

COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
Introduction to Political Science	POLS 101	Fall	1	3+0+0	3	6

Prerequisites	None
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Course Language	English
Course Type	Required
Course Lecturer	Asst. Prof. Seda Demiralp
Course Assistant	Elif Çağlı
Course Objectives	This course is designed to familiarize students with some of the key concepts, issues and subject matters of political science. These include nature and methodology of political science, political ideologies, political institutions and political behaviour, political parties, democracy and political participation, elections and voting behaviour, state and bureaucracy.
Course Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course, students will be able: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To gain a basic understanding of key concepts in politics and political science • To become familiar with important ideas, issues and actors in politics and political science • To be able to understand and evaluate current political issues and debates • To improve the ability of thinking, speaking and writing about political issues
Course Content	This course is designed to familiarize students with some of the key concepts, issues and subject matters of political science.

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
1	Introduction to Political Science	
2	Is Political Science a Science? Approaches	
3	Theories of Political Science	
4	Political Ideologies I	
5	Political Ideologies II	
6	State and Institutions I	
7	State and Institutions II	
8	Contemporary Political Regimes I	
9	Contemporary Political Regimes II	
10	Political Culture	
11	Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movements I	
12	Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movements II	
13	Political Economy I	
14	Political Economy II	
15	Review: The Study of Politics	

Course Textbook	Andrew Heywood (2007) <i>Politics</i> , Palgrave Macmillan, Third edition
Recommended References	

Semester Requirements	Number	Percentage of Grade
Attendance/Participation		10
Laboratory		
Application		
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)		
Quizzes/Studio Critics	6	15
Homework Assignments		
Presentation		
Project		
Seminar/Workshop		
Midterms/Oral Exams	2	35
Final/Resit Exam	1	40
Total	9	100

Percentage of Semester Work	8	60
Percentage of Final Work	1	40
Total	9	100

COURSE'S CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM

	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	X				
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	X				
19	Understand and interpret statistical data	X				
20	Be prone to team work	X				
21	Possess computer and technological literacy	X				

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

ECTS ALLOCATED BASED ON STUDENT WORKLOAD BY THE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Activities	Number	Duration (Hours)	Total Workload
Course Hours (Including Exams)	13	3	39
Tutorials			
Laboratory			
Application			
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)			
Field Work			
Study Hours Out of Class	22	3	66
Presentations / Seminar			
Project			
Preparatory reading	10	4	40
Homework Assignments			
Quizzes			
Midterm Exams			3
Final / Resit Exam	1	1	2
Total Workload			150

COURSE CATEGORY

ISCED GENERAL AREA CODES	GENERAL AREAS	ISCED BASIC AREA CODES	BASIC EDUCATIONAL AREAS	
1	Education	14	Teacher training and education science	0
2	Humanities and Arts	21	Arts	0
		22	Humanities	0
3	Social sciences, Business and Law	31	Social and behavioural science	100
		32	Journalism and information	0
		34	Business and administration	0
		38	Law	0
4	Science, Mathematics and Computing	42	Life science	0
		44	Physical science	0
		46	Mathematics and statistics	0
		48	Computing	0
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	52	Engineering and Engineering Trades	0
		54	Manufacturing and processing	0
		58	Architecture and building	0
6	Agriculture and Veterinary	62	Agriculture, forestry and fishery	0
		64	Veterinary	0
7	Health and Welfare	72	Health	0
		76	Social services	0
8	Services	81	Personal services	0

		84	Transport services	0
		85	Environmental protection	0
		86	Security services	0