

**ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
COURSE SYLLABUS**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Course Type</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>	<b>Prerequisite Information</b>	<b>Date of Preparation</b>
PSPA423	Modernity and Its Critics	Compulsory/ Elective	6	None	27.10.2025
<b>Instructor of the Course &amp; E-Mail Address</b>	Başak Akar Özer : bakar@aybu.edu.tr				
<b>Office Hours &amp; Office Room</b>	Wednesdays, Thursdays 9.30-12.00				
<b>Course Content and Objectives</b>	The objective of this course is to introduce students to the contradictions about modernity/modern society in political theory while acknowledging the basic discussions through the core concepts such as modern, contemporary, modernization. Particular attention will be paid to the conceptual basis of modernity, the experiences of modern life through the change in perception of time and space, related theories, as well as critics of modernity.				
<b>Textbook(s)</b>	<p>Bauman, Z. (2006) Liquid Modernity, Polity Press, Cambridge</p> <p>Bennett, J. (2013) Modernity and its Critics in the Oxford Handbook of Political Science, (ed.Goodin R.E), DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199604456.013.0006</p> <p>Berman, M. (1988) All That Solid Melts Into the Air, Penguin, New York</p> <p>Durkheim, E. (2013) Division of Labor in Society</p> <p>Giddens, A. (1996) The Consequences of Modernity, Blackwell, Oxford</p> <p>Scruton, R. (1982) A Dictionary of Political Thought</p> <p>Taylor, C. (1998) "Two Theories of Modernity" in Alternative Modernities (ed. By Gaonkar D.P.)</p> <p>Weber, M. (2005) The Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism, "Asceticism and the Spirit of Capitalism", Routledge, London and New York</p> <p>Tanpınar, A.H. "Time Regulation Institute"</p>				
<b>Teaching Methods and Techniques</b>	This class is a reading intense class, however readings are supported by cultural materials and visuals.				
<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>	1	Following up the national and international literature and events			
	2	Being able to interpret the thoughts and actions of the leading people and the institutions, bringing a theoretical framework on the narratives of such sources			
	3	Using minimum B1 level of English to communicate with the colleagues in theoretical discussions			
	4	Building a common language with various disciplines of social sciences such as communication studies and sociology.			
	5	Reinforcing occupational and ethical conscious through learning historical and cultural examples			
	6	Helping students build a culturally rich, creative world with a critical stance towards modernity with the help of critical readings and visuals			
	7	Comprehension of the main concepts and theories in political science and social sciences			
<b>Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course</b>	<b>Program Outcomes (PO)</b>				
	P1	To thoroughly understand and explain the concepts and theories of Political and Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Legal Sciences, Urbanization, and Environmental Issues.			
	P2	To access and utilize advanced conceptual, theoretical, and empirical knowledge in the fields of Political and Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Legal Sciences, Urbanization, and Environmental Issues, based on current academic sources.			
	P3	To collect data, perform analyses, and make scientific evaluations using the research methods of Political Science and Public Administration.			

	P4	To interpret national and international current developments and generate solutions for political and social problems using acquired theoretical knowledge and analytical techniques.	
	P5	To have a strong command of public and private law legislation, follow changes in the law, interpret them, and apply them in practice.	
	P6	To keep track of theoretical and practical innovations in the fields of politics, administration, law, urbanization, and environmental issues at both national and international levels.	
	P7	To inform individuals and institutions working in the fields of politics, administration, law, urbanization, and environmental issues, and to convey ideas and proposed solutions to problems both orally and in writing, supported by quantitative and qualitative data.	
	P8	To follow academic developments in the field and communicate with colleagues using English at a B1 level (European Language Portfolio Global Scale, Level B1).	
	P9	To have basic knowledge of other relevant social science disciplines and be able to utilize this knowledge in the disciplines of political science and public administration.	
	P10	To get a sense of professional and scientific ethical responsibility.	
<b>Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction</b>	The students who complete this course can interpret and evaluate the break off of the modern societies from traditional societies, controversies of modern society and can think critically about contemporary political issues.		
<b>Topics Covered in the Course</b>	1. Week	What might be the main purpose to study on Modernity and Critics of the Modernity? Overview of the Course	
	2. Week	What is Modernity?	
	3. Week	Modernity and Society	
	4. Week	Critics of Modernity	
	5. Week	Modernity and Religion	
	6. Week	Alienation	
	7. Week	Division of Labour	
	8. Week	Midterm Week	
	9. Week	Urbanization and Modernity	
	10. Week	Culture and Modernity	
	11. Week	Modernization, Alternative Modernities	
	12. Week	Nationalism and Modernity	
	13. Week	Postfordism and the State	
	14. Week	Post-Industrial Society and Communication	
	15. Week	Concluding Remarks: A Discussion on "Time Regulation Institute"	
<b>Course Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>In-Term Studies</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Percentage %</b>
	Mid-terms	1	%40
	Quizzes		%
	Assignments		%
	Attendance		%
	Practice		%
	Project		%
	Final examination	1	%60
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Disability Policy</b>	If you have a documented disability (e.g., visual, hearing, or physical impairment, etc.) that may influence your performance in this course, it is recommended to meet with the Engelsiz AYBU ( <a href="https://aybu.edu.tr/engelsiz/content_list-327-yildirim-beyazit-universitesi-engelsiz-universite-birimi-yonergesi.html">https://aybu.edu.tr/engelsiz/content_list-327-yildirim-beyazit-universitesi-engelsiz-universite-birimi-yonergesi.html</a> ) to arrange for reasonable conditions (such as accommodation, etc.) to ensure an equitable opportunity to meet all the requirements of this course. You may also contact the local authority of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. You should communicate your needs to the course instructor as soon as possible to ensure that any course needs concerning exams, lecture materials, etc. are met.		

