

COURSE CONTENTS

MUST COURSES:

PSI 101 International Relations I

Basic concepts of international relations; the concept of international order; actors of international relations such as states, sub-national groups, supra-national organizations and transnational forces.

PSI 102 International Relations II

Study of national interests and the instruments of foreign policy; diplomacy, economic influence, mass media and war; the role of international law and international organizations in the management of international relations.

SOC 102 Introduction to Sociology

Social thoughts expressed by philosophers; information on methods of sociological research and social institutions; concepts of social theory, community, authority, status; the sacred and alienation; economy and society.

LAW 101 Introduction to Law

Introduction to law; foundations and sources of law; legal systems; codification; classification of law and legal systems; national and international law; constitutional law; administrative law; personal relations, family law (of succession); legal entities; property and ownership; rights and liabilities.

LAW 102 Constitutional Law

Historical background of Turkish Constitutions; the 1982 Constitution; general provisions; the structure of the Republic; fundamental rights and duties, social and economic rights and duties, political rights and duties; legislative, executive and judicial powers.

PSI 103 Political Science I

Overview of political science and its sub-fields; basic concepts of political science such as state, power, authority and legitimacy; nature of politics; major institutions of politics; political processes.

PSI 104 Political Science II

Basic political ideologies such as liberalism, socialism, conservatism, feminism; legislature, executive and judiciary in democratic regimes; parliamentary and presidential systems of government; governance in democratic regimes; parties and party systems, public opinion, civil society, civil-military relations.

LAW 201 International Law I

The course deals with basic concepts of international law, nature and sources of international law, personality, statehood, recognition, jurisdiction, sovereignty, and diplomatic immunities.

LAW 202 International Law II

The course deals with the law of the sea, peaceful settlement of disputes, use of force, human rights, international criminal law and international environmental law. Moreover, major contemporary developments in international relations will be covered according to the rules of international law.

PSI 201 Diplomatic History I

Study of major political developments after Westphalia; the French Revolution and afterwards; important political events in the 19th century.

PSI 202 Diplomatic History II

Study of the major political events of in the 20th century; World War I and II and their implications; Cold War period; post-Cold War developments.

PSI 203 Turkish Politics I

The historical evolution of the Ottoman-Turkish political developments up to the establishment of the Turkish Republic with special emphasis on state-society relationships.

PSI 204 Turkish Politics II

The development of Turkish political system in the Republican period; political parties and socio-cultural dynamics of party system; basic political forces; multi-party experiment and problems of democracy.

PSI 205 History of Political Thought

The basic characteristics of political thought in Ancient Greek, medieval and early modern times; intensive study of the political philosophy of major political thinkers such as Plato, Aristoteles, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Marx.

PSI 207 Research Methods in Political Science

Quantitative and qualitative methods of social research; data collection techniques; measuring and interpreting data; theories, hypotheses and models; sampling techniques, preparation of questionnaire, general evaluation of the research results.

LAW 301 Turkish Civil Law

Aspects of civil law concerning private persons and relationships; beginning articles; law of persons (beginning and protection of personality); family law (engagement, marriage, divorce); areas of applications of code.

PSI 301 Turkish Foreign Policy I

Historical dynamics of Turkey's foreign policy orientations; interaction of domestic politics and foreign policy; Turkish foreign policy up to World War II.

PSI 302 Turkish Foreign Policy II

Foreign policy orientations of Turkey after the World War II; interaction of Turkish domestic politics and foreign policy; the role of major actors in the formulation and implementation of Turkish foreign policy.

PSI 303 International Relations Theory

Main paradigms in international political theory; early thinking about international relations and contemporary approaches; decision making and integration theories.

PSI 308 International Organizations

Detailed study of the nature and concept of international organizations; different types of international organizations and their basic characteristics; the role of the international organizations in modern world politics.

PSI 310 Political Theory

Historical evolution of political ideologies in different contexts; study of contemporary political ideologies such as liberalism, democratic theory, socialism, conservatism, fascism and feminism.

PSI 401 European Integration

The historical evolution of European integration; structure and organization of the European Union; issue of enlargement and Turkey's relations with the European Union.

PSI 403 American Politics and Foreign Policy

The dynamics of political institutions and processes of the federal government; the role of the interest groups, political parties and public opinion; foreign policy in the 20th century with special emphasis and its post-war emergence as the pre-eminent world power.

PSI 405 International Political Economy

Analysis of the three primary theoretical perspectives (realism, liberalism, Marxism) on international political economy (IPE), North-South relations, the post-communist

transition, international trade, the international monetary and financial systems and organizations, global financial crises. Multinational corporations (MNCs) and foreign direct investment (FDI) are also covered.

PSI 408 Politics in the Middle East

The course will cover mainly the Arab world, Israel and Iran. Historical and contemporary developments, major conflicts, peacemaking, nature of politics in the region together with the characteristics of state formation in key countries, opposition movements, and role of the religions will be discussed.

PSI 412 Political Sociology

Historical evolution of the modern state and society; relationships between state, society and politics; concepts of citizenship, political participation, political socialization and political culture.

PSI 436 Comparative Politics

This course aims at increasing students' awareness that there are many ways of regulating political affairs. It seeks to understand why different countries have developed different kinds of governments, political cultures, modes of political participation and political institutions.

ELECTIVES:

PSI 305 Comparative Foreign Policy Analysis

Theory of foreign policy making and implementation; comparative case studies of foreign policy analysis.

PSI 311 Comparative State and Democracy

Development of modern state and its impact on the advent of democracy in different countries; transitions to democracy; process of democratization and democratic consolidation in a comparative perspective.

