

## İndirilme Tarihi

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### IR107 - INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE - İktisadi ve İdari Bilimler Fakültesi - Uluslararası İlişkiler Bölümü

#### General Info

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##### Objectives of the Course

The aim of this course, which is mandatory for students majoring in International Relations, is to inform them about the basic concepts of political science and politics. In the light of this information, students will be able to better comprehend the political issues they encounter in daily life and will be able to comment on these issues in an informed way.

##### Course Contents

Definition and scope of politics and political science; political ideologies and the comparison of ideological traditions; the concept of the state, sovereignty and the transformation of the state; democracy, legitimacy and authority; the classification of political regimes in the modern world; representation, electoral systems and voting behaviour; political parties and party systems; interest groups and social movements; the place of constitutions, law and the judiciary in the political process; the structure and functions of executives and assemblies.

##### Recommended or Required Reading

Main textbook and lecture notes prepared by the lecturer (any additional lecture notes or material will be shared via UBYS system)<br />Main textbook: Andrew Heywood, Politics, 2022 Bloomsbury Academic (5th edition)

##### Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods

Lecture, Q&A, discussion and group work

##### Recommended Optional Programme Components

Students are expected to read the relevant chapters from the textbook before coming to class to enhance learning

##### Instructor's Assistants

Not applicable

##### Presentation Of Course

Face-to-face

##### Dersi Veren Öğretim Elemanları

Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Kivılcım Erkan

#### Program Outcomes

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1. Explains key concepts, ideologies and political regimes.
2. Analyses the structures and functions of the state and core political institutions.
3. Uses political science concepts to interpret current political issues.

| Order | PreparationInfo                                                                        | Laboratory TeachingMethods   | Theoretical                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Practise |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1     | Main textbook, Chapter 1: What is Politics?                                            | Lecture, Q&A, and discussion | What is Politics? How did Political Science originate? What does Political Science study? What is the relationship between Political Science and International Relations?                                                                                                                                                                  |          |
| 2     | Main textbook, Chapter 2: Political Ideas and Ideologies                               | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Political Ideas and Ideologies Classical ideologies: Liberalism, Conservatism, and Socialism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |          |
| 3     | Main textbook, Chapter 2: Political Ideas and Ideologies                               | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Political Ideas and Ideologies Other Ideological Traditions: Anarchism, Fascism, Feminism, Green Ideology, Cosmopolitanism, Religious Fundamentalism, and Populism                                                                                                                                                                         |          |
| 4     | Main textbook, Chapter 3: Politics and the State                                       | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Politics and the State: What is the state? How do different ideologies define and view the state? How has globalization affected the role of the state? What is the phenomenon of failed states?                                                                                                                                           |          |
| 5     | Main textbook, Chapter 4: Democracy and Legitimacy                                     | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Democracy and Legitimacy: What is democracy? What are the differences between direct democracy and representative democracy? What is the concept of authority? What is legitimacy? What are the views that support and criticize democracy?                                                                                                |          |
| 6     | Main textbook, Chapter 5: Regimes of the Modern World                                  | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Modern World Regimes: What is the concept of political regime? What are the different classifications related to political regimes? What are authoritarian regimes and totalitarianism? What are some examples of different types of regimes today?                                                                                        |          |
| 7     | Main textbook, Chapters 1-5                                                            | Q&A and discussion           | Recap and Q&A before the Midterm exam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |          |
| 8     | Main textbook, Chapters 1-5                                                            |                              | Mid-term Exam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |          |
| 9     | Main textbook, Chapters 1-5                                                            | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Midterm feedback: analysis of common errors and consolidation of the key concepts from Chapters 1-5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |          |
| 10    | Main textbook, Chapter 10: Representation, Elections and Voting                        | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Representation, Elections, and Voting: What are the different theories of representation? Electoral systems (what are the strengths and weaknesses of majority and proportional systems?) What factors determine individuals' voting behavior?                                                                                             |          |
| 11    | Main textbook, Chapter 11: Parties and Party Systems                                   | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Political Parties and Party Systems: What are the types of political parties? What are the functions of political parties? What are the different party systems?                                                                                                                                                                           |          |
| 12    | Main textbook, Chapter 12: Groups, Interests and Movements                             | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Groups, Interests, and Movements: Groups and group politics, do interest groups strengthen democracy? Social movements                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |          |
| 13    | Main textbook, Chapter 13: Constitutions, Law and Judges                               | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Constitutions, Law and Judges: What is a constitution and what purpose does it serve? How do codified and uncoded constitutions differ? What does the rule of law mean? How is judicial independence protected? Do judges make policy?                                                                                                     |          |
| 14    | Main textbook, Chapter 14: Political Executives and Leadership; Chapter 15: Assemblies | Lecture, Q&A and discussion  | Political Executives and Leadership; Assemblies: The executive branch (presidential system and parliamentary system), functions of the executive branch, leadership theories and leadership styles; the role of the legislative body, its influence in the political process in presidential, semi-presidential, and parliamentary systems |          |
| 15    | Main textbook, Chapters 10-15                                                          | Q&A and discussion           | Recap and review before the end-term exam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |          |

