

**ISTINYE UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER**

**Introduction to Political Science | ECTS (3+0) 5**

Politics, Political Regimes and Ideologies, State Theory, Democracy and Models of Democracy, Nationalism, Representation and Election, Political Parties, Groups, Interests and Social Movements will be examined in the course.

**History of International Relations I | ECTS (3+0) 7**

Political, economic and social development at a global scale from the Renaissance to WWI will be introduced. The focus of the course initially will be on the transition of superiority from East to West within the framework, the Enlightenment, the Age of Discoveries and the role of colonization overseas. Subsequently, developments in Eastern Europe and Ottoman Empire, the issues related to French Revolution (1789-1815), European revolutions (1815-1848), Concert of Europe, Turkish-European Diplomatic Relations, will constitute the basis of the course.

**Introduction to International Relations | ECTS (3+0) 5**

In this course, principle concepts and research fields of the International Relations discipline such as power politics, foreign policy analysis, international conflict, regional integration, development strategies, environment policies, international (non) governmental organizations will be examined.

**Computer Literacy | ECTS (2+2) 5**

Email and IM Usage and Etiquette, Computer Security Basics, Mobile and Cloud Computing Basics, Google Apps and Services: Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive, Calendar, Keep, Scholar, Apple Apps and Services.

**2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER**

**History of International Relations II | ECTS (3+0) 7**

Building on what is introduced in History of International Relations I, in this course; developments from the end of the WWI to the contemporary era will be surveyed. Within this framework, the interwar period, WWII, bipolar world of the Cold War era, post-Cold War world and international relations after 9/11 will be the main subjects.

**Introduction to Law (2+0) 5**

In this course, the basic concepts of law, concept of law and principles of law, general principles of law, concepts of justice and equality, sources of law, emergence of law, functioning of law, regulatory character, legitimacy will be introduced.

### **Introduction to Economics | ECTS (3+0) 5**

A preparation course for Microeconomics and Macroeconomics course to come, introducing concepts such as; Supply and Demand, Market Equilibrium, Quotas and Price Ceilings, Market Power, Externalities and Property Rights, Information Economics and Adverse Selection, Benefit-Cost Analysis, Income Distribution and Labour Markets, Public Goods and Political Economy, Economic Growth in Long Run, Business Cycles, Income and Spending, Monetary Policy, Macroeconomic Policy, International Economy.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER**

#### **International Relations Theories | ECTS (3+0) 4**

In this course, primarily, historical development of international relations theories will be examined. Afterwards, first three “Great Debates” of the discipline will be examined before the examination of traditional theories.

#### **Geopolitics and Security | ECTS (2+0) 3**

This course will be handled under two sections and their mutual relations. Firstly, birth and development of traditional and modern theories of geopolitics will be analyzed. Subsequently, various approaches to security studies along with post-modern security theories and strategies will be treated in an issue-based way. Then, in light of these studies, existing links between these of sub-fields will be put forward.

#### **History of Turkish Modernization I | ECTS (3+0) 4**

In this course, modernization movements of the 19<sup>th</sup> century with specific references to Mahmud II (1808-1839) and Tanzimat Era will be covered in detail. The Ottoman introduction into the Concert of Europe, the emergence of constitutionalism, the Constitution of 1876, the period of Abdulhamid II (1876-1909) along with the ideas of Young Ottomans and the Young Turks will be discussed.

#### **History of Civilization | ECTS (3+0) 3**

In this course, studies will be focused on the civilizations that constituted the roots of modern era. In this context, we will focus on the geography where civilizations were born. Particular attention will be given to important civilizations such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, Rome, Greek.

### **4<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**

#### **Turkish Constitutional Law | ECTS (3+0) 4**

In this course, Ottoman-Turkish constitutional developments, Republic of Turkey’s basic constitutional principles, the state legislature, the structure of executive and judicial fields, the principles and criterium relating to the fundamental rights and individual freedom, 1876, 1921, 1924, 1961 and 1981 constitutions and amendments will be discussed in detail.

#### **History of Turkish Modernization II | ECTS (3+0) 5**

In this course, the July 1908 revolution of the Young Turks, the Second Constitutional Era, the Ottoman Empire during World War I, the intellectual roots of the Republican Reforms will be examined. Finally, the Turkish Independence War and the way to the foundation of the Turkish Republic will be discussed.

### **Post-Ottoman Middle East | ECTS (2+0) 3**

In this course, major developments and principle issues related to the Middle East in the period following the collapse of Ottoman Empire will be analyzed in a multi-dimensional manner. The position of regional actors during the Cold War, external intervention to the region and the regional developments in post-9/11 world will be examined in detail.

### **Caucasus and Central Asia in International Politics | ECTS (2+0) 2**

In this course, first point of interest will be examining the evolution of the position of Caucasus and Central Asia from 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Afterwards, emerging opportunities for the regional actors at international level will be discussed. Lastly, given the special ties between Turkey and Turkish states and Turkish political entities, Turkish regional policies since the collapse of the Soviet Union will constitute another point of focus.

