



UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS SPRING SEMESTER

FIRST YEAR

ATA 122 Atatürk İlkeleri ve İnkılap Tarihi II (in Turkish)

2 ECTS

The course discusses the principles of Atatürk as well as the Turkish reformation and early republican period.

Note: The course is not offered to exchange students.

ECON 1008 Introduction to Economics II

4 ECTS

This course is designed to introduce an overview of Macroeconomics. National Income Accounting, Consumption Function, Analysis of Investment will be examined thoroughly and The Theories of Output Determination, Inflation, Government Policies and International Trade will be analyzed.

HSS 1022 Humanities II

5 ECTS

The course aims to provide 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.

LAW 1076 Constitutional Law

3 ECTS

Subjects that are tackled in this course include the summary of the basic principles of constitutional law; constitution of the Republic of Turkey; individuals' relations with the state; state structure, characteristics and organs (legislative, executive, judiciary) according to the Turkish constitution.

Note: The course is not offered to exchange students.

PSIR 1002 Introduction to Political Science II

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 1052 Sociology II

5 ECTS

This course aims to provide the students with a sociological understanding of modern Turkish society and an in-depth knowledge of causes, processes, and consequences of social change in Turkey. The central task of the course is to examine modernity and its historical development in Turkey. The readings and class discussions emphasize social, cultural, and economic transformations and situate Turkey into the globalizing world by covering a wide range of topics, such as nationalism, state-society relations, industrialization, urbanization, migration, gender, class, religion, and culture.

STAT 1098 Statistics II

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.

SWP 100 Social Work Practices

1 ECTS

This course aims to provide the students with the ability to use social service methods and techniques in the direction of social service and volunteerism. The course is composed of contents such as recognition of area and institution, preparation for application and determination of problems and needs, preparation of plan for application, transition to application process, evaluation of application and termination..

Note: The course is not offered to exchange students.

TRD 122 Türk Dili II (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

LAW 2006 International Law II

5 ECTS

The course topics include the law of the sea; the law of treaties; jurisdiction and competence of state; diplomatic relations and exemptions from national jurisdiction; treatment of aliens; protection of human rights; international disputes and procedures for their settlement; law of war and neutrality.

Note: The course is not offered to exchange students.

PSIR 2000 Political Sociology

5 ECTS

Several topics to be studied during this course are: Development of the state; Theories of the state; Nations and national integration; Capitalism and Democracy; Civil Society and the state; Citizenship; Collective action; Globalization: Transformations in political structures and practices- global social movements and global civil society.

PSIR 2002 Political History II

5 ECTS

The course topics include the underlying causes of the World War I and its impact on the major powers; characteristics of the new international order between the two world wars and re-making of Europe; Wilsonian principles and the League of Nations; the Locarno period; the role of the United States, the Soviet Union and Japan in world politics; the Great Depression; the rise of fascism and the Axis powers; the appeasement policy and the developments leading to the Second World War.

PSIR 2004 Political Theory II

5 ECTS

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. An introduction to the significant problems of political theory will be attempted via the help of these earlier classics. A specific focus will be attributed to the development of the idea and institution of (modern) state.

PSIR 2006 Introduction to International Relations II

5 ECTS



This introductory course on international relations aims to explain the students how contemporary world politics work. It focuses on historical background and the main theories, structures, processes and main issues of world politics in a new era of globalization.

Elective Courses

ECON 2006 Macroeconomics

5 ECTS

The purpose of the course is to discuss the core short-run and medium-run models to explain the mechanisms of macroeconomics. The main topics are; goods and money markets, IS-LM model, consumption, investment, employment, expectations, openness.

LAW 2008 Administrative Law

5 ECTS

The course includes the description of the basic legal structure of the Turkish Political Administration and the rules, code of conducts and legal bases in which the Turkish Administration operates.

Note: The course is not offered to exchange students.

PSIR 2052 International Political Economy II

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 2054 Social and Economic History of Turkey II

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 largely ignored by or subjected to state-centric approaches.

