



Course categories: UC = University Core; FC = Faculty Core; AC = Area Core; AE = Area Elective; FE = Faculty Elective; UE = University Elective

Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Course Category	Hours			Total Credit	Pre-requisite	ECTS Credit
				Lecture	Tutorial	Lab / Prac.			
1	SOS601	ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES	IC	3	0	0	3		8
1	PSIR601	POLITICAL THEORY	AC	3	0	0	3		8
1	PSIR6X1	AREA ELECTIVE	AE	X	X	X	3		7
1	PSIR6X2	AREA ELECTIVE	AE	X	X	X	3		7
<b>Total 4 Courses</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>30</b>
2	PSIR603	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	AC	3	0	0	3		8
2	PSIR6X3	AREA ELECTIVE	AE	X	X	X	3		7
2	PSIR6X4	AREA ELECTIVE	AE	X	X	X	3		7
2	PSIR690	SEMINAR	AC	0	1	0	0		8
<b>Total 4 Courses</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>30</b>
3	PSIR691	QUALIFYING EXAM	AC	0	0	0	0		30
<b>Total 1 Course</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>30</b>
4	PSIR692	DISSERTATION PROPOSAL	AC	0	0	0	0		30
<b>Total 1 Course</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>30</b>
5	PSIR693	DISSERTATION: PART-I	AC	0	0	0	0		30
<b>Total 1 Course</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>30</b>
6	PSIR694	DISSERTATION: PART-II	AC	0	0	0	0		30
<b>Total 1 Course</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>30</b>
7	PSIR695	DISSERTATION: PART-III	AC	0	0	0	0		30
<b>Total 1 Course</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>30</b>
8	PSIR696	DISSERTATION: PART-IV	AC	0	0	0	0		30
<b>Total 1 Course</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>				<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>240</b>

Area and Faculty Elective Courses

No.	Course Code	Course Title	Course Category	Hours			Total Credit	Pre-requisite	ECTS Credit
				Lecture	Tutorial	Lab/Prac.			
1	PSIR615	GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY		3	0	0	3		7
2	PSIR616	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONFLICT		3	0	0	3		7
3	PSIR617	POLITICS OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN		3	0	0	3		7
4	PSIR618	CURRENT ISSUES IN WORLD POLITICS		3	0	0	3		7
5	PSIR619	EUROPEAN UNION AND TURKEY		3	0	0	3		7
6	PSIR620	GLOBAL POLITICS IN POST-COLD WAR ERA		3	0	0	3		7
7	PSIR621	GLOBALIZATION AND REGIONALIZATION IN WORLD POLITICS		3	0	0	3		7
8	PSIR622	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT		3	0	0	3		7
9	PSIR623	TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM		3	0	0	3		7
10	PSIR624	TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY		3	0	0	3		7
11	PSIR625	POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA		3	0	0	3		7
12	PSIR626	POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE		3	0	0	3		7
13	PSIR627	HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST		3	0	0	3		7
14	PSIR628	POLITICS OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA		3	0	0	3		7
15	PSIR629	SPECIAL TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS		3	0	0	3		7
16	PSIR630	SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE		3	0	0	3		7
17	PSIR631	GENDER AND POLITICS		3	0	0	3		7
18	PSIR632	POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY		3	0	0	3		7
19	PSIR633	COMMUNICATIONS AND POLITICS		3	0	0	3		7
20	PSIR634	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES		3	0	0	3		7
21	PSIR635	INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS		3	0	0	3		7
22	PSIR636	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL		3	0	0	3		7
23	PSIR637	POLITICS IN ASIA AND PACIFIC		3	0	0	3		7
24	PSIR638	INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS		3	0	0	3		7

