COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
Current International Issues	POLS 344	Spring	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 introduce students to some of the major current issues in international relations, such as terrorism, internal conflict, human rights, development, climate change, communications revolution, and weapons proliferation. In this course, students learn about the contemporary debates surrounding these important issues through lectures, student presentations, and class discussion.
Course Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course, students will: • Develop an in-depth understanding of some of the major contemporary issues in international relations. • Acquire an ability to assess the causes and consequences of several phenomena that the world faces today, such as terrorism, climate change, weapons proliferation, and internal conflict. • Approach to the current international issues more analytically and critically with the help of lectures, presentations, and class discussions. • Improve their public speaking and presentation skills with the help of student presentations and discussion leaderships.
Course Content	The main issues in political, socio-cultural, economic-financial and security-military areas. Classification of issues into regional and global frameworks.

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
1	Introduction	
2	Overview of Current International Issues	
3	Overview of Current International Issues	
4	American Hegemony	
5	Order and Disorder in the Post-Cold War World	
6	Terrorism	
7	Review and Midterm	
8	Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction	
9	Human Rights	
10	Internal Conflict and International Intervention	
11	Trade and Finance	
12	Poverty and Development	
13	Global Warming and Climate Change	
14	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		
Homework Assignments		
Presentation	3	15
Project		
Seminar/Workshop		
Midterms/Oral Exams	1	35
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				x	
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.)					
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					
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					
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					x
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			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)	8	3	24
Tutorials			
Laboratory			
Application			
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)			
Field Work			
Study Hours Out of Class			
Presentations / Seminar			8
Project			
Preparatory reading			95
Homework Assignments			
Quizzes			
Midterm Exams	1	2	2
Final / Resit Exam	1	3	3
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