COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
Introduction to International Politics	POLS 201	Fall	3	3+0+0	3	5

Prerequisites	None

Course Language	English
Course Type	Required
Course Lecturer	Asst. Prof. Özlem Kayhan Pusane
Course Assistant	Mehmet Turan Çağlar
Course Objectives	This course introduces students to the key concepts, theories, and issues in the field of International Relations. First, a number of fundamental concepts, such as anarchy, state, levels of analysis, and the security dilemma are discussed. Second, the major international relations approaches, such as realism, liberalism, and constructivism are examined. Finally, some of the major contemporary issues in international politics including, but not limited to, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, international law, and globalization are discussed.
Course Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course, students will be able to: • Develop a broad understanding of international politics. • Understand why international politics is different from domestic politics. • Analyze real world events in light of the major concepts and approaches in international politics. • Think, write, and speak more clearly and cogently about several issues in international politics.
Course Content	The rise and evolution of the nation-state system, the operation of balance of power, deterrence, coercion, conflict, diplomacy, crisis management, and the role of international law and institutions in inter-state relations

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
1	Introduction	
2	History of International Relations	
3	Critical Concepts in International Relations: Power, State, and Security	
4	Anarchy and Its Implications	
5	Can We Alleviate Anarchy?	
6	Can We Alleviate Anarchy?	
7	Constructivism	
8	Foreign Policy	
9	Foreign Policy	
10	Force, Conflict, and War	
11	Terrorism	
12	Weapons of Mass Destruction	
13	International Organization and Law	
14	Globalization	
15	Conclusion	

Course Textbook	Joshua S. Goldstein and Jon C. Pevehouse, *International Relations*, 10th edition (New York: Pearson Longman, 2012)
Recommended References	

Semester Requirements	Number	Percentage of Grade
Attendance/Participation		10
Laboratory		
Application		
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)		
Quizzes/Studio Critics	6	30
Homework Assignments	1	15
Presentation		
Project		
Seminar/Workshop		
Midterms/Oral Exams		
Final/Resit Exam	1	45
Total	8	100

Percentage of Semester Work	7	55
Percentage of Final Work	1	45
Total	8	100

COURSE'S CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM

#	Program Qualifications / 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					
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.)					

		1	2	3	4	5
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					
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					
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work				x	
21	Possess computer and technological literacy					

*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)	11	3	33
Tutorials			
Laboratory			
Application			
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)			
Field Work			
Study Hours Out of Class			
Presentations / Seminar	5	1	5
Project			
Preparatory reading	14	4	56
Homework Assignments			25
Quizzes			
Midterm Exams			
Final / Resit Exam	2	3	6
Total Workload			125

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