

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 402	Course Title : Turkish Foreign Policy										
Required / Elective : Required for the International Relations Program, elective for the Political Science Program	Pre / Co-requisites : -										
Catalog Description: The rules and principles characterizing the way it is performed, within the general framework of an evolutionary process since the end of World War II.	Textbook / Required Material : The textbook is a compilation of articles, determined by the instructor.										
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS											
<p>Extended Description :</p> <p>This course seeks to provide students with an understanding of the domestic and international forces that shape contemporary Turkish foreign policy. Since the end of the Cold War, Turkey has sought to adjust to the new realities of the changing international system by adopting new policies and strategies in its relations with neighboring states in the Middle East, the Caucasus, and the Balkans. Additionally, Turkey's policies toward the United States and Western Europe have undergone changes</p>											
Design content : None	Computer usage: None										
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the dynamics and components of Turkish Foreign policy. • Explain changing strategies of foreign policy. • Discover the policies and the role of diplomatic staff towards the Middle East, Europe, Balkans, USA, Russia, Central Asia, Caucasus. • Outline the leadership and the foreign policy relationship. • Obtain knowledge about the parts of the decision-making process machinery and their hierarchy. • Make predictions about the future strategy of the foreign policy. 											
<p>Teaching methods:</p> <p>Lectures with slides and mind-maps; discussions; movies related to the subject.</p>											
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	Process Models
5	Foreign Policy Analysis IV: Individual Level
6	Historical Background of Turkish Foreign Policy
7	Turkey-European Union Relations
8	Cyprus Issue
9	Turkey-Middle East Relations: The Arab World
10	Turkey-Middle East Relations: Iran and Israel
11	Turkey-United States Relations I
12	Turkey-United States Relations II
13	Turkey and the Politics of Energy
14	Conclusion

Assessment methods:

Final exam	37.5 %
Class participation	20 %
Quizzes	20 %
Writing assignment	22.5%

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					
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					
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
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					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					
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				x	
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work			x		
21	Possess computer and technological literacy				x	

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

Student workload:

Reading	40 hrs
Lectures	35 hrs
Class discussion	10 hrs
Writing assignments	20 hrs
Library research	20 hrs
Movies	15 hrs
Examinations (Quizzes and midterm)	10 hrs

TOTAL 150 hrs to match 25x6 ECTS

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