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course Descriptions – I: All Area Core and Faculty/School Core courses offered by the department of the program.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	ECTS Credit	Course Catego.	Pre-requisite	Teaching Language
PSIR603	<b>INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This advanced International relations course covers contemporary debates on international relations theory, international security, human rights and global political economy. The course is designed to enable students not only to enhance their knowledge of the International Relations field but also to use this knowledge to develop and finalise their research proposals. In concentrating on the issues of foreign policy, global governance, international organizations, international law and international ethics the course aims to analyse the applications of theoretical perspectives in international relations such as liberalism, realism, Marxism, constructivism, international political theory, critical theory and gender. Particularly the ways in which these theories are utilised in the analysis of global issues like security, immigration, environmental degradation, regional security, enforcement of human rights, poverty and inequality would constitute the one of the central aims of the course.					
PSIR601	<b>POLITICAL THEORY</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	The main concern of this course is to enhance students' conceptual, theoretical and historical capabilities through the appreciation of the canonical works of political theory. The course will use critical readings of the main texts produced by political philosophers since the antiquities. Class discussions will be held with the purpose of seeing contemporary relevance of normative issues addressed by political thinkers such as Plato, Machiavelli, Marx, Habermas etc. A particular attempt would be made to establish linkages between the views of such political philosophers and contemporary political theories such as environmentalism, critical theory and feminism and contemporary political developments.					
PSIR690	<b>SEMINAR</b>	<b>(0, 1, 0)0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	The aim of this course is to guide students in conducting research. Students are expected to propose research topics related to their fields of interest. Students, together with the instructor, will be able to evaluate the research in the field in terms of writing rules and apply skills related to critical reading, comprehension, synthesis and comparison.					

Course Descriptions – II: All Area Core and Faculty/School Core courses offered by other academic units.

Course	Course Title	Credit	ECTS	Course	Pre-requisite	Teaching Language
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<b>SOSC601</b>	<b>ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>IC</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This course is designed to develop research capabilities of students by enabling them to understand the research process in the social sciences and implement their knowledge in carrying out research. In completing this course students would be equipped to design research projects, situate them in a particular theoretical framework, to use a variety of research methods and techniques in data collection and evaluation. A specific attention will be paid to the question of formulating solid research questions and designing good research projects. Both qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection would be focused upon. Students would be trained to use survey methods, participant observation techniques, sampling procedures, interviewing and questionnaire construction, experimental design, content analysis and use of data					
<b>Course Descriptions – III: All Area Elective and Faculty/School Elective courses offered by the department of the program.</b>						
<b>Course</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Pre-requisite</b>	<b>Teaching Language</b>
<b>PSIR615</b>	<b>GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This course is a graduate introduction to Global Political Economy (GPE). It strives to develop an understanding of interplay between economics and politics and interaction of states and markets from an international and global perspective. It is designed to provide you a graduate level survey of some of the main lines of debate in IPE; develop solid knowledge of important issues in IPE; and enhance understanding of key concepts, approaches, and methodologies. Also, the goal is for you to look at recent research in GPE and gain understanding of the dynamics of international and domestic politics of economy policymaking					
<b>PSIR616</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONFLICT</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	The course will consider human rights and the inherent problems that arise in times of conflict. We will examine the variety of actors to conflict, the impact of political systems, the importance of how conflicts are defined, capacities for derogating from human rights, the integration of humanitarian norms and human rights, and the possibility for considering redress of human rights violations deriving from conflict situations.					
<b>PSIR617</b>	<b>POLITICS OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This class will introduce students to the politics of Former Soviet Union and Eastern European democracies. The major topics we will consider include political parties, elections and electoral systems, political institutions, voting behavior, government formation, and welfare policies. In addition to learning the basics about politics in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern European countries, we will infuse our class sessions with discussions about the current state of European affairs.					
<b>PSIR618</b>	<b>CURRENT ISSUES IN WORL POLITICS</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This course assumes a fundamental understanding of the main issues in world politics and in the discipline of International Relations, usually obtained in undergraduate study. It will thus focus on taking the students deeper into the issues and discussions currently faced in the field. In particular, it will look at the changes and continuities in world politics. Relatedly, while the course includes discussions about certain traditional issues (such as war, security, economy) and how they have evolved over time, it also introduces relatively new topics such as gender, race, and environment.					
<b>PSIR619</b>	<b>EUROPEAN AND TURKEY</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	In this course, students will learn EU-Turkey relations in a comprehensive way. The course plans to analyze the relations between the EU and Turkey from a chronological perspective. In this chronology, EU-Turkey relations will start from the Ankara Agreement and extend to the present day. Agreements, negotiations, political debates and bargaining will also be covered. Turkey's long candidacy process will be analyzed through various ap					
<b>PSIR620</b>	<b>GLOBAL POLITICS IN POST-COLD WAR ERA</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This course aims to introduce the students with the main historical events, processes and topics that shape the post-Cold War era. In particular it aims to generate familiarity with the history of the 20th and 21st centuries, the central structures and processes and the central issues in world politics in the post-Cold War period.					
<b>PSIR621</b>	<b>GLOBALIZATION AND REGIONALIZATION IN WORLD POLITICS</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This course aims at scrutinizing regionalization and globalization within developing states in a comprehensive manner. By covering the impacts of significant political science and political economy concepts on developing states, it aims at drawing a comparative picture of how the citizens of Africa, Latin America and Asia have been living accordingly. Reminding that citizens of more than 150 states today in these continents are dependent on the context of developing world, the course assumes that there are certain differences among these citizens' perception of politics with democracy, state failure, human rights abuses or ethnic conflicts and perception of economics such as development, growth, globalization or neocolonialism. On the basis of a historical part which introduces the very origins of the developing states, the course plans to highlight these differences within first political and then political economy terms. All in all, this course aims at helping students to identify and critically analyze the major issues and challenges the developing states and their citizens have been facing. It is also regarded as a step to augment the amount of interest paid in regional studies.					
<b>PSIR622</b>	<b>HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	The course content is designed around reading and discussing a variety of influential thinkers who advance competing notions of how our political world ought to be organized. The larger goal, however, is to provide the student the intellectual tools to become more informed and engaged democratic citizens, and perhaps, more thoughtful and considerate human beings.					
<b>PSIR623</b>	<b>TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This course introduces students to the constitutional system. An important component of this course focuses on Turkish constitutional system. In this context, the history of this system, amendments to the constitutions, their contents and current functioning, including the presidential system and the role of the Turkish Constitutional Court, will be examined. Furthermore, the relationship between the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Turkey and the European Court of Human Rights will also be addressed.					

