

School of Communication / Public Relations and Advertising

2023 - 2024 Academic Year

INTRODUCTION to POLITICAL SCIENCE

Syllabus

Course Description					
Name	Code	Semester	T+A Hour	Credit	ECTS
INTRODUCTION to POLITICAL SCIENCE	HR1138090	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. Ayşe ÇİÇEK				
Name of Lecturer(s)	Prof.Dr. Haluk ALKAN				
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				
3	Structure of the State and Regime Types				
4	Democratic Systems				
5	Political Parties				
6	Political Culture, Media and Public Opinion				
7	Political Communication				
8	Interest Groups and NGOs				
9	Political Parties and Elections				
10	Constitutional System: Parliaments				
11	Executive Branch and Bureaucracies				
12	Judicial Branch				
13	Political Economy				
14	Political Violence				
Evaluation Methods		Weight(%)			
Midterm Exam		40			
General Exam		60			

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Resources

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