

<b>Course Description</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>T+A Hour</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
RESEARCH METHODS in SOCIAL SCIENCES	INT2214738	Spring Semester	4+0	4	6
<b>Prerequisites Courses</b>					
<b>Recommended Elective Courses</b>	Regression Analysis, Math for Social Science, Qualitative Methods				
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English				
<b>Course Level</b>	First Cycle (Bachelor's Degree)				
<b>Course Type</b>	Required				
<b>Course Coordinator</b>	Assist.Prof. Osman Zeki GÖKÇE				
<b>Name of Lecturer(s)</b>	Assist.Prof. Osman Zeki GÖKÇE				
<b>Assistant(s)</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	In the field of Research Methods and Techniques, research topics, preparation of research plan, assumptions, observation, question/questionnaire/survey, data collection and evaluation methods and research report are major topics to be studied. These major issues and underlying theoretical context will be focuses. The most important goal of this course is to ensure that students will be equipped with a scientific research mentality and that they would gain knowledge and necessary tools with conceptual, methodological and procedural aspects in any kind of research. Two main approaches in social sciences, qualitative and quantitative research methods will be presented. Thus, students would have enough base knowledge under which different methods are used, how they are used and interpreted. STATA applications, one of the most widely used among ready-made packages, will also be included to provide application skills and competency.				
<b>Course Content</b>	This course contains; Introduction to Course,The Empirical Approach to Political Science,Beginning the Research Process: Identifying a Research Topic, Developing R.Q.s, Reviewing the Literature,The Building Blocks: Hypotheses, Concepts and Variables,Measurement in Research,Research Design,Sampling,Empirical Observation,Document Analysis,Survey Research & Interviewing,Data Collection: First Steps,Statistical Inference,Relationship btw two Variables,Multivariate Analysis.				
<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>			<b>Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Assessment Methods</b>	
1. Students grasp basic concepts in research methods and techniques			10, 16, 9	C, G	
2. Students gain the ability to prepare a research report			10, 9	C, G	
3. Students understand the logic of deriving hypotheses			10, 9	C, G	
4. Students gain practical knowledge of survey and interview techniques			10, 16, 9	C, G	
5. Students acquire skills in data collection and usage from a variety of sources e.g. internet and the library			10, 9	C, G	
<b>Teaching Methods</b>	10: Discussion Method, 16: Question - Answer Technique, 9: Lecture Method				
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	C: Multiple-Choice Exam, G: Quiz				
<b>Lecture Schedule</b>					
<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Preliminary Preparation</b>			
1	Introduction to Course	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
2	The Empirical Approach to Political Science	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
3	Beginning the Research Process: Identifying a Research Topic, Developing R.Q.s, Reviewing the Literature	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
4	The Building Blocks: Hypotheses, Concepts and Variables	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
5	Measurement in Research	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
6	Research Design	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
7	Sampling	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
8	Empirical Observation	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
9	Document Analysis	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
10	Survey Research & Interviewing	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
11	Data Collection: First Steps	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
12	Statistical Inference	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
13	Relationship btw two Variables	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
14	Multivariate Analysis	Regular weekly exercises from workbook			
<b>Evaluation Methods</b>		<b>Weight(%)</b>			
Midterm Exam		40			
General Exam		60			

<b>Resources</b>
<p>Required:</p> <p>1-) Political Science Research Methods, (2016). (8th edition); Janet Buttolph Johnson, H.T. Reynolds, Jason D. Mycoff</p> <p>2-) Working with Political Science Research Methods: Problems and Exercises, (2016). (4th edition); Jason D. Mycoff</p> <p>Suggested Reading:</p> <p>Optional:</p> <p>Investigating the Social World: The Process and Practice of Research, Russell K. Schutt, 2015, 8th Edition, Sage Press.</p> <p>Additionally:</p> <p>1-) Workbook</p> <p>2-) Daily Newspapers</p> <p>3-) Research Journals</p>