<b>PSIR624</b>	<b>TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	This course examines the main themes, issues, trends and problems in Turkish Foreign Policy based on different governments. This course will provide a basic historical overview of Turkey's foreign policy since the beginning of the republic. However, its main focus will be on the contemporary period. The course will analyze what factors have shaped Turkish foreign policy and examine its main actors. Topics will include Turkey's relations with the West, its relations with Russia and its Middle Eastern neighbors, and the policies adopted during the Arab Spring.						
<b>PSIR625</b>	<b>POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	The structures and political processes in Latin American countries with a focus on populism, revolution, authoritarianism, and democracy. Historical and theoretical examination of political change and economic development in the region. This class will introduce students to the politics of Latin American democracies. The major topics we will consider include political parties, elections and electoral systems, political institutions, voting behavior, government formation, and welfare policies. In addition to learning the basics about politics in the Latin American countries, we will infuse our class sessions with discussions about the current state of American affairs.						
<b>PSIR626</b>	<b>POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	This class will introduce students to the politics of Western European democracies. The major topics we will consider include political parties, elections and electoral systems, political institutions, voting behavior, government formation, and welfare policies. In addition to learning the basics about politics in the Western European countries, we will infuse our class sessions with discussions about the current state of European affairs.						
<b>PSIR627</b>	<b>HISTORY OF MODERN MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	This course addresses the historical issues that had great impact in Middle East history. Relating the landmark issues, i.e., the rise and expansion of Islam, Crusades, to the era of transformation, the birth of nationalisms, the interwar era, post colonial period and independent Middle East. In this class we will concentrate on major wars and revolutions that transformed the region fundamentally.						
<b>PSIR628</b>	<b>POLITICS OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	This class will introduce students to the politics of Middle East and North African democracies. The major topics we will consider include political parties, elections and electoral systems, political institutions, voting behavior, government formation, and welfare policies. In addition to learning the basics about politics in the Middle East and North African countries, we will infuse our class sessions with discussions about the current state of African affairs.						
<b>PSIR629</b>	<b>SPECIAL TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	Specific topics to be determined for given semester. In this course, special topics in international relations will be identified. In this context, themes will be explained and discussed in depth. The themes will be analyzed theoretically and practically from various perspectives on the basis of the relevant scientific literature. In addition, concrete examples of themes will be discussed on the basis of regions in the world.						
<b>PSIR630</b>	<b>SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	Specific topics to be determined for given semester. In this course, special topics in political science will be identified. In this context, themes will be explained and discussed in depth. The themes will be analyzed theoretically and practically from various perspectives on the basis of the relevant scientific literature. In addition, concrete examples of themes will be discussed on the basis of regions in the world.						
<b>PSIR631</b>	<b>GENDER AND POLITICS</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	This course aims to provide the students with a basic knowledge of gender and politics and the theories of feminism. Feminist theories define the scope of politics in different ways. While some approaches define it limited to institutional politics, most approaches define the political sphere more broadly to include personal life, emotional relationships, marriage, family and household, workplace, or streets. In the first part of the course, we will discuss different approaches within feminism. We will pay close attention to how they define the sources of gender inequality and what solutions they offer. In the second part, we will apply this theoretical and conceptual framework to the contemporary issues in feminist politics. In this part, we will focus on women's political participation, the role of women in social and political movements, international politics and recent debates within feminist politics and search for alternative struggles.						
<b>PSIR632</b>	<b>POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	In this course, the conceptual framework and analytic tools will be used to examine concepts of political sociology. Major themes of the course include the nation-state and its challengers, capitalism, democracy, and globalization. Abstract, theoretical works are explored with practical applications and illustrations in specific national/historical contexts. Students will also become aware of criticisms and debates in political sociology – as well as its limitations. The course focuses on five major themes: Foundations; the Nation-State and its Challengers; Capitalism; Democracy; the Global Processes.						
<b>PSIR633</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND POLITICS</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	The relationship between the political process and the communication process is a subject that political scientists emphasize. As in the past, political systems have always taken into consideration the power and functions of mass media. Regulating the functioning of mass communication and thus keeping them under control by determining the rules under which mass media will operate can be counted among the usual practices of political systems. But at the same time, mass media also determine the dimension of politics. This course examines this dual relationship.						
<b>PSIR634</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	Political ideologies are systems of thoughts and beliefs that attempt to explain political and social life and provide guidance for political action. In this course, the main ideologies affecting political and social life are examined within the framework of their actors and their applications in political-social life. In addition, these ideologies are analyzed at international, national and individual levels. In this context, liberalism, conservatism, socialism, communism, social democracy, social democracy and nationalism will be the main ideologies discussed.						
<b>PSIR635</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>Course Content</b>	The course is intended to address such matters as subject of treaties, human rights in international relations, creation of international human rights law, general and specific norms of international human rights law, universal and regional institutions and procedures of protection, Non Governmental Organization's role, relationship between international criminal law and international human rights law.						
<b>PSIR636</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>	

