

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

1st SEMESTER

Computer Literacy | ECTS (2+2) 6

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.

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 Political Science | ECTS (3+0) 6

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.

Introduction to International Relations | ECTS (3+0) 6

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.

2nd SEMESTER

Fundamentals of Economic Theory | ECTS (3+0) 6

The 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 will be examined in the course.

History of International Relations 2 | 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 | ECTS (3+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.

Social Research Methods | ECTS (3+0) 5

This course aims to discuss the main approaches, data collections methods and core terminology in social science research methods. Ethical concerns in conducting research is also an essential element of the course.

3rd 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.

History of Turkish Politics 1 | ECTS (3+0) 5

This course is aimed to comprehend the outlines of Turkish political life and modernization process from the Ottoman Empire to the present in the context of political developments. The course's contents are political developments in the transition to the modern Republic of Turkey from the Ottoman Empire; Reform Movements; World War I; War of Independence; Establishment of the Republic.

Introduction to Geopolitics | ECTS (3+0) 5

The emergence and development of traditional and modern theories of geopolitics, various approaches to security studies along with post-modern security theories and strategies, existing links between these of sub-fields.

4th SEMESTER

Contemporary Turkish World | ECTS (3+0) 6

The aim of the course is to examine the political, cultural, economic and social characteristics of the contemporary Turkish world. The content of the course is Turkish states and communities in various geographies with all their common values and problems from past to present.

History of Turkish Politics 2 | ECTS (3+0) 5

The aims of the course are examination of Turkey's modernization process and understanding of developments, learning of the modernization eole, evaluation of the events in the modernization process in a cause-effect relationship. The course contents are Turkish Revolution in transition from empire to nation state; modernization efforts in the republican period; important dynamics in Turkish political life.

Post-Ottoman Middle East | ECTS (3+0) 7

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.

International Security and Intelligence | ECTS (3+0) 6

It is aimed that international relations students learn about international security and intelligence in all its aspects and form their own views on this important issue. In this course, intelligence, which is an important element of security, will be explained with its theoretical, conceptual and institutional features and its importance in international security will be emphasized.

5th SEMESTER

International Political Economy | ECTS (3+0) 4

This course will revolve around fundamental questions concerning the global functioning of the economy: How does globalization affect the economy and politics? What are the main issues and contemporary trends regarding the global economy? How is the agency of political actors shaped by global economic forces? This course aims to provide students with a basic familiarity with current theoretical and practical trends in IPE. Several issues –e.g. production, trade, finance, labor relations, development, technology, multinational corporations, and economic crises – will be addressed in the context of globalization.

History of Political Thought | 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

International Law | ECTS (3+0) 5

This Course aims to introduce the students to the basic concepts and rules of law with an emphasis on the Turkish legal system. The course contents are historical development, sources of international law, principle documents, conventions, institutions and treaties that created this field of law, UN efforts.

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.

6th SEMESTER

Contemporary Turkish Politics | ECTS (3+0) 6

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.

Diplomacy | ECTS (3+0) 6

This course offers an overview of the historical evolution and practice of contemporary diplomacy. It begins with analysis of what a modern diplomat currently does, both at home and abroad, set within the context of diplomatic history and theory. The normal practice of diplomacy and the various techniques of international negotiation will be addressed by using both historical and contemporary examples. It will familiarise students with the activities of a modern diplomat within a wider historical and theoretical context.

International Development | ECTS (3+0) 7

The course contents are key concepts and debates in international development, the history of development policies and practices, and the range of multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental organizations that are currently engaged in the field of development.

7th SEMESTER

International Organizations | ECTS (3+0) 5

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.

Turkish Foreign Policy | 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-19th 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.

Graduation Thesis 1 | ECTS (1+0) 5

This course is designed to help all of students move forward towards the goal of a successful thesis by crafting a project that is accepted by the faculty and completing a working draft of the their thesis document by the close of this semester.

8th 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.

Graduation Thesis 2 | ECTS (1+0) 5

This course includes students to write a successful thesis by preparing a project accepted by the faculty. At the end of the course, students are expected to present their thesis.

ELECTIVE COURSES

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.

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

In this course, Turkey's interest to Europe and historical back ground 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.

China and the World | ECTS (3+0) 5

This course aims to introduce students to contemporary China Studies. Where does China's prominence in global affairs stem from? How does the rise of China affect global affairs in geopolitical as well as economic and cultural terms? What are the key aspects of China's foreign policy and its future directions? At the end of the semester, students will have acquired a deeper understanding of these questions and issues. They will have explored the rise of China in several contexts ranging from modern history to political economy, ideology, international security, cultural industries, environmental politics, and development cooperation.

International Migration | ECTS (3+0) 5

To analyze the different aspects of international migration and the integration of immigrants in the coming countries, migration theories, examination of different migration movements, labor migration, refugees and irregular migration, national and international migration management integration, migration socioeconomic and cultural dimensions.

