UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
SPRING SEMESTER
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FIRST YEAR

**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 1004 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**LAW 1006 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: This course is not offered to exchange students.*
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: This 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 (5 ECTS) provided by the International Office.

THU 100 Toplumsal Hizmet Uygulamaları (in Turkish) 1 ECTS

Note: This course is not offered to exchange students.

SECOND YEAR

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.

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: This course is not offered to exchange students.
Elective Courses

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.

Note: For certain students, the name of this course may appear as “Social History of Republican Turkey II” on the BYS system.

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.

Note: This course is not offered this semester.

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: This course is not offered to exchange students.

YDAR 2052 Arabic II 5 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to the Arabic language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

Note: This course is designed to teach Arabic to Turkish students, and may be unsuitable for exchange students.

YDF 2054 French II 5 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to the French language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

Note: This course is designed to teach French to Turkish students, and may be unsuitable for exchange students.
YDIS 2054 Spanish II  
This course aims to introduce the students to the French language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

*Note: This course is designed to teach Spanish to Turkish students, and may be unsuitable for exchange students.*

YDRU 2052 Russian II  
This course aims to introduce the students to the Russian language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

*Note: This course is designed to teach Russian to Turkish students, and may be unsuitable for exchange students.*

**THIRD YEAR**

PSIR 304 International Politics II  
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 306 International Organizations  
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 312 Turkish Politics II  
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: This course requires extensive reading in Turkish. Exchange students are advised to attend PSIR 342 Current Issues in Turkish Politics II.*

PSIR 316 Comparative Politics II  
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.

**Elective Courses**

PSIR 308 Comparative Environmental Politics  
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.

*Note: This course is conducted in Turkish and is not suitable for Exchange students.*
PSIR 310 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. There will be supplementary reading materials for each period to equip the students with a proper understanding of the main political and social events and processes. This course is expected to help students to develop a more nuanced, comprehensive, critical, aesthetic, self-reflexive and analytical insight. The last but not the least, the students will be encouraged to develop a collective effort to look into the society and themselves via the mirror of literature.

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

PSIR 318 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.

Note: This course is not offered to Exchange students.

PSIR 320 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 multidisciplinary perspective.

Note: This course is not offered this semester.

PSIR 322 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 324 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, statebuilding, democratic politics, war, and other political processes.

Note: This course is not offered this semester.

PSIR 326 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 330 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: This course requires extensive reading and discussion in Turkish.*

PSIR 342 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.
*Note: The content of the course is identical with “Current Issues in Turkish Politics I”. Therefore, students who already attended that course in the first semester are not allowed to take this course.*

PSIR 352 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 360 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 396 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: This course requires extensive reading and discussion in Turkish.*

LAW 328 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.
*Note: This course is not offered to exchange students.*

YDAR 352 Arabic IV 5 ECTS
This course aims to improve students’ skills in Arabic language (basic grammar, reading and writing).
*Note: This course is designed to teach Arabic to Turkish students, and may be unsuitable for exchange students.*

YDF 352 French IV 5 ECTS
This course aims to improve students’ skills in French language (basic grammar, reading and writing).
*Note: This course is not offered this semester.*
FOURTH YEAR

PSIR 414 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 422 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 450 Theory 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

PSIR 402 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 416 Comparative Minority Issues 5 ECTS
This course introduces students to the question of “minorities” especially in liberal democracies in a comparative perspective.
Note: The course is not offered this semester.

PSIR 418 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 424 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. Students are expected to acquire general knowledge of political, economic and social developments in the region during the post-Communist Era.
PSIR 426 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 428 Gender and Culture in Turkish Society 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 430 European Idea and Turkey 5 ECTS
This course aims to analyze and discuss the various interpretations of the idea and/or concept of Europe for the Turkish state and society from a historical, cultural and geographical perspective.

PSIR 432 Political Economy of the Third World 5 ECTS
The course aims to give an insight into the major political, social, economic developments in the 20th century. Students are expected to acquire general knowledge about current trends and conflicts in the Balkan political life.

PSIR 452 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 454 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, Koreas, 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 464 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 subjects such as the fundamentals of documentary cinema, interpreting documents and photographs, cinematographic factors and the use of camera and light.

Note: This course is not offered this semester.
PSIR 474 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 or ethnicity organize social and political global order, informing racism and anti-racism movements and politics.

Note: This course is not offered this semester.

LAW 430 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: This course is not offered to exchange students.

PSIR 405 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 334 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 254 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: This course is not offered to exchange students.

ECON 412 History of Economic Thought 5 ECTS
The purpose of the course is to provide the students with necessary historical background that help us understand the theories in economics in connection with the historical developments and their analytical links with each other. Studying the history of economic theory is helpful in understanding the predecessors of the modern economic problems and the logic of the evolution of Economics.

Note: This course is not offered to exchange students.