

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	PSIR501	COMPARATIVE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT	AC	3	0	0	3		8
1	SOSCS01	RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES	IC	3	0	0	3		8
1	PSIR5X1	AREA ELECTIVE	AE	3	0	0	3		7
1	PSIR5X2	AREA ELECTIVE	AE	3	0	0	3		7
<b>Total 4 Courses</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>30</b>
2	PSIR502	THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	AC	3	0	0	3		8
2	PSIR504	CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THEORY	AC	3	0	0	3		7
2	PSIR5X3	AREA ELECTIVE	AE	3	0	0	3		7
2	PSIR590	SEMINAR	AC	0	1	0	0		4
2	PSIR592	THESIS PROPOSAL	AC	0	0	0	0		4
<b>Total 5 Courses</b>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>30</b>
3	PSIR593	THESIS: 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>
4	PSIR594	THESIS: 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>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>				<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>120</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	PSIR515	GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY		3	0	0	3		7
2	PSIR516	WAR AND PEACE		3	0	0	3		7
3	PSIR517	POLITICS OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE		3	0	0	3		7
4	PSIR518	CURRENT ISSUES IN WORLD POLITICS		3	0	0	3		7
5	PSIR519	EUROPEAN UNION AND TURKEY		3	0	0	3		7
6	PSIR520	GLOBAL POLITICS IN POST-COLD WAR ERA		3	0	0	3		7
7	PSIR521	GLOBALIZATION AND REGIONALIZATION IN WORLD POLITICS		3	0	0	3		7
8	PSIR522	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT		3	0	0	3		7
9	PSIR523	TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM		3	0	0	3		7
10	PSIR524	TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY		3	0	0	3		7
11	PSIR525	POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA		3	0	0	3		7
12	PSIR526	POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE		3	0	0	3		7
13	PSIR527	HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST		3	0	0	3		7
14	PSIR528	POLITICS OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA		3	0	0	3		7
15	PSIR529	SPECIAL TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS		3	0	0	3		7
16	PSIR530	SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE		3	0	0	3		7
17	PSIR531	GENDER AND POLITICS		3	0	0	3		7
18	PSIR532	POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY		3	0	0	3		7
19	PSIR533	COMMUNICATIONS AND POLITICS		3	0	0	3		7
20	PSIR534	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES		3	0	0	3		7
21	PSIR535	INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS		3	0	0	3		7
22	PSIR536	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE		3	0	0	3		7
23	PSIR544	EUROPEAN INTEGRATION		3	0	0	3		7
24	PSIR546	FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS		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
PSIR502	<b>THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	8	AC	-	English
Course Content	This course in International Relations Theory assumes a fundamental understanding of the theories of International Relations, usually obtained in undergraduate study. It will thus focus on taking the student deeper into the issues and challenges currently faced in the field, especially the fundamental changes from mid-20th century, Cold War philosophical commitment to positivism and foundationalism to contemporary post-modern and post-structuralist epistemological understandings of thought					
Course Content	This course is an advance seminar in social and political theory. The purpose of this course is to explore the widely dispersed scenery of theory and the major themes that have been recurrently questioned in the modern age. Those themes will include the individual and society; formation of the modern state; domination and inequality; power and resistance. In other words, we will question the fundamental bases and concepts of modernity. The course will follow the historical development of the modern thought and therefore will begin with the key Enlightenment thinkers. The first half of the course will follow the early modern thinkers who set the stage for questioning the composition of modern politics and society. In the second half of the course we will focus the contemporary thinkers and investigate how the early modern social and political theory has been influenced by worldwide crises, namely the World War II.					
Course Content	The Bretton Woods institutions helped post-war Europe restructure its economy and focused on poverty reduction in developing countries. But these institutions are also viewed with suspicion because they often dictate political, economic and social norms and policies. Other institutions also help democratize countries and strengthen economies, such as non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and United Nations agencies. Development programs have brought change and regional integration, but also significant challenges, such as restructuring the gendered division of labour, deepening exploitation and damaging the environment. They have also brought positive changes, such as greater autonomy for women; more attention to child labor; some awareness of environmental damage. This course will critically examine the steps of development around the world.					
