

**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
PSPA101	Introduction to Politics I	Compulsory	5	-	01.09.2025
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Dr Muhterem Merve Altıntaş & mmaltintas@aybu.edu.tr				
Office Hours & Office Room	Thursday, 13.00 – 14.00; or by appointment & B370				
Course Content and Objectives	This course serves as an introduction to political science, familiarizing students with key concepts, ideologies, and forms of political participation. It offers a broad overview of the main areas of the discipline, from political theory and ideologies to institutions, participation, and representation.				
Textbook(s)	Heywood, A. (2021). Politics. Bloomsbury Publishing. (7th ed) Heywood, A. (2017). Political Ideologies: An Introduction. Bloomsbury Publishing. (6th ed) Heywood, A. (2015). Political Theory: An Introduction (5 th ed)				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	The course is primarily based on lectures, supported by class discussions to encourage active participation and critical thinking. Short quizzes are occasionally used to assess students' understanding of the weekly readings.				
Course Learning Outcomes	1	To gain familiarity with the basic concepts and theories of political science			
	2	To understand the main concepts, topics and approaches in political science			
	3	To gain critical knowledge and understanding of the concepts, issues and approaches of political science and demonstrate it in written and verbal form.			
	4	To develop critical reading, discussion, analysis, research and presentation skills			
	5	To attain the ability to use the tools and frameworks provided for looking at the debates surrounding us from different perspectives			
Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)				
	PO1	Understanding and explaining the concepts and theories of Politics and Social Sciences			
	PO2	Being able to reach and use advanced conceptual, theoretical and empirical knowledge in the light of current academic resources in Political and Social Sciences			
	PO3	Being able to collect data, analyze it and use it in scientific evaluation by using the research methods of Political Science and Public Administration			
	PO4	Being able to interpret national and international current developments by using theoretical knowledge and analytical techniques, and to be able to produce solutions to political and social problems			
	PO6	Being able to follow the theoretical and practical innovations in politics			
PO8	Being able to follow the academic developments related to discipline				
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction	Students will possess the knowledge of fundamental concepts, theories, and ideologies of political science, providing them with the essential knowledge and skills to understand political processes and contemporary debates.				
Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	Introduction to the Course			
	2. Week	Setting the Stage: What is Politics?			
	3. Week	Political Theory			
	4. Week	Liberalism			
	5. Week	Conservatism			
	6. Week	Socialism			
	7. Week	Nations and Nationalism			
	8. Week	Midterm Week			
	9. Week	Populism			
	10. Week	Feminism			

	11. Week	Other Ideologies: Anarchism and Fascism
	12. Week	What is Political Participation?
	13. Week	Representation, Elections and Voting
	14. Week	Political Parties and Party Systems
	15. Week	Review of the Course

Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms	1	40 %
	Quizzes	4	%
	Assignments		%
	Attendance		%
	Practice		%
	Project		%
	Final examination	1	60 %
	Total		100%

Disability Policy	<p>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.</p>
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