

School of Communication / New Media and Communication Systems

2024 - 2025 Academic Year

INTRODUCTION to POLITICAL SCIENCE

Syllabus

Course Description					
Name	Code	Semester	T+A Hour	Credit	ECTS
INTRODUCTION to POLITICAL SCIENCE	YMİ1138090	Fall Semester	3+0	3	5
Prerequisites Courses					
Recommended Elective Courses					
Language of Instruction	Turkish				
Course Level	First Cycle (Bachelor's Degree)				
Course Type	Required				
Course Coordinator	Assist.Prof. Kevser Hülya YURDAKUL				
Name of Lecturer(s)	Assist.Prof. Kevser Hülya YURDAKUL				
Assistant(s)					
Aim	To provide information about the basic concepts and theories of political science as well as the functioning of basic institutions.				
Course Content	This course contains; Basic concepts of the political science,Political theories and ideologies,Structure of the State and Regime Types,Democratic Systems,Political Parties,Political Culture, Media and Public Opinion,Political Communication,Interest Groups and NGOs,Political Parties and Elections,Constitutional System: Parliaments,Executive Branch and Bureaucracies,Judicial Branch,Political Economy,Political Violence.				
Course Learning Outcomes			Teaching Methods	Assessment Methods	
1. discusses the scope of political science.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
1.1. defines the concept of politics.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
1.2. summarizes the development of political science discipline.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
2. summarizes the functions of the state.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
2.1. compares the theories explaining the role of the state.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
2.2. classifies states according to their structure and organization.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
3. discusses the basic concepts of political science.			10, 16, 23, 9	A	
3.1. develops a critical approach to the principles on which political ideologies are based.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
3.2. defines political theories.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
3.3. compares theories of democracy.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
4. explains the legislative-executive functions of the state.			10, 16, 19, 4, 9	A	
4.1. summarizes the functions of parliaments.			10, 16, 19, 4, 9	A	
4.2. compares the characteristics of government systems.			10, 16, 19, 4, 9	A	
5. interprets contemporary democratic systems.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
5.1. defines the phenomenon of election and the differences of electoral systems.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
5.2. compares political party systems.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
6. discusses the cultural dimensions of politics and the groups affecting politics.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
6.1. exemplifies of forms of political participation.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
6.2. interprets the factors affecting public opinion.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
6.3. explains the impact of pressure groups and non-governmental organizations on politics.			10, 16, 19, 9	A	
Teaching Methods	10: Discussion Method, 16: Question - Answer Technique, 19: Brainstorming Technique, 23: Concept Map Technique, 4: Inquiry-Based Learning, 9: Lecture Method				
Assessment Methods	A: Traditional Written Exam				
Lecture Schedule					
Sequence	Topics	Preliminary Preparation			
1	Basic concepts of the political science				
2	Political theories and ideologies	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
3	Structure of the State and Regime Types	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
4	Democratic Systems	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
5	Political Parties	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
6	Political Culture, Media and Public Opinion	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
7	Political Communication	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
8	Interest Groups and NGOs	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
9	Political Parties and Elections	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
10	Constitutional System: Parliaments	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
11	Executive Branch and Bureaucracies	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
12	Judicial Branch	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
13	Political Economy	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
14	Political Violence	Reading the relevant part of the given source			
Evaluation Methods		Weight(%)			
Midterm Exam		40			
General Exam		60			

Resources

Heywood, A. (2022) Siyaset, Ankara: Adres Yayınları.

Kapani, M. (2017) Politika Bilimine Giriş, Ankara: BB101 Yayınları.

Kışlalı, Ahmet T. (2018) Siyaset Bilimi, Ankara: İmge Kitabevi.

Roskin, Michael vd. (2022) Siyaset Bilimi, Ankara: Adres Yayınları.

Yayla, A. (2021) Siyaset Bilimi, Ankara: Adres Yayınları. newspapers, and additional articles as need arises.