YDA 2054 German II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the German language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

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YDAR 2052 Arabic II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the Arabic language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

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YDF 2054 French II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the French language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

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YDI 2054 Academic English II

5 ECTS

Develop and practice the reading, writing, and critical thinking strategies needed to create organized and correctly documented papers using academic sources. Learn how to critically read academic texts, develop research questions, make claims, determine the credibility of sources, and appropriately cite sources in your writing.

YDIS 2052 Spanish II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the French language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

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YDRU2052 Russian II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the Russian language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

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THIRD YEAR

PSIR 3004 International Politics II

5 ECTS

The course topics include the world during 1950s (Middle East, Eastern Europe, the Berlin and Cuban Missiles Crises); the Peaceful Coexistence and the rise of multipolarity; the Détente Era, from the Cold War to the decline and fall of the Soviet Bloc; the Post-Cold War World; problems of the Third World.

PSIR 3006 International Organizations

5 ECTS

This course examines historical evolution of key international organizations (IOs) and their adaptation to changing circumstances at the global level. It aims to capture the IOs in movement and explore the politics of their manifold practices. Within this framework, it covers formal international organizations, treaty organizations and (European and non-European) regional organizations as well as international non-governmental organizations. It also explores and analyses a number of approaches to understanding international organizations.

PSIR 3012 Turkish Politics II

5 ECTS

The course aims to give an insight about the major political, social and economic developments in Turkey during the Republican period (i.e. since 1923).

Note: The course requires extensive reading in Turkish.

PSIR3016 Comparative Politics II

5 ECTS

This course explores advanced questions and methods in comparative politics through selected subfields of the discipline with in depth discussion of exemplary works from selected area studies and various country comparisons.



PSIR 2056 Political Geography II

5 ECTS

The aim of this course is to understand the relationship between geography and world politics by analyzing the emergence and evolution of the discipline of “geopolitics”. In each lecture, a major text in geopolitics will be analyzed and discussed. Apart from discussing the works of traditional geopolitical thinkers such as Mackinder, Haushofer and Spykman, the course will also touch upon critical geopolitics as a new way of imagining the relationship between geography and world politics.

BUS 3052 Introduction to Business Management

5 ECTS

The purpose of the course is to present a broad introduction to the functioning of business enterprise within the U.S. economic framework. It introduces economic systems, essential elements of business organization, production, human resource management, marketing, finance, and risk management.

LAW 3028 Law of the Sea

5 ECTS

The course will discuss the legal status of the sea parts such as the internal waters, territorial waters, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf and high sea.

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PSIR 3008 Comparative Environmental Policy

5 ECTS

The course aims to introduce students to policies and strategies that governments around the world developed in responding to environmental change. It examines the evolution of environmental policy on various levels including the paradigms that inform distinct policy approaches, principles that guide policy formulation and implementation, instruments designed to attain policy goals, strategies developed to involve the public. Special emphasis is put on evolution of environmental politics in Turkey.

PSIR 3014 Politics and Society in Latin America

5 ECTS

The goal of this course is to provide the basis on which students will become informed about the geopolitics of Latin America, the cultural and social forces that underlay Latin American societies, and the political regimes that have characterized the region in modern history. The course, therefore, provides an overview of some general characteristics of the region, and focuses on selected cases in light of the former.

PSIR 3018 Political Ideologies

5 ECTS

This course will be a comprehensive introduction to major political ideologies such as liberalism, socialism, nationalism and conservatism. At the end of the course, the students are expected to acquire knowledge of the main ideologies and an ability to identify, compare and contrast the major ideas and propositions of each of them.

PSIR 3020 Citizenship and Migration

5 ECTS



This course introduces students to major theoretical issues and debates over international migrations and questions of citizenship in liberal democracies in a comparative perspective and from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

PSIR 3022 Political Philosophy

5 ECTS

In this course, students are expected to operationalize the concepts of political theory and political thought in both thematic and chronological senses. Concepts such as state, rights, freedom, justice, authority and justice are discussed in the context of contemporary political problems. While discussing these problems, various philosophical approaches will be analyzed comparatively.