Workload

| Activities                    | Number | PLEASE SELECT TWO DISTINCT LANGUAGES |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Vize                          | 1      | 1,00                                 |
| Final                         | 1      | 1,00                                 |
| Derse Katılım                 | 14     | 3,00                                 |
| Ders Öncesi Bireysel Çalışma  | 14     | 3,00                                 |
| Ders Sonrası Bireysel Çalışma | 14     | 2,00                                 |
| Ara Sınav Hazırlık            | 1      | 18,00                                |
| Final Sınavı Hazırlık         | 1      | 18,00                                |

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 | P.O. 14 | P.O. 15 | P.O. 16 | P.O. 17 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>L.O. 1</b> | 3      |        | 4      | 5      |        |        |        |        |        | 4       | 0       |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>L.O. 2</b> | 0      | 4      | 3      | 5      |        |        |        |        |        | 4       | 0       |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>L.O. 3</b> | 0      |        | 0      | 5      |        | 5      |        |        |        | 3       | 0       |         |         |         |         |         |         |

Table :

- P.O. 1 :** To be able to explain the concepts/theories of International Relations.
- P.O. 2 :** To be able to discuss the political, social and economic causes and results of the transformations experienced in a society or a government.
- P.O. 3 :** To be able to explain the research methods of International Relations.
- P.O. 4 :** To be able to interpret and evaluate the current issues.
- P.O. 5 :** To be able to establish effective communication, oral and written; at least one foreign language in general use at the level of the European language portfolio B1.
- P.O. 6 :** To be able to identify their own learning needs and direct the learning.
- P.O. 7 :** To be able to monitor developments using a foreign language at B1 level.
- P.O. 8 :** To be able to share their field thoughts with experts and non-experts on the responsibilities for the environment they live in and organize projects/activities accordingly.
- P.O. 9 :** To be able to have the awareness concerning the universality of social rights, social justice, and conservation of cultural values.
- P.O. 10 :** To be able to follow the developments and the information in the field.
- P.O. 11 :** To be able to develop a positive attitude towards lifelong learning.
- P.O. 12 :** To be able to use information and communication technologies and software at the minimum level of proficiency of Advanced European Computer Driving License.
- P.O. 13 :** To be able to abide by social, scientific, cultural, and ethical values regarding the collection, interpretation and propagation of data related to international relations.
- P.O. 14 :** To be able to use computer technologies for solving problems about his/her field
- P.O. 15 :** Develops his/her skills in art and sports.
- P.O. 16 :** Have detailed knowledge of geography and culture as well as the historical of Turkey and the world.
- P.O. 17 :** become skilful at maths, econometrics and statistics, making more effective decisions with econometric and statistical analysis. Furthermore, they are capable of predicting the outcomes of these decisions and interpreting the cause and effect relation.
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