<b>Course Content</b>	The course is intended to address such matters as a brief history of international environmental regulation; varieties of international environmental agreements (IEAs); the concept of the 'international' in IEAs; international environmental regulatory institutions; why is there no World Environmental Organisations; the concept of the global in global environmental change; the concept of crisis in 'global environmental crisis'; varieties of global environmentalism; discourses of the earth; global environmental movements; linking the local and the global; sustainability and development on a global scale, and the politics that arise thereof.					
<b>PSIR637</b>	<b>POLITICS IN ASIA AND PACIFIC</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This course introduces domestic and international politics in Asia and the Pacific. Although the focus of the course is on East Asian politics, it will also cover the wider region and its role in global politics. In this context, political systems and recent political history in Asia will be examined. It will also highlight some current affairs. By the end of the course, students will have a basic knowledge of politics in the region and will be able to evaluate current politics.					
<b>PSIR638</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>(3, 0, 0)3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>AE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Course Content</b>	This course will focus upon the legal and policy issues raised by the development and functioning of intergovernmental organizations. It will encompass a course in United Nations law and a comparative study of international organizations organized over 14 weeks. Issues relating to rulemaking, trusteeship, human rights, dispute settlement, and enforcement will be central to this course. Parallel with the discussion of these themes the focus each week will be upon a different organization, from a list including the UN, the World Bank, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Intellectual Property Association (WIPO), the European Union (EU), the African Union (AU) and the Organization of American States (OAS). It will consider, among other topics, the privileges and immunities of international organizations, relations between the United States and the United Nations, the past role of and future composition of the Security Council, and the recent restructuring of the U.N. human rights mechanisms					