

General Info

Objectives of the Course

The aim of the course is to provide students with theoretical and practical knowledge of geopolitics and geostrategy. It seeks to explain the importance of geography and strategic thinking in interstate relations. It enables students to evaluate different geopolitical theories comparatively. It helps them analyze current regional and global developments from a geopolitical perspective. Finally, it contributes to their understanding of Turkey's geostrategic position in the international context.

Course Contents

This course addresses the fundamental concepts, historical development, and theoretical approaches of geopolitics and geostrategy. It discusses the changing geopolitical balances during and after the Cold War. The effects of energy resources, globalization, and new security paradigms on the international system are examined. Comparative geopolitical analyses are conducted on regions such as Europe, Russia, the Middle East, and the Asia-Pacific. In addition, Turkey's geopolitical and geostrategic position is evaluated in detail.

Recommended or Required Reading

Karabulut, B. (2013), *Strateji Jeostrateji Jeopolitik*. Ankara: Barış Kitap Colin Flint, Peter J. Taylor (2014), *Siyasi Coğrafya*. Ankara: Nobel Yayıncılık

Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods

Lectures and explanation of key concepts Discussions, question-answer sessions, and group work Case studies, map analyses, and presentations

Recommended Optional Programme Components

Students should be encouraged to regularly follow current geopolitical developments. Maps and visual materials should be actively utilized. Students are expected to contribute to the course through short presentations and assignments. In addition to academic sources, up-to-date reports, articles, and news analyses should be used. Interdisciplinary perspectives (political science, economics, security studies) should be integrated into the course content.

Instructor's Assistants

Not available

Presentation Of Course

The course is conducted face-to-face and interactively. It is supported by theoretical lectures, discussions, case studies, and map analyses. Active student participation is encouraged.

Dersi Veren Öğretim Elemanları

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Program Outcomes

1. Analyzes the main conflict points affecting the international system.
2. Knows the effect of geography on foreign policy of countries.
3. Will be able to analyze critical questions and problems in geopolitical and geostrategic issues
4. Understands geopolitical and geostrategic perspectives and dimensions
5. The student will be able to explain fundamental geopolitical theories and analyze current international developments in the light of these theories.

Order	PreparationInfo	Laboratory TeachingMethods	Theoretical	Practise
1	Relevant Source: Chapter 1, pp. 1–20 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Introduction to the Course and Basic Concepts	
2	Relevant Source: Chapter 2, pp. 21–42 + Lecture Presentation	Anlatım Yöntemi (Düz Anlatım) Tartışma ve Soru-Cevap Yöntemi Vaka Analizi ve Uygulamalı Çalışmalar	Historical Development of Geopolitics	
3	Relevant Source: Chapter 3, pp. 43–68 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Concept of Geostrategy and Military Geography	
4	Relevant Source: Chapter 4, pp. 69–95 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Geopolitical Theories and Models	
5	Relevant Source: Chapter 5, pp. 96–122 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Geopolitics During the Cold War	
6	Relevant Source: Chapter 6, pp. 123–150 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Post-Cold War Geopolitical Transformation	
7	Relevant Source: Chapter 7, pp. 151–178 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Geopolitics of Turkey	
8			Midterm Exam	
9	Relevant Source: Chapter 8, pp. 179–205 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Energy Geopolitics and Natural Resources	
10	Relevant Source: Chapter 9, pp. 206–230 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Globalization and New Security Paradigms	
11	Relevant Source: Chapter 10, pp. 231–255 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Regional Geopolitical Analyses I – Europe and Russia	
12	Relevant Source: Chapter 10, pp. 231–255 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Regional Geopolitical Analyses II – Middle East and Asia-Pacific	
13	Relevant Source: Chapter 11, pp. 256–280 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	Geostrategies of Major Powers	
14	Relevant Source: Chapter 11, pp. 256–280 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	The Geopolitics of the Future	
15	Relevant Source: Chapter 11, pp. 256–280 + Lecture Presentation	Lecture Method Discussion and Question-Answer Method Case Study and Practical Applications	The Geopolitics of the Future	
16			Final Exam	

Assesments

Activities	Weight (%)
Ara Sınav	40,00
Final	60,00

	P.O. 1	P.O. 2	P.O. 3	P.O. 4	P.O. 5	P.O. 6	P.O. 7	P.O. 8	P.O. 9	P.O. 10	P.O. 11	P.O. 12	P.O. 13
L.O. 1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
L.O. 2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
L.O. 3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	0
L.O. 4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	0
L.O. 5	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5

Table :

- P.O. 1 :** Coğrafya biliminde kuramsal ve uygulamalı bilgilere sahip olma
- P.O. 2 :** İnsan-mekan etkileşiminin tespitinde yararlanılan başlıca araştırma yöntem ve tekniklerini kullanabilme, bu etkileşimin ifadesinde kullanılan görsel araçları (tablo, grafik, harita) vb hazırlayabilme ve gerekli araç gereçleri yazılımları kullanabilme.
- P.O. 3 :** Coğrafya biliminin temel terimlerini kavrama ve coğrafi terminolojiyi yerinde kullanabilme.
- P.O. 4 :** Coğrafya bilimi kapsamında mekanı doğal ve beşeri özellikleriyle tanıma, mekanın kullanımından kaynaklanan sorunları tespit edebilme, çözüm önerisi sunabilme.
- P.O. 5 :** Coğrafi Bilgi Sistemleri, uzaktan algılama vb coğrafi teknolojilerle çalışabilme.
- P.O. 6 :** Disiplinler arasındaki çalışmaların önemini kavrama, bilgi ve becerilerini diğer disiplinlerle paylaşabilme ve ortak projelerde değerlendirebilme.
- P.O. 7 :** Mekan ve mekanı oluşturan fiziki ve beşeri unsurlar arasında ilişki kurabilme ve bu ilişkileri yorumlayabilme becerisi
- P.O. 8 :** Sahip olduğu bilgi ve becerileri laboratuvar ve arazi çalışmaları ile bütünleştirebilme
- P.O. 9 :** Coğrafi verilerin toplanması, yorumlanması, değerlendirilmesi ve akademik yayın haline getirilmesi sürecinde bilimsel etik değerlere uygun hareket etme.
- P.O. 10 :** Bölgesel dengesizlik, iklim değişikliği, kentleşme, küreselleşme, sürdürülebilirlik, göç, çevre sorunları gibi konuları geniş bir bakış açısı ile yorumlayabilme
- P.O. 11 :** Coğrafi konuları, sistematik bir yaklaşımla ele alma, araştırma ve sunma becerisi
- P.O. 12 :** Bireysel çalışma becerisi ve bağımsız karar verebilme yetisine sahip olarak fikirlerini sözlü ve yazılı ifade ederek iletişim kurabilme
- P.O. 13 :** Toplumsal sorumluluk ve mesleki etik bilinciyle yaşadığı sosyal çevre için mesleki proje ve etkinlikler planlayabilme ve uygulayabilme.
- L.O. 1 :** Uluslararası sistemi etkileyen temel çatışma noktalarının analizlerini yapar.
- L.O. 2 :** Coğrafyanın ülkelerin dış politikasına olan etkisini bilir.
- L.O. 3 :** Jeopolitik ve jeostratejik konularında kritik soruları ve sorunları analiz eder ve jeopolitik teorilerle açıklar.
- L.O. 4 :** Jeopolitik ve jeostratejik perspektifleri ve boyutları anlar
- L.O. 5 :** Temel jeopolitik teorileri açıklayabilir ve güncel uluslararası gelişmeleri bu teoriler ışığında analiz edebilir.