

**School of Communication / Public Relations and Advertising (English)**

**2023 - 2024 Academic Year**

**INTRODUCTION to POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Syllabus**

<b>Course Description</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>T+A Hour</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
INTRODUCTION to POLITICAL SCIENCE	PR1138260	Fall Semester	3+0	3	5
<b>Prerequisites Courses</b>					
<b>Recommended Elective Courses</b>					
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English				
<b>Course Level</b>	First Cycle (Bachelor's Degree)				
<b>Course Type</b>	Required				
<b>Course Coordinator</b>	Prof.Dr. Ayşen AKYÜZ				
<b>Name of Lecturer(s)</b>	Assist.Prof. Okan AKMEHMET				
<b>Assistant(s)</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	This course is designed as an introduction to the discipline of Political Science. The course investigates fundamental issues, questions, ideas, concepts, actors and institutions of the field and warms up students who aim to understand the nature of politics. Students are expected to learn the role of politics in social, economic and political life, as well as how political science explains the society, economy and politics. They are also expected to adapt concepts, institutions, ideas, models and theories of political science to their analysis in their fields of study in a comparative perspective.				
<b>Course Content</b>	This course contains; Introduction and get to know each other,What is politics?,Political Ideas and Ideologies I,Political Ideas and Ideologies II,Politics and the state,Democracy and Legitimacy,Nations and nationalism,Politics, Society, and Identity,Political Culture and Media,Representation, Elections and Voting,Parties and Party Systems,Government, Systems, and Regimes,Globalization,General Evaluation and Discussion .				
<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>			<b>Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Assessment Methods</b>	
Discuss the main theories and concepts of political science in a historical context.			10, 13, 14, 16, 19, 23, 9	A	
Eplain the main functions of the state, and the relationships between state institutions.			10, 13, 14, 16, 19, 23, 9	A	
Discuss political elections, formation of political parties, state-citizen relationships, and different types of political regimes.			10, 14, 16, 19, 23, 9	A	
Develop analytical skills to understand modern politics			10, 13, 14, 16, 19, 23, 9	A	
Develop an understanding of modern politics by using basic theories and concept of political science.			10, 13, 14, 16, 19, 23, 9	A	
<b>Teaching Methods</b>	10: Discussion Method, 13: Case Study Method, 14: Self Study Method, 16: Question - Answer Technique, 19: Brainstorming Technique, 23: Concept Map Technique, 9: Lecture Method				
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	A: Traditional Written Exam				
<b>Lecture Schedule</b>					
<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Preliminary Preparation</b>			
1	Introduction and get to know each other	class participation			
2	What is politics?	Making weekly assigned readings			
3	Political Ideas and Ideologies I	Making weekly assigned readings			
4	Political Ideas and Ideologies II	Making weekly assigned readings			
5	Politics and the state	Making weekly assigned readings			
6	Democracy and Legitimacy	Making weekly assigned readings			
7	Nations and nationalism	Making weekly assigned readings			
8	Politics, Society, and Identity	Making weekly assigned readings			
9	Political Culture and Media	Making weekly assigned readings			
10	Representation, Elections and Voting	Making weekly assigned readings			
11	Parties and Party Systems	Making weekly assigned readings			
12	Government, Systems, and Regimes	Making weekly assigned readings			
13	Globalization	Making weekly assigned readings			
14	General Evaluation and Discussion	class participation			
<b>Evaluation Methods</b>		<b>Weight(%)</b>			
Midterm Exam		40			
General Exam		60			

<b>Resources</b>
Michael G. Roskin, Robert L. Cord, James A. Medeiros, Walter S. Jones, Political Science An Introduction (13th edition, global edition), Pearson, UK, 2014. Lecture notes