



UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FALL SEMESTER

FIRST YEAR

PSIR 1001 Introduction to Political Science I

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to concepts, models, theories and classifications used in contemporary political science. It covers local, national, and international, levels of political action and it deals with topics such as the definition of politics; its methodology; classifications of modern political regimes; the role of state; impact of ideologies, media and social movements in politics; and the different branches of the machinery of state.

SOC 1003 Sociology I

5 ECTS

This is an introductory course to sociology as a way of understanding the world. The course aims to introduce main sociological concepts, perspectives, theories and research methods used by social scientists to explain the world as well as the founding fathers of the discipline in order to help the students to have a basic understanding of the subject matter of sociology and the major processes that influence all the societies in the world.

HSS 1021 Humanities I

5 ECTS

The course aims at providing students with an understanding of selective themes of world history with an analytical and critical insight. A comparative outlook will be attempted to break away from Eurocentric representations of world history. Selective themes from Ancient Greek, Roman and Medieval European Civilizations as well as Chinese and Indian Civilizations will be analyzed.

Note: This course is not offered to exchange students.

STAT 1097 Statistics I

3 ECTS

This course aims at introducing the fundamentals of statistics. The main purpose is to help the student develop the theoretical framework necessary for the future courses.

ECON 1007 Introduction to Economics I

4 ECTS

This course attempts to introduce basic concepts in economics for beginners. Problems of Economic Organization, The Elements of Supply and Demand, The Level of Output and Prices, The Theory of Utility and Demand, Cost Structure and Behavioral Supply Function in a Perfectly Competitive Economy and General Equilibrium of Markets are the main topics in this course.

LAW 1071 Introduction to Law

4 ECTS

The course has an exclusively designed special program for the freshmen of international relations and political science. The program includes the basic principles and understanding of law as well as a general categorization of related branches in law. The topics include the UN law, international armed conflicts, international courts and tribunals, international criminal law, constitutional law, administrative law, law of persons, family law, criminal law and theory of law (rule-making and categorization and application of rules).

Note: This course is not offered to exchange students.

ATA 121 Atatürk İlkeleri ve İnkılap Tarihi (in Turkish) 2 ECTS
The course discusses the principles of Atatürk as well as the Turkish reformation and early republican period.
Note: This course is not offered to exchange students.

TRD 121 Türk Dili I (in Turkish) 2 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to the Turkish language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).
Note: Exchange students should attend the Turkish language course provided by the International Office.

SECOND YEAR

PSIR 201 Political History I 5 ECTS
The course subjects include major political developments leading up to the outbreak of World War I, covering the impact of the “dual revolution” in Europe; the establishment of nation-states and parliamentary democracy; balance of power among major states; the Ottoman Empire and her relations with the major European powers; the dynamics of the “Eastern Question”; ascendancy of Europe and imperialistic rivalries before the outbreak of World War I.

PSIR 203 Political Theory I 5 ECTS
In this course, an introduction to the significant problems of political theory will be attempted via the help of earlier classics. A specific focus will be attributed to the development of the idea and institution of (modern) state. Great political philosophers of political theory ranging from Socrates to Machiavelli will be introduced with a specific focus on the corresponding historical setting that shaped and determined their works and interests.

PSIR 229 Introduction to International Relations I 5 ECTS
This introductory course on international relations aims to explain the students how contemporary world politics work. The course focuses on historical background and the main theories, the structures, processes and main issues of world politics in a new era of globalization.

PSIR 291 Research Workshop 5 ECTS
The course aims to enable students to become proficient in preparing academic papers. The course topics include political science as a discipline; writing and critical thinking as a process; effective use of the language, important grammar points and punctuation; the internet, internet search techniques, Boolean logic; writing papers, components of a political science paper; plagiarism.

LAW 205 International Law I 5 ECTS
The course subjects include definitions; sanctions in International Law; sources of International Law; relations between International Law and National Law; subjects of International Law (states, intergovernmental organizations, individuals); recognition of states and governments; territory of state (land, maritime and airspace); and international transactions.
Note: This course is not offered to exchange students.

