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COMPULSORY COURSES

FIRST YEAR

ATA122 Atatürk İlkeleri ve İnkılap Tarihi II (lectures in Turkish via UZEM) 2 ECTS
The course discusses the principles of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk as well as the Turkish reformation process and early republican period.

ECON1008 Introduction to Economics II 4 ECTS
This is an introductory course about the principles of macroeconomics. Some of the course topics include national income accounting, consumption function, analysis of investment, theories of output determination, inflation, government policies and international trade.

HSS1022 Humanities II 5 ECTS
The course aims to provide students with an understanding of the selective themes that are necessary to grasp the main trends in world history. Some of these themes are Ancient Greece, Roman Empire, Medieval European civilization, Chinese civilization and Indian civilization.

LAW1076 Constitutional Law 3 ECTS
Subjects that are discussed in this course include the summary of the basic principles of constitutional law, constitution of the Republic of Turkey, individuals' relations with the state, and state structure, characteristics and organs (legislative, executive, judiciary) according to the Turkish constitution.

PSIR1002 Introduction to Political Science II 5 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to concepts, models, theories and classifications used in contemporary political science. It covers local, national, and international levels of political action and deals with topics such as the definition of politics, its methodology, classifications of modern political regimes, the role of state, impact of ideologies, media and social movements in politics, and different branches of the machinery of state.

SOC1052 Sociology II 5 ECTS
This course aims to provide the students with a sociological understanding of modern Turkish society and the causes, processes and consequences of social change in Turkey. The readings and class discussions emphasize social, cultural and economic transformations covering a wide range of topics such as nationalism, industrialization, urbanization, migration, gender and culture.

STAT1098 Statistics II 3 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the fundamentals of statistics. The main purpose of the course in this regard is to help students acquire the basic skills for statistical analysis in social sciences.

SWP100 Social Work Practices 1 ECTS
This is an applied course in which students are expected to voluntarily work for a number of hours each week for a social service institution in Turkey.

TRD122 Türk Dili II (lectured in Turkish via UZEM) 2 ECTS
This course aims to introduce the students to the Turkish language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).



SECOND YEAR

LAW2006 International Law II

5 ECTS

The course topics include the law of the sea, the law of treaties, jurisdiction and competence of state, diplomatic relations and exemptions from national jurisdiction, treatment of aliens, protection of human rights, international disputes and procedures for their settlement, law of war and neutrality.

PSIR2000 Political Sociology

5 ECTS

Some of the topics to be discussed in this course include development of the state, theories of the state, nations and national integration, capitalism and democracy, civil society and the state, citizenship, collective action, globalization, transformations in political structures and practices, global social movements and global civil society.

PSIR2002 Political History II

5 ECTS

The course topics include the underlying causes of the World War I and its impact on the major powers, characteristics of the new international order between the two world wars and re-making of Europe, Wilsonian principles and the League of Nations, the Locarno period, the role of the United States, the Soviet Union and Japan in world politics, the Great Depression, the rise of fascism and the Axis powers, the appeasement policy and the developments leading to the Second World War.

PSIR2004 Political Theory II

5 ECTS

This course introduces the main issues of political theory with the help of earlier classics. A particular focus is placed on the development of the idea and institution of (modern) state. The development of political theory from Socrates to Machiavelli is discussed with a specific emphasis on the corresponding historical setting that shaped and determined the works and interests of these great political philosophers.

PSIR2006 Introduction to International Relations II

5 ECTS

This is an introductory course on international relations which aims to discuss the globalization of world politics. Some of the topics include the historical evolution of the discipline of international relations, main theories and primary issues such as security, war, peace, human rights, environmental issues, international organizations, regimes, etc.

THIRD YEAR

PSIR3004 International Politics II

5 ECTS

The course topics include the world during 1950s (Middle East, Eastern Europe, Berlin and Cuban Missile Crises), peaceful coexistence and the rise of multipolarity, détente era, from the Cold War to the decline and fall of the Soviet Bloc, post-Cold War world, problems of the Third World.