## **5<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**

### **International Law I | ECTS (3+0) 5**

This course will be conducted in an introductory manner. Historical development, sources of international law will be examined through specific cases as well as principle documents, conventions, institutions and treaties that created this field of law and UN efforts to enlarge its scope.

### **History of Islamic Civilization | ECTS (2+0) 3**

This course aims to introduce student to the overarching questions that contemporary humanities scholarship on the pre-nineteenth century Islamic world has posed and broad answers to them while reflecting on why these questions – rather than others – have been salient. In that framework, development of Islamic Civilization from the emergence of the religion to modern era will be investigated. The civilizational context in which Islam has emerged, the structure and nature of Islamic empires and legacy of Turkish people in the formation of Islamic civilization will constitute the main subjects of the course.

### **History of Political Thought I | ECTS (3+0) 5**

In this course we will examine the chronological and thematic aspects of state, society and individual from ancient Greece to the French Revolution. In addition to these, the ideas of important philosophers will be discussed. The ancient Greek political philosophy, western notion of politics will be examined. Finally, the state and political thought of post-Machiavelli period the important political thinkers in Europe will be the main subject of this course.

### **Turkish Politics 1923-1980 | ECTS (3+0) 5**

The emergence of the Modern Turkey and the Atatürk reforms, attempts for multi-party politics, transition to multi-party system and the Democrat Party, the 1960 and 1980 coup d'états, 1971 military intervention and the post-1980 political and economic liberalization process will be the main topics of this course.

## **6<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**

### **Turkish Foreign Policy I | ECTS (3+0) 5**

The aim of the course is to analyze the formation, development and application of Turkish Foreign Policy. The course examines the process from mid-19<sup>th</sup> century to 1950 when multiparty politics

established in Turkey. Moreover, the fundamental principles of Turkish Foreign Policy in this period and the Turkish benevolent neutrality policy during World War II will be discussed further.

### **International Law II | ECTS (3+0) 5**

Based on what has been gained in International Law I, recent developments in international law such as humanitarian intervention, responsibility to protect (R2P), establishment and functioning of the institutions like ICC, ICJ, etc. The most recent well-known cases of international law will be investigated in detail as analytical tools.

### **Foreign Policy Analysis | ECTS (3+0) 5**

The study of foreign policy analysis is referred to as foreign policy analysis, and its focus is the intentions and actions of states aimed at the external world and the response of other actors to these actions.

### **Contemporary Turkish Politics | ECTS (3+0) 5**

The Turkish politics in the post-1980 period will be examined. In this context, students will be informed about Turkish politics and significant ruptures will be discussed. The general line of Turkish politics after 2000 will be studied with a particular focus on conservative politics.

## **7<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**

### **Turkish Foreign Policy II | ECTS (3+0) 5**

In this course, the development and change of Turkish foreign policy after 1950 will be discussed. The effects of the Cold War and the end of the bipolar world on the Turkish foreign policy will be discussed. The Republic of Turkey's membership to international and regional organizations, relations with European Union and with global powers will be discussed.

### **Russian Politics and Foreign Policy | ECTS (3+0) 3**

In the early weeks, foundations of Russian foreign policy will be explained in an historical perspective. Afterwards, Soviet international actions between 1917 and 1991 will be treated, and then, Russian vision of foreign policy from the collapse of the Soviet Union to the present will constitute the focal point of the course.

### **American Foreign Policy | ECTS (3+0) 3**

In the first half of the course, historical background and tradition of the U.S. foreign policy will be treated from her independence to 20<sup>th</sup> century. In that sense, four schools will be examined, namely, Jacksonianism, Wilsonianism, Jeffersonianism and Hamiltonianism. In the second half of the course, the evolution of American foreign policy from the WWI to the present will be handled through certain turning points, key incidents and main foreign policy doctrines.

### **International Organizations | ECTS (2+0) 4**

In this course, the role of international (governmental and nongovernmental) organizations (IOs) in global politics, with the extension to informal regimes such as rules and norms will be investigated. The focus will be on how IOs "institutionalize" cooperation at the international and supranational level, including their creation, internal dynamics, and their complicated relationship with state behavior in various issues. Subsequently, specific IOs on different fields such as politics, economy, environment, collective security etc. will be treated along with regional organizations like the EU, ASEAN, OAS etc.

## **8<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**

### **Contemporary World Politics | ECTS (3+0) 5**

With a wide-ranging focus, this course is intended to examine the world politics by searching answers to various key questions. The causes of national and international conflicts and the conditions for peace, emergence of international terrorism, phenomenon of globalization and establishment and maintenance of international order and stability will be, in that sense, main topics of the course.