PSI 313 Bureaucracy

Concept of bureaucracy; historical development of bureaucratic structures in a comparative perspective; interaction between bureaucracies and political forces in democratic regimes; politicization of bureaucracy and bureaucratization of politics.

PSI 314 Russian Politics and Foreign Policy

This course focuses on Russia's political structure, political culture and foreign policy. Before dealing with Russia, the students learn the political structure and foreign policy principles of the Soviet Union. The Mikhail Gorbachev's New Thinking, Glasnost and

Perestroika policies are discussed. Basic foreign policy principles of Boris Yeltsin and Vladimir Putin are examined.

PSI 317 Globalization and The Post-Modern Condition

After defining debates about modernity and modernism, post modernism, postindustrial society, globalization, and post Fordist society will be examined. Moreover contemporary postmodern developments in the society will be held by touching on different cases in daily life.

PSI 318 Geopolitics

The concept of geopolitics; why and how geopolitics matters; how it can be used to assess the capabilities of a state, a region, or a union of states.

PSI 319 Balkan Politics

Balkans in historical perspective; social and cultural dynamics of the Balkan politics with special reference to post Cold War developments.

PSI 321 Gender and Society

Introduction to basic concepts of sex and gender and theoretical analysis of gender; patriarchy, its forms and operations in different societies and cultures and its relations with class; social construction of gender; reflections and reproduction of gender in different social institutions and spheres of life; basic ideas of feminism; main goals and achievements of global and local movements of women.

PSI 322 Environmental Politics

Contemporary issues affecting the global environment; pollution, the deforestation, diminishing resources, energy conservation, alternative sources of energy, recycling; political dimensions of protection of environment.

PSI 324 Culture and Politics

Contending approaches to the concept of culture; cultural explanations of politics and its relevance; the role of culture in determining the political domain.

PSI 329 Cinema and Politics

This course looks at how past political events of the twentieth century are reflected in full-length films. Films are analyzed from the point of view of recreating past political history –what is included and what is excluded. The various points of view in re-telling the past are considered. The depiction of events in films are compared and contrasted to real events; and results are evaluated critically.

PSI 330 International Security

Definition of security and historical background of security studies; evolution of international security; theoretical approaches to international security; contemporary challenges to international security; understanding security institutions; solutions to international security problems; globalization and the future of security studies and international security.

PSI 400 Summer Practice

This is a non-credit course which aims to encourage students to gain practical experience.

PSI 406 Issues in World Politics

The course deals with ethnic, racial, religious conflicts and terrorism in different parts of the world. In the case studies, by the way of theoretical approaches, main conflicts will be examined in detail with possible resolutions and reconciliation processes

PSI 410 Euro-Asian Politics

Study of the historical and recent political developments in the Caucasus and Central Asia; implications of those developments for Turkish foreign policy.

PSI 414 Politics in the Developing World

The course mainly aims to handle cultural, political, economic structures and common features of the “Developing World” countries. In some selected case studies, main problematic issues, conflicts and common features of the states will be examined in detail with the help of Modernization and Dependency Theories

PSI 418 Turkey-EU Relations

Analysis of Turkey’s relations with the European Union since the establishment of relations in the 1960s. Motives of Turkey’s application, the nature of relations during the Cold War, the issues under Copenhagen Criteria, the economic dimension and implications of EU process, foreign policy issues, civil society and democratization, and future of the Turkey–EU relations.

PSI 421 Issues in Turkish Politics

This course deals with special issues, such as the question of secularism, media, military and problems of democratic consolidation, regarding the Turkish political system and Turkish politics.

PSI 422 Issues in Turkish Foreign Policy

This course is designed to provide an extensive view of the current issues in Turkish foreign policy (TFP). The students are required to pinpoint the priority topics of TFP in accordance with the agenda of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as to be

informed about the ways that those priority issues are being covered by the Turkish and foreign press. Therefore, while elaborating on the current issues, their media coverage is taken into consideration in addition to Turkey's official discourse.

PSI 424 Turkish Administrative System

Historical development of Turkish administrative system and its relationship with political system; major characteristics, institutions and functioning of the Turkish administrative system.

PSI 427 The Ottoman Empire in the 19th Century

This course attempts to analyze social, political and cultural developments in the Ottoman Empire in the 19th century. Questions such as how the Ottoman Empire perceived the changing new world and her place in it, how they adapted to changing circumstances, what the main direction of reform movement was, are discussed.

PSI 428 Selected Topics in History of Political Theory

This course is designed as a critical revision of and a sequence to the accumulation of the History of Political Thought. The students are required not to assess the readings and philosophers individually, but to posit their knowledge of political thought in a wider, unified context such as the "common experience of humanity." In order to emphasize the integrity of humanity, the course content includes Manicheanism and Islamic political thought as well.

PSI 430 Politics of Science and Technology

This course aims at providing students with a deeper understanding of science and technology policy mechanisms. In this context, this course furnishes basic theoretical management notions along with the techniques for assessing the effectiveness of the policies applied such as road mapping, forecasting, technology watch and technology lifecycle. It aims to enable students to analyze the policies applied in different countries and the role of different institutions which are active in the process.

PSI 499 Independent Study

The students who take this course carry out a research-based study under the supervision of a faculty member. First, they have to find a private company, a civil society organization or a media institution as the subject of their research. They should regularly visit that institution so as to get an idea of what it does, how it functions and what the basic difficulties it encounters are. If approved, they can also prepare feasibility reports for the chosen company. Students are supervised by the assigned faculty member at each step. At the end of the semester, students must prepare and orally present a report containing their findings and recommendations.