

**ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCES
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	ECTS Credits	Prerequisite Information	Date of Preparation
INRE 101	Introduction to World Politics	Compulsory	5	-	01.09.2025
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Asst. Prof. Cengiz Mert Bulut & cmbulut@aybu.edu.tr				
Office Hours & Office Room	Wednesday 11.30-12.45 & Thursday 11.30-12.45, B364				
Course Content and Objectives	In this course, we will cover a range of topics including history, theory, structures, processes, and international issues. The lecture will focus on theoretical approaches, actors, and institutions of world politics, as well as the latest developments in the field, such as Global Health.				
Textbook(s)	Baylis, J., Smith, S. and Owens, P. (eds.) (2023) The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to international relations. Oxford, United Kindom: Oxford University Press.				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	In this course, homework, class discussions, and reflection papers will used as teaching methods and techniques.				
Course Learning Outcomes	1	To critically analyze the main theories, actors, institutions, and global issues of world politics from a multidisciplinary perspective			
	2	To understand how external processes shape nation-states			
	3	To compose an academic essay at the bachelor's level on international political issues from various theoretical viewpoints.			
Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)				
	PO1	To be able to access and use advanced conceptual, theoretical and empirical information in the light of current academic resources in the discipline and branches of International Relations.			
	PO2	Ability to collect data, analyze, and make scientific evaluations using International Relations research methods			
	PO3	To be able to examine the theories of International Relations in depth and comparatively.			
	PO4	Using the theoretical foundations of International Relations, to be able to identify the fundamental problems of classical and contemporary international political phenomena and to make critical interpretations of them.			
	PO5	Gaining advanced knowledge about regional issues and problems through field studies			
	PO6	To be able to inform relevant persons or institutions on International Relations issues, to convey thoughts and solution suggestions for problems to experts and non-experts in written and verbal form, supported by quantitative and qualitative data.			
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction					

Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	Introduction: Academic Ethics and World Politics	
	2. Week	International Relations in a Global Era	
	3. Week	The Historical Context I (1648 – 1945)	
	4. Week	The Historical Context II (1945 – today)	
	5. Week	Theories of World Politics I: Liberalism and Realism	
	6. Week	Theories of World Politics II: Marxism and Constructivism	
	7. Week	Structures and Processes I: War and Security	
	8. Week	Midterm Week	
	9. Week	Structures and Processes II: Global Political Economy	
	10. Week	Structures and Processes III: International Organizations	
	11. Week	International Issues I: Global Health, Poverty and Development	
	12. Week	International Issues II: Weapons of Mass Destruction, Terrorism and Globalization	
	13. Week	International Issues III: Nationalism, national self-determination, and international relations	
	14. Week	Review Week	
	15. Week	Final Exam	
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms	1	30%
	Quizzes		%
	Assignments		%
	Attendance	1	20%
	Practice		%
	Project		%
	Final examination	1	50%
	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>		