## **AREA ELECTIVE COURSES**

### **Administrative Law | ECTS (3+0) 5**

In this course, the sources of administrative law, the concept of state, the place of administrative law in public law, separation between centralization and decentralization will be examined. In addition, public service and public benefit, independent administrative organizations, administrative hierarchy, expropriation procedure and privatization procedure will be covered in the course.

### **Balkans and Eastern Europe in International Politics | ECTS (3+0) 5**

This course is intended to analyze political developments in the Balkans especially following the fall of the Berlin Wall. On the one hand, political crisis such as dissolution of Yugoslavia and Bosnian War and emergence of new states in the region will be examined. On the other hand, the eastward expansion of Western organizations such as NATO and EU, energy related issues and Russian approach to the region will constitute main framework of the course.

### **Basic Principles of the European Union | ECTS (3+0) 5**

Within the scope of this course, the formation process of the EU will be examined and the legal reasons for the foundation and the EU will be discussed. EU institutions, the European Convention on Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights, etc. will be covered in this course.

### **Civil Law | ECTS (3+0) 5**

During this course, the legal rights, the sources of civil law, the application of civil law in terms of place, time and meaning will be told. In addition, the course will also examine in detail the person and the concept of personality, the real and legal persons, the rights and the ability to act, protection of personality, name, residence and relationship, personal situation.

### **Conflict Management and Resolution | ECTS (3+0) 5**

The course focuses on the conflict resolution process, that is the process through which conflict parties move from violent interactions to durable peace. Particular attention is given to the challenges that the parties face in each stage of this process, from the initiation of negotiations, the reaching of a settlement and the cessation of hostilities to how peace is implemented. Specific focus is given both to actors who facilitate the crafting of peace and those who seek to spoil its successful implementation. The importance of regional conditions and the international community will be highlighted. Moreover, recent international peace-building peace-making efforts undertaken by UN will be analyzed in practical and theoretical frameworks.

### **Energy Law | ECTS (3+0) 5**

In this course, the historical development of the Turkish energy market and the administrative and legal structure of the Energy Market Regulatory Authority (Enerji Piyasası Düzenleme Kurumu) will be examined. Turkish energy legislation, energy contracts, energy generation, transmission, distribution

and retailing processes, application of competition law rules to the energy market, solutions of international energy markets and international disputes and taxation of energy will be discussed.

#### **European Union and Turkey Relations | ECTS (3+0) 5**

In this course, Turkey's interest to Europe and historical background of this interest will be explained. The historical perspective of the European Union and its emergence will be analyzed. Then relations between Turkey and EU, treaties will be examined. Finally, historical and current issue in this relation, Cyprus problem will be discussed.

#### **Human Rights Mechanisms | ECTS (3+0) 5**

The course provides an introduction to basic human rights philosophy, principles, instruments and institutions, and also an overview of current issues and debates in the field. Principle aim of the course is to explore certain dimension of the diverse complex body of international law of human rights that has both national and international application. In that sense, key developments and documents in this field as well as related mechanisms of regional and global organizations will be examined with special focus on ECHR and its decisions on the issues about Turkey.

#### **International Energy and Cyber Security Policy | ECTS (3+0) 5**

This course is intended to explore key aspects of related field such as classification of energy sources, oil politics, development of the use of alternative energy sources, nuclear energy and its risks, asymmetric war, fourth generation war, post-modern Threats and newly emerged cyber security policies and strategies in the global world.

#### **International Migration and Socio-Politic Effects | ECTS (3+0) 5**

The aim of the course is to analyze the different aspects of international migration and the integration of immigrants in the coming countries. In addition, migration theories, examination of different migration movements, labor migration, refugees and irregular migration, national and international migration management integration, migration socioeconomic and cultural dimensions will be examined.

#### **International Terrorism | ECTS (3+0) 5**

In this course, the concept of terrorism and the causes and consequences of international terrorism will be examined. The main aim of the course is to understand international terrorism and its effects on the countries.

#### **International Security and Intelligence | ECTS (3+0) 5**

In this course, firstly, the conceptual and theoretical infrastructure will be contacted to examine the main current issues and problems of international security, then current and future security issues and problems will be analyzed. Within the scope of regional security issues, we will discuss about Middle East security problems, international crises and international terrorism.

#### **Media and Politics | ECTS (3+0) 5**

The studies on the media, which is the most important mass communication tool of today's world, will be analyzed within this course. In this context, media critics, media theories, relations between media and politics, political journalism, Turkish press history and politics will be covered. The impact of the Internet on the media will be discussed.

#### **Modern Geopolitics and Eurasia | ECTS (3+0) 5**

After the disintegration of the USSR, the geopolitics of Eurasia's and international relations in the changing world order will be the focus of this course. Russia's strength and its impact on the modern Eurasian geopolitics will be discussed.

### **South America and Foreign Policy | ECTS (3+0) 5**

The politics of post-Decolonization in South America will be analyzed. The effects of the United States to be hegemonic power on South American states and the impact of military coups on the politics of the states will be discussed. Economic development and foreign policy will be the main subject of this course.