PSIR3006 International Organizations

5 ECTS

This course examines the historical evolution of international organizations (IOs) and their adaptation to changing circumstances at the global level. Within this framework, it discusses formal international organizations, treaty organizations and (European and non-European) regional organizations as well as international non-governmental organizations. It also explores and analyses a number of approaches in understanding international organizations.



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PSIR3012 Turkish Politics II

5 ECTS

The course aims to introduce the major political, social and economic developments in Turkey during the Republican period (from 1923 onwards). Political institutions, political parties, military's role and socioeconomic dynamics are some of the topics that are discussed in the course.

PSIR3016 Comparative Politics II

5 ECTS

Some of the topics that are discussed in this course include the historical context within which the nation states, democracies and authoritarian regimes have existed, political structures, institutions such as legislatures, governments and bureaucracies, constitutions, elections and referenda, federal and local government institutions and actors such as political parties, party systems, interest groups.

FOURTH YEAR

PSIR4014 Turkish Foreign Policy II

5 ECTS

This course aims to provide an overview of the challenges and opportunities Turkey has been facing in its foreign relations after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Students are expected to develop a general understanding of Turkey's post-Cold war foreign policy behavior in reference to major developments in world politics in the 1990s, 2000s and 2010s.

PSIR4022 Current International Issues II

5 ECTS

The course examines the global and regional security issues in the 21st century. Following a brief discussion on NATO and other security organizations, students are introduced to specific issues such as terrorism or nuclear armament. On the regional spectrum, lectures focus on various case studies, stretching from the Arab Spring to the Korean issue.

PSIR4050 Theories of International Relations II

5 ECTS

The course aims to provide the students with the basic knowledge about theoretical approaches to international relations other than the major mainstream schools of thought. The theoretical approaches that are discussed in detail include Marxist theories, constructivist theory, critical theory, post-modern approaches, feminist and environmental approaches, and Third World approaches to international relations.



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ELECTIVE COURSES

SECOND YEAR (one course to be chosen)

ECON2006 Macroeconomics

5 ECTS

The purpose of the course is to discuss the core short-run and medium-run models to explain the mechanisms of macroeconomics. The main topics that are tackled in the course include goods and money markets, IS-LM model, consumption, investment, employment, expectations, openness.

LAW2008 Administrative Law

5 ECTS

The course includes the description of the basic legal structure of the Turkish political administration and the rules, codes of conduct and legal bases in which the Turkish administration operates.

PSIR2052 International Political Economy II

5 ECTS

The course topics include theoretical approaches and issues of international political economy; realist/nationalist perspective of IPE, liberalist perspective of IPE, structuralist/Marxist perspective of IPE, revisions of Marxism, problem of co-operation and theory of regime, other structural approaches to IPE, historical evolution of IPE since 1870, recent evolution and contemporary issues in IPE.

PSIR2054 Social and Economic History of Turkey II

5 ECTS

This course focuses on the history of various social groups in the late Ottoman Empire and Republican Turkey. The history of small peasants, workers, urban poor groups, women, immigrants, ethnic groups and their relations to the state and the society in general are evaluated extensively. Students are expected to discuss alternative perspectives on the histories of various groups that have been largely ignored by or subjected to state-centric approaches.

YDA2054 German II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the German language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

YDAR2052 Arabic II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the Arabic language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

YDF2054 French II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the French language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

YDIS2052 Spanish II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the French language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).

YDRU2052 Russian II

5 ECTS

This course aims to introduce the students to the Russian language (basic grammar, reading and writing skills).



THIRD YEAR (two courses to be chosen)

LAW3028 Law of the Sea

5 ECTS

The course discusses the legal status of the seas such as internal waters, territorial waters, contiguous zones, exclusive economic zones, continental shelves and high seas.