PSIR 3024 Turkish Greek Relations

5 ECTS

The course aims to teach the current state of relations between Greece and Turkey with references to historical roots and political culture of the both countries. The course begins with independence of modern Greek state and examines effects of narratives in nation building on contemporary policy making. Students are expected to write a term paper and make a short presentation about major bilateral issues. Attendance and active participation to the class discussions are required.

PSIR 3026 Turkey-EU Relations

5 ECTS

The course topics include Turkey-EU relations within the framework of the road map set by Ankara Agreement; main dynamics of Turkish politics towards the EU in preparatory, and transition stages. The attitude and arguments of the effective political actors in Turkey about EU issues and the known discursive conflicts; categorizing Turkish Political History on EU affairs, into meaningful parts; examining the dynamics of transformation on Turkish politics over EU affairs; the increasing role of non-governmental actors in Turkey-EU relations.

PSIR 3030 Elections and Voting Behavior in Turkey

5 ECTS

The course will familiarize students with the key concepts and dynamics of voting behavior in Turkey. Major topics include political parties, electoral systems, electoral process, voter turnout and election results in the context of socio-economic conditions, ideologies, cleavages and issues.

Note: The course requires extensive reading and discussion in Turkish.

PSIR 3042 Current Issues in Turkish Politics II

5 ECTS

The topics that are tackled during the course are as follows: introduction to Turkish political culture; elections, governments and political parties; currents of political thought; the emergence of Turkish nationalism and identity; ethnic-minority problems; urbanization; women in politics; legislative-executive relations; civil society.

PSIR 3052 Politics and Literature

5 ECTS

This course aims at understanding political modernization processes from the Late Ottoman times to today through the representative works of literature. These works will be selected to represent the periods starting with the Late Ottoman era, One Party era, 1950-60, 1960-80 and 1980-to present.

Note: The course requires extensive reading and discussion in Turkish.

PSIR 3054 Religion and Politics

5 ECTS

This course examines the interaction between religion and politics from a comparative perspective. It is a course that explores and compares the role of religion and major religions in the shaping of domestic and global politics, the development of the international system and international relations. The main objective of the course is to familiarize students with the existing theoretical literature and empirical



research with a focus on certain religious actors, institutions, and ideologies in policymaking, state-building, democratic politics, war, and other political processes.

PSIR 3060 Issues in the Middle East

5 ECTS

The course aims to give an insight into the international politics of the Middle East since 1918, and improve students' understanding of the regional politics and its particularities. Students are expected to acquire general knowledge of international politics of the Middle East in view of the developments of region-wide importance, including the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iranian Revolution, water politics, Gulf security, etc.

PSIR 3096 Ottoman Social Life

5 ECTS

This course aims to give a broad overview of the various aspects of social life in the Ottoman Empire.

Note: The course requires extensive reading and discussion in Turkish.

PSIR 4027 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 4076 Comparative Regionalism, Economics and Security

5 ECTS

This course aims to provide a critical examination of the development of regionalism across the world. Students will compare and contrast a variety of regional approaches to key issues and policies, adopting different levels of analysis. Students will also acquire a foundational knowledge of historical issues and theoretical approaches to understand regionalism today.

YDAR 3052 Arabic IV

5 ECTS

This course aims to improve students' skills in Arabic language (basic grammar, reading and writing).

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YDFR 3052 French IV

5 ECTS

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YDIS 3052 Spanish IV

5 ECTS

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YDRU 3052 Russian IV

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FOURTH YEAR

PSIR 4014 Turkish Foreign Policy II

5 ECTS



This course aims to provide an overview of the challenges and opportunities Turkey has been facing in its foreign relations in the wake of the Cold War. Students are expected to develop a general understanding of Turkey's post-Cold war foreign policy behavior in reference to major developments in world politics.

PSIR 4022 Current International Issues II

5 ECTS

The course examines the global and regional security issues in the 21st century. Following a brief discussion on NATO and other security organizations, students are introduced to specific challenges such as terrorism or nuclear armament. On the regional spectrum, lectures will focus on various case studies, stretching from the Arab Spring to the Korean issue.