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.

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.

Public Diplomacy | ECTS (3+0) 5

The origins, purpose, methods and characteristics of public diplomacy, which is increasingly used in international relations today and is carried out for the target person, groups, institution, countries and public opinions in order to promote, reinforce and protect the national interests of the countries.

Power in International Relations | ECTS (3+0) 5

This course explores the different theoretical interpretations and historical evolution of the concept of power, which is one of the basic concepts in international relations. In addition, it deals with modern conceptual changes and developments, such as the use and measurement of power, soft power and smart power.

Turkish-German Relations | ECTS (3+0) 5

The aims of this course are examining the historical past between Turkey and Germany, providing the ability to imagine how the relations progressed in the EU process and the current situation. In this direction, the content of the course consists of political, economic and cultural intersections, collaborations and conflicts between Turkey and Germany.

Russian Politics and Foreign Policy | ECTS (3+0) 5

The foundations of Russian foreign policy in an historical perspective, Soviet international actions between 1917 and 1991, Russian vision of foreign policy from the collapse of the Soviet Union to the present.

American Foreign Policy | ECTS (3+0) 5

This course explores the theoretical foundations, historical background, important developments, and contemporary challenges of US foreign policy. The main objective is to provide students with principle conceptual and analytical tools to understand how US foreign policy outcomes, contemporary events, and international relations theory fit together for more than two centuries. Covering the period between the foundation of the country to the present, this course is also designed to develop students' capacity to explain the underlying logic and behavioral patterns that shape the US undertakings at the international level.

International Energy Politics | ECTS (3+0) 5

Energy issues have always been important in international relations, but in recent years may have become even more important than in the past due to the widespread awareness of existing limits to energy sources and negative climate impacts. The course examines global trends and developments in energy consumption and production, and provides the ability to evaluate the impact of renewable and non-renewable energy sources on policy to the students.

European Politics | ECTS (3+0) 5

In this course we will look at issues of central significance to Europe and the European Union. We will do so focusing on three interrelated perspectives. First, we will analyse a number of European countries paying special attention to fundamental political issues and debates that characterise the national life of contemporary Europe. Second, we will focus on the impact of the EU in relation to the Member States highlighting the degree of 'Europeanisation' of those fundamental issues. Third, we will examine the changing relation between national politics and European integration in a globalised world and the possible long-term impact this can have for the future of Europe.

Contemporary Asian Politics | ECTS (3+0) 5

This course examines historical, cultural, economic, social and geographic traits that distinguish Asia Region and shape its domestic political processes and interstate relations. The course provides the student an in-depth coverage of government and politics in contemporary Asia, and teaches the student to assess important factors that influence the development of social and political structures in Asia.

Contemporary African Politics | ECTS (3+0) 5

The core concepts that are useful for understanding contemporary African politics, including clientelism, ethnicity, and the nature of the state in Africa. Economic growth, political violence, ethnic politics, and various aspects of electoral politics in Africa, including electoral fraud, vote-buying, political behaviour, and electoral accountability.

Latin America and Foreign Policy | ECTS (3+0) 5

The politics of post-Decolonization in Latin 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.

Global Social Movements | ECTS (3+0) 5

This course is aimed at understanding contemporary social movements. The course is important because in recent decades dramatic social movements in different parts of the world have garnered

great attention and expressed widespread political desires and frustrations. Those social movements affected global politics totally. This course provides the ability to evaluate the cause and consequences of social movements globally.

Global Environmental Politics | ECTS (3+0) 5

Global climate change and environmental problems create an enormous challenge for the society, and a big challenge for the politics. This course introduces the essence, as well as the causes and effects of ecological crisis and environmental problems; historical and political background of the efforts to tackle these questions; essential concepts of environmental politics and political ecology; science and policy aspects of the environmental issues and exclusively of the global climate change.

Globalization and Inequality | ECTS (3+0) 5

This course introduces students to the relations among growth, inequality and globalization of economic markets, with a focus on implications for the developing world. The contents of the course are the world distribution of income (across and within countries); concepts of inequality; unequal opportunity and global market failures. This course provides display an understanding of globalization and its implications for everyday social reality, and identify problems and risks such as inequality introduced through processes of globalization.

Theories of War | ECTS (3+0) 5

This course explores some of the key theories that have shaped the study of conflict and the use of violence in the international as well as domestic arena. It invites students to ponder the sources, nature, and uses of various kinds of violence (organized or spontaneous; intended or unintended) in conflict settings around the world. Students will be encouraged to probe the validity of general assumptions underlying contending theories of violence, conflict, and war; to test their conclusions against evidence and lessons from relevant cases; and to assess the overall contribution of various theories to our quest to gain a better understanding of the nature and real impact of violence and social conflict for the purposes of effective conflict management.