PSIR3008 Comparative Environmental Policy

5 ECTS

The course aims to introduce policies and strategies that governments around the world have developed in responding to environmental change. It examines the evolution of environmental policy at various levels including the paradigms that inform distinct policy approaches, principles that guide policy formulation and implementation, instruments designed to attain policy goals, strategies developed to involve the public. Special emphasis is put on the evolution of environmental politics in Turkey.

PSIR3014 Politics and Society in Latin America

5 ECTS

The goal of this course is to provide the basis on which students become informed about the geopolitics of Latin America, the cultural and social forces that underlay Latin American societies and the political regimes that have characterized the region in modern history. The course provides an overview of some general characteristics of the region, and focuses on selected cases.

PSIR3018 Political Ideologies

5 ECTS

The course aims to introduce major political ideologies such as liberalism, socialism, nationalism and conservatism. At the end of the course, students are expected to acquire knowledge of these main ideologies as well as an ability to identify, compare and contrast the major ideas and propositions of each ideology.

PSIR3020 Citizenship and Migration

5 ECTS

The course seeks to offer contextualized analytical and empirical insights into the diversity, migration, citizenship and multiculturalism today. It takes a comparative and transnational perspective, aiming to explain how and why policies related to identity and group rights vary across countries and issue areas. Significant attention is given to the question of immigration and its impact on modern societies.

PSIR3022 Political Philosophy

5 ECTS

In this course, students are expected to operationalize the concepts of political theory in both thematic and chronological senses. Concepts such as the state, rights, freedom, justice and authority are discussed in the context of contemporary political problems. While discussing these problems, various philosophical approaches are also analyzed comparatively.

PSIR3024 Turkish-Greek Relations

5 ECTS

The goal of this course is to discuss the historical and sociological background of the ongoing geopolitical rivalry between Turkey and Greece in the Aegean region. After focusing on the interconnections between Turkish and Greek political cultures, the course discusses the relations between the two countries with regard to a number of regional and historical issues.

PSIR3026 Turkey-EU Relations

5 ECTS

The course topics include Turkey-EU relations within the framework of the road map set by Ankara Agreement, main dynamics of Turkish politics towards the EU during the preparatory and transitional stages, the attitude and arguments of the effective political actors in Turkey about EU, categorizing



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Turkish political history on EU affairs, examining the dynamics of transformation of Turkish politics over EU affairs, increasing role of non-governmental actors in Turkey-EU relations.

PSIR3030 Elections and Voting Behavior in Turkey

5 ECTS

The course discusses the key concepts and dynamics of voting behavior in Turkey. Some of the topics include political parties, electoral systems, electoral process, voter turnout and election results in the context of socio-economic conditions, ideologies, cleavages and issues.

PSIR3042 Current Issues in Turkish Politics II

5 ECTS

The topics that are tackled during the course are as follows: introduction to Turkish political culture, elections, governments and political parties, currents of political thought, the emergence of Turkish nationalism and identity, ethnic-minority problems, urbanization, women in politics, legislative-executive relations, civil society.

PSIR3052 Politics and Literature

5 ECTS

This course aims at understanding political modernization processes in Turkey since the late Ottoman period through literature. The books that are selected represent different periods of Turkish history (late Ottoman period, one-party period, 1950-60, 1960-80 and 1980-present).

PSIR3054 Religion and Politics

5 ECTS

This course examines the interaction between religion and politics from a comparative perspective. It explores and compares the role of religion in the shaping of domestic and global politics. The main objective of the course in this regard is to introduce the existing literature with a focus on certain religious actors, institutions and ideologies in policymaking, state-building, democratic politics, war and other political processes.

PSIR3060 Issues in the Middle East

5 ECTS

This elective course offers a historical and thematic approach to the understanding of the Middle East in world politics. The goal is to provide a comprehensive account of the causal relationship between the past and the present and the global-systemic and the regional-sub-systemic levels by revealing elements of continuity and change in the region.