PSIR590	<b>SEMINAR</b>	(0, 1, 0)0	4	AC	-	English
Course Content	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 Code	Course Title	Credit	ECTS Credit	Course Catego.	Pre-requisite	Teaching Language
SOSC501	RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES	(3, 0, 0)3	8	IC	-	English
Course Content	Researching and writing dissertation is an essential for students undertaking research projects as part of a postgraduate qualification in business or management. This course guides the students through the entire research process. By understanding the research process, students will be better able to judge the suitability, reliability and validity of information from such studies. Having a grasp of the research process and commonly used tools in research is imperative for a student of any area of business. This course guides the students through the process from choosing a topic, to gathering and analyzing data, and finally writing and presenting the results.					
<b>Course Descriptions – III: All Area Elective and Faculty/School Elective courses offered by the department of the program.</b>						
Course Code	Course Title	Credit	ECTS Credit	Course Catego.	Pre-requisite	Teaching Language
PSIR515	GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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					
PSIR516	WAR AND PEACE	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	This course will introduce students to the contemporary issues of war, peace and conflict resolution. The debates on the nature of war and peace will be analyzed by drawing on political theory. The course will focus on international security and peace through an analysis of intelligence, weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, cybersecurity etc. The relationships between international security, national security, and human security will be scrutinized critically. A particular attention will be paid to highlight the historically changing nature of the war and peace. The course would draw on a number of historically specific wars and peace efforts to explore the reasons for the emergence of wars and factors that influences the long lasting wars. The course will explore the roles of religion, ethnicity, institutions, economics, imperialism in the rise and protraction of wars. It will also consider the factors and institutions that may be influential in conflict resolution and settlement of peace.					
PSIR517	POLITICS OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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.					
PSIR518	CURRENT ISSUES IN WORL POLITICS	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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.					
PSIR519	EUROPEAN UNION AND TURKEY	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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 approaches.					
PSIR520	GLOBAL POLITICS IN POST-COLD WAR ERA	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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.					
PSIR521	GLOBALIZATION AND REGIONALIZATION IN WORLD POLITICS	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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.					
PSIR522	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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.					
PSIR523	TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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.					
PSIR524	TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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.					
PSIR525	POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
Course Content	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>PSIR526</b>	<b>POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR527</b>	<b>HISTORY OF MODERN MIDDLE EAST</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR528</b>	<b>POLITICS OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR529</b>	<b>SPECIAL TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR530</b>	<b>SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR531</b>	<b>GENDER AND POLITICS</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR532</b>	<b>POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR533</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND POLITICS</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR534</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR535</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR536</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<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>PSIR544</b>	<b>EUROPEAN INTEGRATION</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<b>Course Content</b>	The course offers an introduction to European Integration. It analyzes the process of European integration since the Second World War and examines basic institutions, policies and issues of the European Union (EU). The course reviews the origin and historical development of European integration, neo-functionalism, inter-governmentalism and some new approaches, the major institutions and the actors of the EU, the Community's decision making process, some of the EU policies, and the enlargement process, the foreign, security and defense policy of the EU and economic and monetary union. Furthermore, some issues and debates such as democracy and economic crisis will be analyzed.					
<b>PSIR546</b>	<b>FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS</b>	(3, 0, 0)3	7	AE	-	English
<b>Course Content</b>	The course is designed to cover the main aspects of public international law and international legal system. A range of topics will be discussed to learn how international law, norms, and processes interact with states, organizations, and individuals. Subjects include the sources of international law, how it is created and applied, who are the main actors in international legal process and how these are changing in today's globalized world, the interaction of international law and domestic law, the growing area of individual rights and obligations in the international arena affecting human rights, the conduct of states and officials in war and conflict situations, and how international law and institutions relate to development, the environment, trade and peace and security.					