PSIR 4050 Theories of International Relations II

5 ECTS

The course aims to provide the student with the basic knowledge about theoretical approaches to the International Relations other than the major mainstream schools of thought. During the second term of the course, the theoretical approaches to be discussed in detail will include Marxist theories, Constructivist theory, Critical theory, Post-Modern approaches, Feminist and Environmental approaches, and Third World approaches to International Relations.

Elective Courses

LAW 4030 European Law

5 ECTS

The course subjects include a brief history of the Communities and the Union; community law; its sources and characteristics; decision-making procedures; basic doctrines of EU law; European Commission; EU Council; European Parliament; European Court of Justice; EU budget; external relations of the Union; the four basic freedoms; the legal framework of Turkish-EU relations.

Note: The course is not offered to exchange students.

PSIR 4002 Conduct of Foreign Policy

5 ECTS

This course aims to provide a theoretical-conceptual framework on Foreign Policy making and implementation processes. After providing a conceptual and theoretical framework in understanding the overall structure and the process of foreign policy decision making, it concentrates on how FP decisions are implemented by utilizing political, psychological, economic and military techniques.

PSIR 4016 Comparative Minority Issues

5 ECTS

This course introduces students to the question of minorities in liberal democracies in a comparative perspective.

PSIR 4018 Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management

5 ECTS

The course has three main sections. The first section deals with sources and nature of conflict and aggression. The second session involves a discussion on the social psychological dynamics of international relations like perpetual processes and images, hidden assumptions, and psychological processes that facilitate and retard escalation of conflict. In the third section solutions and alternatives for diverting, reducing, deescalating and eliminating conflicts and war will be discussed.

PSIR 4024 Seminar on Southeast Europe II

5 ECTS



The course aims to give an insight into the major political, economic and social developments in the region during the post-Communist Era.

PSIR 4026 Democracy and Democratization

5 ECTS

There will be four related parts of the course: we will examine the concept of democracy. Second, we will analyze democratic transitions and their causes. Similarly, we will examine the consolidation of democracy. To understand the causes, affects and problems of the transition and consolidation processes, we will focus on the effects of political institutions, political economy, international forces, military relations, civil society and political culture. Finally, we will discuss what the future may hold for new democracies. In this section, we will pay a special attention to Turkey as well as the Middle East in the post-Arab spring context.

PSIR 4028 Gender Studies

5 ECTS

Gender is a code of difference, an indicator of power relations between sexes. This course focuses on gender as a socially constructed term, which should be taken into account in analyzing culture. Discussion of these points in the context of Turkish society will be an additional focus of the course.

PSIR 4030 European Idea and Turkey

5 ECTS

This course aims to analyze Turkey's position *vis-à-vis* Europe mostly from the ideational and cultural perspectives. Focusing on the Idea of Europe the course tries to answer how Turkey is perceived within the European construction throughout time.

PSIR 4032 Introduction to Ottoman Turkish II

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.

PSIR 4034 Political Economy of the Third World

5 ECTS

The objective of this course is to introduce the central concepts of political economy and discuss the issues and problems of the underdeveloped world.

PSIR 4036 Local Governments

5 ECTS

The course encompasses a number of intertwined topics, consisting of: Introduction to Local Government (definition and scope, main approaches, pertinent international documents); Local Authorities in Turkey (Special Provincial Administrations, Municipalities, Village Administrations, Unions of Municipalities, and Metropolitan Municipal Administrations); Comparative Local Government Systems; and Management of Local Authorities (Participation, financial management, project management, environmental management, etc.)

PSIR 4038 Politics of Global Finance

5 ECTS

As the recent credit crunch and crisis of sub-prime mortgages in the U.S. have been entangling world's financial markets, people, including central bankers, tried to understand the implications of this turmoil. Since most of the experts could not specify the content and the underpinnings of securities that are used to back up these sub-prime mortgage related investments, this course will try to explain the basic history and social relationships which paved the way to the rise of financial capital's hegemony among other capital owners within the framework of the capitalist system. Throughout the course, students will be able to learn how to analyze the nature of changes in world capitalism.