PSIR3061 Political Geography II

5 ECTS

The aim of this course is to explore the relationship between geography and world politics by analyzing the evolution of the discipline of “geopolitics”. Apart from elaborating on the ideas of classical geopolitical theorists like Mackinder, Haushofer and Spykman as well as more contemporary writers like Fukuyama, Huntington and Brzezinski, the course also introduces critical geopolitics as a new way of thinking about the relationship between geography and politics in the post-Cold War period.

PSIR3096 Ottoman Social Life

5 ECTS

This course aims to provide a general overview of the social dynamics that influenced the political and economic developments in the Ottoman Empire especially in the 18-19th centuries.

PSIR 4027 Dynamics of Globalization

5 ECTS

The course subjects include economic and technological bases of the world economy, historical overview of the role of Information Technology as a transformative element of the world economy, economic, political and social impact of IT, main trends in the world economy, regionalization,



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integration, changes in the methods of production and distribution, long-term security implications of global integration.

YDAR3052 Arabic IV **5 ECTS**
This course aims to improve students' skills in Arabic language (basic grammar, reading and writing).

YDFR3052 French IV **5 ECTS**
This course aims to improve students' skills in French language (basic grammar, reading and writing).

YDIS3052 Spanish IV **5 ECTS**
This course aims to improve students' skills in Spanish language (basic grammar, reading and writing).

YDRU3052 Russian IV **5 ECTS**
This course aims to improve students' skills in Russian language (basic grammar, reading and writing).

FOURTH YEAR (three courses to be chosen)

LAW4030 European Law **5 ECTS**
The course subjects include a brief history of the European Communities and the European Union, community law, its sources and characteristics, decision-making procedures, basic doctrines of EU law, European Commission, EU Council, European Parliament, European Court of Justice, EU budget, external relations of the Union, the four basic freedoms, the legal framework of Turkish-EU relations.

PSIR4002 Conduct of Foreign Policy **5 ECTS**
This course aims to provide a theoretical-conceptual framework on foreign policy making and implementation processes. After providing a conceptual and theoretical framework in understanding the overall structure and the process of foreign policy decision making, it concentrates on how foreign policy decisions are implemented by utilizing political, psychological, economic and military techniques.

PSIR4016 Comparative Minority Issues **5 ECTS**
This course discusses the issue of minorities in liberal democracies in a comparative perspective. Different cases from different countries are discussed in order to elaborate on the contemporary problems faced by minority groups in various regions of the world.

PSIR4018 Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management **5 ECTS**
The course has three main sections. The first section deals with the sources and nature of conflict and aggression. The second section involves a discussion of the social-psychological dynamics of international relations such as perpetual processes and images, hidden assumptions and psychological processes that facilitate and retard escalation of conflict. In the third section, solutions and alternatives for diverting, reducing, deescalating and eliminating conflicts and war are discussed.

PSIR4024 Seminar on Southeast Europe II **5 ECTS**
The course aims to introduce the major political, economic and social developments in Southeast Europe during the 1990s and 2000s. Post-communism, Europeanization and regionalism are some of the key topics that are discussed in this course.



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PSIR4026 Democracy and Democratization

5 ECTS

The course discusses the following subjects: the concept of democracy, democratic transitions and their causes, consolidation of democracy, causes, affects and problems of the transition and consolidation processes, effects of political institutions, political economy, international forces, military relations, civil society and political culture. In addition, the future of democracies is also discussed with particular reference to Turkey as well as the Middle East in the post-Arab spring context.

PSIR4028 Gender Studies

5 ECTS

Gender is a code of difference, an indicator of power relations between sexes. This course focuses on gender as a socially constructed term, which should be taken into account in analyzing culture. Discussion of these points in the context of Turkish society is an additional focus of the course.

PSIR4030 European Idea and Turkey

5 ECTS

This course aims to analyze Turkey's position *vis-à-vis* Europe from ideational and cultural perspectives. Focusing on the evolution of Europe as an idea, the course tries to answer the question as to how Turkey's role has been perceived in the construction of the European identity over centuries.