Elective Courses

PSIR 205 Political Geography I 5 ECTS
In this course, basic definitions and discourses about models of territoriality will be investigated. We will focus on concepts such as geographical imaginations, environmental determinism, Lebensraum, humanistic geography, national identity and geography, regionalism, topophilia/topophobia globalism and locality. In this respect we will discuss political geography in regard to the role of colonialism, multinational states, stateless nations, the role of absolute and relative location, strategic location, capital cities, alliances of states.

Note: This course will not be opened this semester.

PSIR 219 International Political Economy I 5 ECTS
The course topics include theoretical approaches and issues of international political economy; realist/nationalist perspective of IPE; liberalist perspective of IPE; structuralist/Marxist perspective of IPE; revisions of Marxism; problem of co-operation and theory of regime; other structural approaches to IPE; historical evolution of IPE since 1870; recent evolution and contemporary issues in IPE.

PSIR 239 Social History of Republican Turkey I 5 ECTS
This course will focus on history of the various social groups in the late Ottoman Empire and Republican Turkey. The history of small peasants, workers, the urban poor, women, immigrants, ethnic groups and their relations to the state and the society in general will be evaluated during the course. Students are expected to acquire alternative perspectives on the histories of various groups that are ignored by or subjected to state-centric approaches.

ECON 205 Microeconomics 5 ECTS
The general purpose of the course is to introduce students to the theory of the firm, the theory of consumers, supply and demand.

YDAR 215 Arabic I 5 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to the Arabic language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).
Note: The course is designed to teach Arabic to Turkish students and may be unsuitable for exchange students.

YDF 251 French I 5 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to the French language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).
Note: The course is designed to teach French to Turkish students and may be unsuitable for exchange students.

YDIS 207 Spanish I 5 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to the French language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).
Note: The course is designed to teach Spanish to Turkish students and may be unsuitable for exchange students.

YDRU 201 Russian I 5 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to the Russian language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).
Note: The course is designed to teach Russian to Turkish students and may be unsuitable for exchange students.

YDA 253 German I 5 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to the French language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).
Note: This course will not be opened this semester. The course is designed to teach German to Turkish students and may be unsuitable for exchange students.

THIRD YEAR

PSIR 303 International Politics I 5 ECTS
The course topics include the path to the World War II; the Western world in 1920s and 1930s; Germany's quest for dominance in Europe; the World War II and its aftermath; evolution of the war; meetings and conferences between 1945-1947; the origins and development of the Cold War; the German problem; problems debated at the UN; areas of confrontation; Iran, Turkey, Greece.

PSIR 309 European Union 5 ECTS
The course aims to analyze the European integration process with reference to its evolution, scope and institutional set-up. EU institutions, main actors, recent historical evolution and main policies are also analyzed. Lastly, the external relations of the EU, the enlargement process and relations with Turkey are elaborated in detail.

PSIR 311 Turkish Politics I 5 ECTS
The course aims to give an insight into the major political, social and economic dynamics during the Ottoman period.
Note: The course requires extensive reading in Turkish and may be unsuitable for exchange students. They should attend Current Issues in Turkish Politics course.

PSIR 315 Comparative Politics I 5 ECTS
This course introduces students to the main concepts and methodology, and major debates in comparative politics. It will address the history of the field, comparative politics as a method including the use of history, case study and field research, and how various conceptions of politics and power inform approaches and debates in comparative politics.

Elective Courses

PSIR 301 History of Turkish Political Thought 5 ECTS
This course discusses the currents in Turkish political thought during the second constitutional period, war of independence and one-party period with special emphasis on the thoughts of key political figures. Ideological similarities and differences between the currents are also within the scope of the course.

Note: This course will not be opened this semester. The course requires extensive reading in Turkish.

