

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

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	ECTS Credits	Prerequisite Information	Date of Preparation
PSPA215	POLITICAL THOUGHT I	Compulsory/ Elective	6	-	16.09.2026
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	ASSIST PROF ESİN KIVRAK KÖROĞLU esinkivrak@aybu.edu.tr				
Office Hours & Office Room	Thursday 13:30 16:30 B370				
Course Content and Objectives	The aim of this course is to examine the historical development of Western political thought from Ancient Greece to the Renaissance and Reformation, to analyze how fundamental political concepts such as justice, liberty, virtue, citizenship, political authority, law, and the state were conceptualized by classical thinkers, and to enable students to evaluate different traditions of political thought from a comparative and critical perspective within their historical contexts. This course examines the historical development of Western political thought from Ancient Greece to the Renaissance and Reformation. It covers the conceptions of nature, order, and human beings developed by the pre-Socratic philosophers; the political and ethical ideas of the Sophists and Socrates; Athenian democracy and the polis; Plato ` s and Aristotle ` s theories of the state, justice, citizenship, and the ideal political order; Hellenistic and Roman political thought; the approaches of St. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas to political authority, law, and religion; and the impact of the Renaissance and Reformation on political thought. The course also evaluates the fundamental concepts of Western political thought within their historical contexts and discusses the contribution of the classical tradition to the development of modern political theory.				
Textbook(s)	Tanenbaum, D. G., & Schultz, D. (2018). <i>Inventors of Ideas: An Introduction to Western Political Philosophy</i> (4th ed.). Cengage Learning. Ağaoğulları, M. A. (2011). <i>Sokrates ` ten Jakobenlere Batı ` da Siyasal Düşünceler</i> . İletişim Yayınları				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	The course will be conducted through lectures, question-and-answer sessions, discussions, text analysis, and the examination of classical political texts.				
Course Learning Outcomes	1	Analyzes the historical development of Western political thought from Ancient Greece to the Renaissance and Reformation			
	2	Evaluates the ideas of classical political thinkers on the state, justice, citizenship, law, and political authority within their historical contexts			
	3	Compares the traditions of Ancient, Hellenistic, Roman, and Medieval political thought with those of the Renaissance and Reformation			
	4	Interprets the relationship between the fundamental concepts of Western political thought and classical political text			
	5	Evaluates the contributions of classical political thought to the development of modern political theory			
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Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)				
	1	Siyaset bilimi, kamu yönetimi, hukuk ve kentleşme-çevre alanlarının temel kavram, kuram ve yaklaşımlarını tanımlar ve yorumlar.			
	2	Temel siyasal ideolojiler ile din, kimlik, milliyetçilik ve etnisite gibi toplumsal farklılık olgularının düşünsel temellerini karşılaştırır ve bunların siyaset ve topluma yansımalarını çözümler.			
	3	Türk siyasal hayatının tarihsel gelişimini, devlet-toplum ilişkilerini ve Türkiye'nin idari-anayasal yapısını analiz eder.			

	4	Toplumlar ve devletler arasındaki ilişkileri dünya tarihi bağlamında çözümler; ulusal, bölgesel ve küresel düzeydeki güncel gelişmeleri kuramsal bilgi temelinde değerlendirir.		
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction				
Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	MEETING AND INTRODUCTION		
	2. Week	THE BIRTH OF PHILOSOPHY AND NATURE PHILOSOPHERS		
	3. Week	SOCRATES		
	4. Week	PLATO		
	5. Week	ARISTOTLE		
	6. Week	ARISTOTLE		
	7. Week	HELLENISTIC PERIOD		
	8. Week	Midterm Week		
	9. Week	ROMAN POLITICAL THOUGHT		
	10. Week	CHRISTIANITY- FROM AUGUSTINE TO AQUINAS		
	11. Week	LUTHER AND CALVIN: RECONFIGURING AUTHORITY		
	12. Week	RENAISSANCE AND REFORM		
	13. Week	MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT-MACHIAVELLI		
	14. Week	EVALUATION		
	15. Week	Final Exam		
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies		Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms			%40
	Quizzes			%
	Assignments			%
	Attendance			%
	Practice			%
	Project			%
	Final examination			%60
	Total			100%
Disability Policy	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 (https://aybu.edu.tr/engelsiz/content_list-327-yildirim-beyazit-universitesi-engelsiz-universite-birimi-yonergesi.html) 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.			