COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
Comparative Politics	**POLS 204**	Spring	4	**3+0+0**	3	5

Prerequisites	None

Course Language	English
Course Type	Required
Course Lecturer	Asst. Prof. Seda Demiralp
Course Assistant	Elif Çağlı
Course Objectives	Similarities and differences between various political systems; state-society relations, parliaments and governments, democratic institutions, policy making processes, political parties and party systems, electoral systems, central-local relations and political culture. A comparative survey of various Western, non-Western, democratic and authoritarian systems.
Course Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course, students will be able to • Evaluate common themes and major differences between different countries • Develop cross-national comparisons and explanations • Evaluate current political structures in the light of varying historical paths
Course Content	Similarities and differences between various political systems.

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
1	Introduction: What is Comparative Politics?	
2	The Development of the Modern State I	
3	The Development of the Modern State II	
4	The Development of the Modern State III	
5	Nationalism	
6	Racism	
7	Genocide	
8	Democracy and Democratization I	
9	Democracy and Democratization II	
10	Development and its Discontents	
11	Social Movements: Violent and Civil Forms of Disobedience	
12	Gender Politics I	
13	Gender Politics II	
14	Gender Politics III	
15	Review	

Course Textbook	Mark Kesselman , Joel Krieger , William A. Joseph (2007) *Introduction to Comparative Politics* , 4th edition, Houghton Mifflin.
Recommended References	

Semester Requirements	Number	Percentage of Grade
Attendance/Participation		
Laboratory		
Application		
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)		
Quizzes/Studio Critics	3	15
Homework Assignments	5	15
Presentation		
Project		
Seminar/Workshop		
Midterms/Oral Exams	2	30
Final/Resit Exam	1	40
Total	11	100

Percentage of Semester Work	10	60
Percentage of Final Work	1	40
Total	11	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			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				X	

		1	2	3	4	5
	economic developments and their impact on politics					
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	13	2	26
Presentations / Seminar			
Project			
Preparatory reading	7	5	35
Homework Assignments	5	4	20
Quizzes			
Midterm Exams	1	2	2
Final / Resit Exam	1	3	3
Total Workload			

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