COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
Politics of Terrorism	POLS 339	Fall	6	3+0+0	3	6

Prerequisites	None

Course Language	English
Course Type	Elective
Course Lecturer	Asst. Prof. Özlem Kayhan Pusane
Course Assistant	Mehmet Turan Çağlar
Course Objectives	This course is designed to provide an overview of the academic literature on terrorism. It attempts to provide answers to several questions such as what terrorism is, how it has evolved, what the motivations of terrorist organizations are, and how states could deal with terrorism effectively.
Course Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course, students will: • Develop a deeper understanding of terrorism and counterterrorism within a historical perspective. • Grasp the major theoretical framework about terrorism and counterterrorism. • Compare and contrast different terrorist groups and different counterterrorism strategies against these groups. • Improve their analytical and critical thinking skills through class discussions and written assignments.
Course Content	The concept of terrorism in reference to national and international security domains. Organization and process of terrorist functions. The theory and process of counter-terrorism.

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
1	Introduction	
2	How to Define Terrorism	
3	The New vs. Old Terrorism	
4	Causes of Terrorism	
5	Ethnic Terrorism	
6	Nationalism and Terrorism	
7	Review and Midterm	
8	Ethnic Terrorism: Turkey and the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)	
9	Ideological Terrorism: Peru and the Shining Path	
10	Ideological Terrorism: Peru and the Shining Path (Documentary: State of Fear: The Truth about Terrorism)	
11	Religious Terrorism: Al Qaeda	
12	Is Terrorism Rational?	
13	Counterterrorism	
14	Simulation	
15	Conclusion	

Course Textbook	Reading list will be provided by the instructor.
Recommended References	

Semester Requirements	Number	Percentage of Grade
Attendance/Participation		10
Laboratory		
Application		
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)		
Quizzes/Studio Critics	2	10
Homework Assignments	1	10
Presentation		
Project		
Seminar/Workshop		
Midterms/Oral Exams	1	30
Final/Resit Exam	1	40
Total	5	100

Percentage of Semester Work	4	60
Percentage of Final Work	1	40
Total	5	100

COURSE'S CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM

#	Program Qualifications / Outcomes	Level of Contribution *				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR 1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					x
IR 2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions				x	
IR 3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					x
IR 4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations			x		
IR 5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					x
IR 6	Understand the international legal framework				x	
IR 7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					
PS 1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
PS 2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					
PS 3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS 4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					x
PS	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that				x	

		1	2	3	4	5
5	shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS 6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought				x	
PS 7	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					
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					
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

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	1	5	5
Project			
Preparatory reading			83
Homework Assignments	1	23	23
Quizzes	2	1	2
Midterm Exams	1	2	2
Final / Resit Exam	1	2	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	0
		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