

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number: IR 540	Course Title: Turkish-American Relations
Required / Elective: Elective	Pre / Co-requisites: -
<p>Catalog Description: The historical transformation of Turkish-American relations since the Cold War era. The general structure and development of Turkish-American relations during the Cold War era. The impact of the “New World Order” on Turkish-American relations in the post-Cold War era. First Gulf War, Kurdish, Northern Iraq, Kurdish and PKK problems, September 11th events, the US “War on Terror” and the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Current developments in Turkish- American relations during the Obama Administration.</p>	<p>Textbook / Required Material:</p> <p>Nasuh Uslu. 2003. <i>The Turkish-American Relationship between 1947 and 2003: The History of a Distinctive Alliance</i>. New York: Nova Science Publishers.</p> <p>Mustafa Aydın and Çağrı Erhan (eds). 2004. <i>Turkish-American Relations: Past, Present, and Future</i>. London and New York: Routledge.</p> <p>William Hale. 2007. <i>Turkey, the US and Iraq</i>. London: Saqi Books.</p> <p>Mehmet Kalyoncu. 2013. <i>Reflections on Turkey: Turkish-American-Israeli Relations and the Middle East</i>. Blue Dome Press.</p> <p>Morton Abramowitz (ed.). 2001. <i>Turkey’s Transformation and American Policy</i>. Twentieth Century Fund.</p>
Course Structure / Schedule: (3+0+0) 3 / 7 ECTS	
<p>Extended Description: This course is designed to introduce students to the history of relations between Turkey and the United States with a particular emphasis on the Cold War and the post-Cold War periods. In doing this, several significant issues that pertain to the subject matter are discussed: foreign policy-making processes in both countries, convergence between the two countries in fighting communism during the Cold War, Turkey’s joining the Korean War and the NATO, the Cyprus issue, the opium issue and the Cuban Missile Crisis. The seminars and lectures also focus on current issues such as the impact of the first Gulf War, September 11 and the U.S. counter-terror war on Turkish-American relations. The course concludes with the current debates on the effects of the most current Arab Spring waves on Turkish-American relations, the Obama administration’s foreign policy towards Turkey and the Middle East, as well as the future prospects of Turkey’s becoming a regional power on the bilateral relations.</p>	
Design content: None	Computer usage: Required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a comprehensive and historical understanding of relations between Turkey and the United States during the Cold War and the post-Cold War periods. • Understand how foreign policy and bilateral inter-state relations are different from domestic and country-specific politics. • Be able to comprehend how macro and individual actors play decisive roles in the route of country politics and foreign policies of countries. • Think, write, and speak more clearly and cogently about historical and current issues that pertain to Turkish-American relations. 	

Teaching methods: Discussions and lectures

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	Introduction
2	Theoretical Approaches to Turkish-American Relations
3	Foreign Policy-Making Processes in Turkey and the US
4	The Cold War period: Turkey, NATO, and the Korean War
5	The Cold War Period: Cuban Missile Crisis
6	The Cold War Period: Cyprus Question (Johnson Letter and the 1960s)
7	The Cold War Period: Cyprus Question (Military Intervention to Cyprus and the 1970s)
8	The Cold War Period: Opium Issue
9	The Demise of the USSR and the Post-Cold Transformations of Turkish-American Relations
10	The First Gulf War (1990-1991) and Turkish-American Relations
11	9/11 and Its Effects on Turkish-American Relations
12	Arab Spring and Its Effects on Turkish-American Relations
13	Turkey and Obama Administration's Foreign Policy in the Middle East
14	Future Prospects of Turkish-American Relations
15	Conclusion

Assessment methods:

Discussion and participation: 40%

Writing assignments: 60%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
MIR1	Possess in-depth knowledge about the fundamental concepts and theories of the discipline of International Relations				X	
MIR2	Be aware of the theoretical approaches related to the issues of the system, nation-state, institutions, culture, and power in world politics				X	
MIR3	Follow closely the contemporary world conjuncture					X

MIR4	Be able to question the well-established knowledge and causal relationships in the field of International Relations			X		
MIR5	Be aware of the shortcomings and gaps in the International Relations literature and be able to carry out research that addresses these gaps and shortcomings					
MIR6	Comprehend various scientific research methods and be able to use these methods effectively					
MIR7	Be able to produce an original, scientific study in the field of International Relations				X	
MIR8	Be able to think independently, creatively, and critically					X
MIR9	Embrace work ethics and behave accordingly					X
MIR10	Be open-minded towards new phenomena that emerge in world politics and the politics of states					X
MIR11	Have self confidence and acquire the ability to deliver presentations in public			X		
MIR12	Be able to work together with individuals from different cultures, beliefs, and opinions			X		

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	75 hrs
Lectures	15 hrs
Class discussion	35 hrs
Written assignments	50 hrs

TOTAL 175 hrs (25x7) 7 ECTS

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