PSIR 305 Mediterranean Politics

5 ECTS

The course intends to provide the student with an understanding of the current Mediterranean politics within the theoretical and conceptual frameworks. Within this context, the cultural, religious and political evolution of societies in the Mediterranean basin will be examined with an emphasis on Mediterranean civilizations, religions and political institutions. The course will also discuss the major political, social and cultural developments in the countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

PSIR 307 Issues of Identity in Europe

5 ECTS

This course focuses on theoretical questions and major debates regarding the incorporation of immigrant communities in the European Union and how it fuels identity issues. It addresses various approaches to European identity, the changing meaning of citizenship, and debates surrounding multiculturalism, cultural and religious diversity.

Note: This course will not be opened this semester.

PSIR 313 Russia in World Politics

5 ECTS

This course aims to explore the historical and contemporary factors that shape the foreign policy of the Russian Federation. Following a brief introduction on the Tsarist and Soviet periods, the course focuses on the main issues of Russian foreign policy in the post-Cold War period. The objective is to understand how Russia's status and role in world politics has gradually changed from the 1990s and how this change has affected its relations with other countries.

PSIR 317 Environmental Politics

5 ECTS

The course subjects include key concepts of environmental politics; philosophical foundations of green political thought; different theoretical and political approaches to environmental issues; various discourses in green political thought, including deep ecology, sustainable development, ecological modernization, social ecology, ecological socialism, eco-feminism and free-market environmentalism; green parties and environmental movements.

PSIR 319 War and Peace Studies

5 ECTS

The course is composed of two main sections. In the first section, the concept of war and the basic reasons and characteristics of wars will be scrutinized by studying classical and modern texts on the subject. Then, the elements contributing to the emergence of war at the individual, national, international and global levels will be analyzed. In the second section, the main institutions and approaches for building negative and positive peace will be examined.

PSIR 341 Current Issues in Turkish Politics I

5 ECTS

The course topics include Turkish political culture; elections, governments and political parties; currents of political thought; Turkish nationalism and identity; ethnic-minority problems; civil society.

Note: This course is specifically designed for exchange students focusing on the basic political, social and economic aspects of Turkey.

PSIR 343 American Politics

5 ECTS

This course basically analyses the historical pillars of the US democracy. Building upon that, we will try to understand the interactions among different institutions of the US government as well as the sociological and demographical characteristics of the American people.

PSIR 345 Ottoman Diplomatic History 5 ECTS
The course topics include the French Revolution and its impact on the European balance of power; Napoleonic Wars; the Congress of Vienna; the period of Restoration; consolidation of nation-states; the Ottoman Empire and the Balkans; European imperialism; colonialism; the Crimean War; the Eastern Question; World War I, and the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire.
Note: This course will not be opened this semester.

PSIR 347 History of Modern Middle East 5 ECTS
This course will begin with a general introduction of the Middle Eastern societies on the eve of Western colonial domination with a special attention to the Ottoman legacy. Then, the formation of colonial rule and its demise, together with its deep-rooted impacts on the lives of the indigenous peoples will be emphasized. In understanding the changes and main trends during the colonial and post-colonial eras, three countries – Egypt, Iran and Syria – will be studied with a comparative insight.

PSIR 349 Social Movements 5 ECTS
The aim of this course is to introduce the basic social movement theories and concepts. Accordingly, we will discuss about main social movement theories- resource mobilization, new social movements and political process theories. We will also cover different aspects of social movements such as mobilization, social movement organizations, networks, framing and identity construction, political opportunities, diffusion and spill-over.

LAW 335 Human Rights Law 5 ECTS
The course topics include history of human rights, human rights conventions (especially European Human Rights Convention) and Turkish human rights law.
Note: The course is not offered to exchange students.

LAW 351 Private International Law 5 ECTS
The course discusses the nature and scope of private international law as well as its historical development and current theories. Basic principles of Turkish private international law will also be introduced.
Note: This course will not be opened this semester. The course is not offered to exchange students.

YDAR 315 Arabic III 5 ECTS
This course aims to improve students' skills in Arabic language (basic grammar, reading and writing).
Note: The course is designed to teach Arabic to Turkish students and may be unsuitable for exchange students.