PSIR4032 Introduction to Ottoman Turkish II

5 ECTS

This is an introductory course to the basic grammatical rules of the Ottoman Turkish language. It aims to help students in developing their ability to read simple Ottoman Turkish texts and acquire basic writing skills in this language.

PSIR4034 Political Economy of the Third World

5 ECTS

The objective of this course is to discuss the main concepts of political economy in relation to the problems that are common in underdeveloped countries especially in Latin America, South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

PSIR4036 Local Governments

5 ECTS

The course encompasses a number of intertwined topics: introduction to local government (definition and scope, main approaches, pertinent international documents); local authorities in Turkey (special provincial administrations, municipalities, village administrations, unions of municipalities and metropolitan municipal administrations), comparative local government systems and management of local authorities (participation, financial management, project management, environmental management).

PSIR4038 Politics of Global Finance

5 ECTS

This course seeks to discuss the theories and background of global political economy. Following the discussion of the basics of the credit, money and finance in the capitalist system, the main goal is to understand the reasons that have led to the 2008 global financial crisis.

PSIR4052 Security Studies

5 ECTS

The course is primarily built on the approach of the Copenhagen School to the concept of security. Therefore, the theory of securitization and a sectoral analysis of security form the basis of the course. Nevertheless, the works of other schools of thought are also examined in detail. Realist and liberalist approaches to security, critical security studies, constructivist security approaches and peace studies are all covered in this respect.



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PSIR4054 Youth and Politics

5 ECTS

The course discusses different conceptualizations of the category of youth and moves forward by looking into contesting theoretical approaches on young people's political participation. It also introduces cases of youth involvement in various political/social movements across the world with a particular emphasis on Turkey. In this regard, it aims to enable a vivid class discussion on contemporary youth demands and their political implications.

PSIR4064 Politics and Cinema

5 ECTS

In this course, the relationship between political science and documentary cinema is analyzed by watching sample movies and making comparisons and contrasts. The course also introduces the fundamentals of documentary cinema, interpreting documents and photographs, cinematographic factors and the use of camera and light.

PSIR4074 Racism and Anti-Racism

5 ECTS

This course discusses racism and anti-racism in a comparative perspective. Since the Second World War, racism is condemned at the highest levels of international organizations (UN, UNESCO, ILO) and a scientific concept of race is discredited. Yet concepts of race and/or ethnicity seem to organize more than ever social and political global order informing both racism and anti-racism movements and politics.

PSIR4078 Coercive Diplomacy

5 ECTS

This course provides an overview of the study and practice of foreign policy with a particular emphasis on the use of coercive power. It begins by briefly exploring what motivates foreign policy choices and the processes by which foreign policy decisions are made. The next section examines the way in which coercive power is conducted. In the second half of the course, the focus is placed on how and why states engage in coercive statecraft as well as the consequences of this process. Both the use of military coercion and economic sanctions are explored in depth.

PSIR 4092 Asia in World Politics

5 ECTS

The course includes extensive readings on the history of Asia-Pacific countries. Specific focus is placed on China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. Students are introduced to the social, economic and political issues which have shaped modern East Asia since the 16th century. Topics include Western imperialism, reform and modernization movements in Asia, Second World War and China's economic rise.

PSIR4094 History of Turkish-American Relations

The course starts with the understanding of the American political culture with a special emphasis on the philosophy of founding fathers, the war of independence and other turning points in the US history. After the introductory sessions seeking to prepare students to the analysis of bilateral relations, the course aims to analyze historical cornerstones and critical personalities in Turkish-American relations from the late Ottoman period to nowadays. It also aims to reveal elements of continuity and change in this long relationship while seeking to make particularly the Turkish academia specialized in the field familiar to the students.

YDIS4052 Spanish VI

This course aims to improve students' skills in Spanish language (basic grammar, reading and writing).