PSIR 4052 Security Studies

5 ECTS

The course will primarily be built on the approach of the Copenhagen School to the concept of security. Therefore, the theory of securitization, and a sectoral analysis of security will form the basis of the course. Nevertheless, the works of other schools of thought will also be examined in detail. Realist and liberalist approaches to security, critical security studies, constructivist security approaches and peace studies will all be covered in this respect.

PSIR 4054 Youth and Politics

5 ECTS

This course provides a general coverage of the literature and issues related to the sociological study of youth by contrasting a critical perspective on youth with more conservative, descriptive perspectives in terms of mass education, the workplace, the family, technological influences, youth culture, and politics and public policy. In each case, the relevant debates and issues in the youth studies field will be examined. The critical perspective examines how the period of youth is a socially constructed age status that serves dominant interests at a macro level, with both positive and negative consequences for youth at a micro level. As such, the critical perspective provides a useful point of view of how young people are located in terms of the 'big picture' in the economics and politics of contemporary society.

PSIR 4064 Politics and Cinema

5 ECTS

In this course, the relationship between political science and documentary cinema will be analyzed through watching sample movies and making comparisons and contrasts. The course will also introduce students to the fundamentals of documentary cinema, interpreting documents and photographs, cinematographic factors and the use of camera and light.

Note: The course is not offered to exchange students.

PSIR 4074 Racism and Anti-Racism

5 ECTS

This course introduces students to racism and anti-racism in a comparative perspective. Since the Second World War, racism is condemned at the highest levels of international organizations (UN, UNESCO, ILO), and a scientific concept of race is discredited. Yet concepts of race and/or ethnicity seem to organize more than ever social and political global order, informing both racism and anti-racism movements and politics.

PSIR 4078 Coercive Diplomacy

5 ECTS

This course provides an overview of the study and practice of foreign policy with a particular emphasis on the use of coercive statecraft. Both the use of military coercion and economic sanctions are explored in depth. By the end of the course, students should understand how and why great powers employ coercive foreign policies and what the potential benefits and pitfalls of those policies can be.

PSIR 4080 International Relations of Asia

5 ECTS

This course provides an overview of international relations in the Asian-Pacific region. Current balance of power, sources of regional economic dynamism, states' strategies, stability of alliance relationships, venues for discussion and cooperation, key territorial disputes will be discussed.

PSIR 4092 Asia in World Politics

5 ECTS

The course includes extensive readings on the history of Asia-Pacific countries. Specific focus will be on China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. Students will be introduced to the social, economic and political issues which shaped modern East Asia since the 16th century until today. Topics include Western



imperialism, reform and modernization movements in Asia, Second World War and China's economic rise.

PSIR 4094 History of Turkish-American Relations

5 ECTS

This course provides a historical account of Turkey-US relations. The course starts with the understanding of the American political culture with a special emphasis on the war of American independence and the philosophy of founding fathers. Then it seeks to reveal divergences and convergences with the identity of the Republic of Turkey. The course aims to analyze cornerstones in bilateral relations from the late Ottoman period to nowadays to reveal the elements of continuity and change in Turkish-American relations

PSIR 4043 Selected Issues in Turkish Politics

This course aims to provide an overview of current problems and issues in Turkish Politics. Turkish constitutional, political, and administrative system. Institutional and electoral structures, the role of political parties, interest groups, public opinion and the military will be discussed in the course.

SBKY 4043 Current Issues in Turkish Foreign Policy

5 ECTS

This course examines the major contours, concepts, trends and issues of Turkish foreign policy. the evaluation of the developments in Turkish foreign policy beginning with 1990s up to the present-day at international system and regional levels of analysis is the priority of this course. To this end, the course will focus on Turkey's post-Cold-War relations with its key allies and regions such as the United States, the European Union, the Balkans, the Middle East, Russia, and Eurasia. In addition, the course will present a ground for an informed debate on contemporary international crises around Turkey such as the Arab Spring, the rise of terrorism and radicalization, as well as the emerging regional rivalries between the USA and Russia

YDIS 4052 Spanish VI

5 ECTS

This course aims to improve students' skills in Spanish language (basic grammar, reading and writing).