

COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
Political Theory I	POLS 305	Fall	5	3+0+0	3	5

Prerequisites	None
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Course Language	English
Course Type	Required
Course Lecturer	Asst. Prof. Mehmet Sinan Birdal
Course Assistant	Elif Çağlı
Course Objectives	Examination of ancient Greek, Roman, and medieval political thinkers, the analysis of their major contributions to the development of modern political theory. The essence and nature of concepts and themes related with political theories.
Course Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course, students will be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate awareness of the key texts on political theory• Demonstrate knowledge on critical concepts to be found in political theory• Acquire ability to evaluate various normative arguments• Read carefully, think critically, and write clearly
Course Content	The course will familiarize students with concepts related to political theory.

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
1	Polis and politics: democratic revolution & Pre-Socratic philosophy	
2	Plato	
3	Plato	
4	Aristotle	
5	Aristotle	
6	Political theory in ancient Rome	
7	Medieval political theory	
8	Machiavelli	
9	Machiavelli	
10	The natural law tradition and the emergence of modern politics	
11	Hobbes	
12	Hobbes	
13	Grotius and Pufendorf	
14	Spinoza and Leibniz	
15	Review	

Course Textbook	There is no textbook for this course. There is a compilation of readings available at the Copy Center.
Recommended References	

Semester Requirements	Number	Percentage of Grade
Attendance/Participation		10
Laboratory		
Application		
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)		
Quizzes/Studio Critics		
Homework Assignments		
Presentation		
Project	2	30
Seminar/Workshop		
Midterms/Oral Exams	1	25
Final/Resit Exam	1	35
Total	4	100

Percentage of Semester Work	3	65
Percentage of Final Work	1	35
Total	4	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					
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					
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					
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					
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.)					

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					
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					
10	Have self-confidence					
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					X
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				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)			37
Tutorials			
Laboratory			
Application			
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)			
Field Work			
Study Hours Out of Class	5	5	25
Presentations / Seminar			
Project	2	9	18
Preparatory reading	10	4	40
Homework Assignments			
Quizzes			
Midterm Exams	1	2	2
Final / Resit Exam	1	3	3
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	20
		32	Journalism and information	0
		34	Business and administration	0
		38	Law	80
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