL …………………………... 150 hrs …… to match 25x6 ECTS

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