YDF 351 French III 5 ECTS
This course aims to improve students' skills in French language (basic grammar, reading and writing).
Note: The course is designed to teach French to Turkish students and may be unsuitable for exchange students.

Spanish III 5 ECTS
This course aims to improve students' skills in Spanish language (basic grammar, reading and writing).
Note: The course is designed to teach Spanish to Turkish students and may be unsuitable for exchange students.

Media and Politics
The evolution of communication technologies since the 19th century has intensified the relationship between politics and media. This relationship is even more complex today, as individuals take part in the

news-making process via mobile phones, live satellite TV and social media. This course aims to introduce students to the complex relationship between politics and media by familiarizing them with the basic concepts, theoretical approaches and themes in media and audience studies

FOURTH YEAR

PSIR 413 Turkish Foreign Policy I

5 ECTS

The course aims to explore and discuss Turkey's foreign policy priorities and preferences in the period between the foundation of the Republic in 1923 until 1980 in the light of domestic and international developments.

Note: The course requires extensive reading in Turkish and may be unsuitable for exchange students. They should attend Current Issues in Turkish Politics course.

PSIR 421 Current International Issues I

5 ECTS

This course examines the political, economic and social problems which plague the international system in the 21st century. Students are introduced to several challenges of global governance, including worldwide economic disparities, rise of Asia vis-à-vis the West, barriers to democratization and human rights, as well as the impact of energy scarcity and climate change.

PSIR 449 Theory of International Relations I

5 ECTS

During the first term of the course, the significance, roles and uses of theory in International Relations will be scrutinized; the methodology and levels of analysis in International Relations will be explored. Two of the most important mainstream schools of International Relations – Realism, Liberalism and their variations – will be discussed along with the Behavioral Approach and English School of International Relations.

Elective Courses

PSIR 401 National Security

5 ECTS

This course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding on the theoretical and conceptual issues related to national security policy and strategy. Its objective is to enable the students to evaluate the different phases of national security strategy formulation and implementation.

PSIR 403 Civil Society

5 ECTS

This course introduces students to the long debated concept of civil society. The aim is to understand the role and meaning of civil society in politics with respect to state-society relations, democratization processes, and globalization. To that end, we will first analyze the historical conditions and transformations which led to the emergence of civil society in the West. After reviewing the classical theories on civil society, we will focus on the revitalization of civil society in the national contexts outside the West during the 1980s.

PSIR 407 Public Administration in Turkey

5 ECTS

The course offers an overview of public administration in Turkey with the aim to develop students' understandings of the structure and functioning of public organizations and public bureaucracy. The course subjects include Turkish administrative system; the structure and functioning of central and local administrations; issues of Turkish public administration; administrative reform; new discourses in public

administration theory and practice and their implications for Turkish administrative tradition; public management; governance.

Note: The course requires extensive reading in Turkish and may be unsuitable for exchange students. They should attend Current Issues in Turkish Politics course.

PSIR 409 Issues in EU Politics 5 ECTS

The content of the course will highly depend on current events in the European Union (EU) politics. The major issues and debates shaping the most recent politics in contemporary Europe will be discussed within the EU framework. Some of the specific topics which will be covered are the politics of identity, citizenship and nationalism in the EU; multicultural Europe; challenges of an ever expanding EU; democracy and human rights in the EU; constitutional process in the EU and the future of the EU.

PSIR 411 American Foreign Policy 5 ECTS

Main objective of the course is to teach the students the history and the underpinning pillars of US foreign policy in light of the social and cultural divisions that this country has experienced throughout its history.

PSIR 417 Contemporary Political Theory 5 ECTS

This course introduces students to key concepts, theoretical issues and major debates in the study and analysis of globalization from a political theory perspective. It will address issues such as the changing meanings and practicalities of citizenship, sovereignty, state authority and identities.

Note: This course will not be opened this semester.

PSIR 419 History and Politics of Caucasus and Central Asia 5 ECTS

This course introduces students to the history and politics of Caucasus and Central Asia. First it will review the Tsarist and Soviet periods with an aim to introduce the unique history of the region and the legacy of these regimes in the region. Then the course will focus on key issues that these countries have to deal with in the independence period such as national and ethnic identities, ethnic and civil conflicts, regime changes, economical reforms and foreign relations.

PSIR 423 Seminar on Southeast Europe I 5 ECTS

The course aims to give an insight into the major historical, political, social and economic developments in the Balkans until 20th century. Students are expected to acquire general knowledge about background of current political, economic and social problems in the region.

Note: This course will not be opened this semester.

PSIR 427 Dynamics of Globalization 5 ECTS

The course subjects include economic and technological bases of the world economy; historical overview of the role of Information Technology as a transformative element of the world economy; economic, political and social impact of IT; main trends in the world economy; regionalization, integration, changes in the methods of production and distribution; long-term security implications of global integration.

PSIR 433 Diplomatic Correspondence 5 ECTS

The aim of this course is to explore the fundamental concepts and rules of diplomacy as well as its theories and the practices. Some of the topics to be tackled in the course include the Vienna Congress, diplomatic language, diplomatic correspondence, preventive diplomacy and public diplomacy.

Note: This course will not be opened this semester.

PSIR 441 International Migration and Change

5 ECTS

This is an elective course, which focuses on contemporary forms of international migration and the social relations that are built along the process of migration. The course aims to provide students with a dynamic perspective to capture different dimensions and aspects of international migration at different levels (local, national, regional and global) and interlinkages among these.

PSIR 443 Selected Issues in Turkish Politics

5 ECTS

The course aims to give an insight into the major political, economic and social developments after military coup of 1982. Students are expected to acquire general knowledge of the political, economic and social developments under the regulations of constitution of 1982.

Note: The course requires extensive reading in Turkish and may be unsuitable for exchange students. They should attend Current Issues in Turkish Politics course.

PSIR 447 Emerging Issues in International Relations

5 ECTS

The new agendas of the International Relations discipline will be examined especially by focusing on the Post-Cold War era. The course is composed of subjects like the global civil society; migration, borders and conflict; environmental problems as a cause of conflict; global environmental governance; internet and global civil society; cyber- warfare; women human rights; infectious diseases and international security; Narcotics and drug trafficking; international trafficking of human organs; anti-globalization movements and the World Social Forums; and, global media and International Relations.

PSIR 453 Turkish Political Culture and Institutions

5 ECTS

The basic goal of this course is to introduce students to the characteristics of the Turkish political culture and the key political institutions in a historical perspective. The course discusses the characteristics of Turkish political culture and key political institutions by giving an overview of Turkey's history since 1920s with emphasis on currents of political thought, political parties and various issues in Turkish political life. Ideological similarities and differences between the political parties, electoral systems and election results are also analyzed.

Note: The course requires extensive reading in Turkish and may be unsuitable for exchange students. They should attend Current Issues in Turkish Politics course.

PSIR 461 Nationalism and Nation-States

5 ECTS

The course aims to give an insight into emergence and significance of nationalism as a political movement, ideology, a process of nation-making and the phenomenon of the nation-state as a historical category. The course subjects include historical evolution of nationalism(s) and the nation-state(s) within a conceptual and theoretical framework emphasizing the impact of modernity, nation-making as a political and cultural construct, issues of identity with reference to specific cases from the "first", "second" and "third" worlds.

Note: The course requires extensive reading in Turkish and may be unsuitable for exchange students. They should attend Current Issues in Turkish Politics course.

TDE 435 Introduction to Ottoman Turkish I

5 ECTS

The course aims to assist the students in the acquisition of basic and working knowledge of Ottoman Turkish. For this reason, the course will concentrate on the development of the ability to read elementary Ottoman Turkish texts as well as basic writing skills.

Note: The course is not offered to exchange students.