

**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
PSPA305	Urban Policy	Compulsory	6	-	September 2025
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Assist. Prof. Hami Doruk KÖSE (hdkose@aybu.edu.tr)				
Office Hours & Office Room	Wednesday, 13.00-14.00, Office No: B357				
Course Content and Objectives	<p>The primary objective of this course is for students to gain a comprehensive understanding of urban politics and policy-making processes. Urban policies go beyond the physical structure of cities to address complex goals such as economic development, social equity, environmental sustainability, and civic participation. Throughout this course, students will be equipped with theoretical and analytical tools to understand the actors, institutions, and power dynamics that shape urban policy-making. They will also explore how urban policies vary across different political and economic systems, analyzing their diverse applications.</p> <p>We will analyze Türkiye's urbanization experience, giving students the opportunity to compare it with global trends and policies. By integrating spatial, economic, social, and environmental perspectives, students will learn to analyze the complexities of cities and evaluate the impacts of various policies. By the end of the course, students will be better prepared to become effective policymakers and apply their knowledge in real-world scenarios.</p>				
Textbook(s)	<p>Dunleavy, P. (1980). <i>Urban political analysis: The politics of collective consumption</i>. The Macmillan Press.</p> <p>Dye, T. R. (2016). <i>Understanding public policy</i> (15th ed.). Pearson.</p> <p>Gottdiener, M., & Hutchison, R. (2011). <i>The new urban sociology</i>. Westview Press.</p> <p>Ham, C., & Hill, M. (1984). <i>The policy process in the modern capitalist state</i>. Wheatsheaf Books.</p> <p>Hogwood, B. W., & Gunn, L. A. (1984). <i>Policy analysis for the real world</i> (pp. 12–32). Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Keleş, R. (2012b). <i>Kentleşme politikası</i> [Urbanization policy] (12th ed.). İmge Kitabevi.</p> <p>Pal, L. A. (1989). <i>Public policy analysis: An introduction</i>. Nelson Canada.</p> <p>Şengül, H. T. (1998). <i>Hegemony and urban space: The case of the Turkish capital Ankara</i> [Doctoral thesis, University of Kent].</p> <p>Vogel R. K. (Ed.). (2024). <i>Handbook of urban politics and policy</i>. Edward Elgar Publishing.</p>				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	Lecture, Question-Answer, brief in-class discussions				
Course Learning Outcomes	1	Distinguish and explain the core concepts and major approaches in the urban policy field and articulate their interrelationships.			
	2	Apply policy process frameworks (actor–institution–ideas) to a concrete urban case and develop a causal account.			
	3	Use Türkiye's urbanization periodization to analyze the evolution of policy instruments and implications for central–local relations.			
	4	Produce a 1,500–2,000-word policy memo including problem definition, criteria, alternatives, and impact/equity analysis.			
	5	Critically evaluate official statistics, legislation and scholarly literature to craft evidence-based and feasible recommendations.			
	6	Diagram the institutional/organizational architecture of urban policy planning and debate scale, coordination and accountability tensions via a case.			
	7	Design context-sensitive urban policy proposals that embed sustainability, inclusion and climate resilience principles.			
	8	Communicate findings effectively in written and oral forms with appropriate visuals, adhering to academic ethics.			

Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)	
	P01	Understanding and explaining the concepts and theories of Politics and Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Law Sciences, Urbanization and Environment Problems
	P02	To be able to reach and use advanced conceptual, theoretical and empirical knowledge in the light of current academic resources in Political and Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Law Sciences, Urbanization
	P03	To be able to collect data, analyze it and use it in scientific evaluation by using the research methods of Political Science and Public Administration
	P04	To be 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
	P05	To be able to follow and interpret the legislative amendments and to apply them to the public and private legislation
	P06	To be able to follow the theoretical and practical innovations in the areas of politics, administration, law, urbanization and environmental problems at national and international level
	P07	To be able to inform the people and institutions working in the fields of politics, administration, law, urbanization and environmental problems, to be able to transmit suggestions of solutions to problems in writing
	P08	To follow the academic developments related to discipline by using the English language at level B1 ("European Language Portfolio Global Scale", Level B1) and to communicate with colleagues
	P09	To possess foundational knowledge of other relevant social science disciplines and to apply it within the field of Political Science and Public Administration.
	P10	To have an awareness of professional and scientific ethical responsibility.
P11	To be educated as individuals who can contribute to societal development, are reliable and creative, and approach situations and events objectively and critically.	
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction	The course provides the theory and analytic skills needed to understand the actors, institutions, and power structures behind urban policy.	
Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	Introduction: Main problematic and the concepts to be introduced. Course outline to be discussed.
	2. Week	Public policy and public policy analysis.
	3. Week	Theories of public policy process, institutions, and ideas.
	4. Week	City and urbanization in different political-economic systems
	5. Week	Urban theories
	6. Week	<i>No class due to the Republic Day holiday</i>
	7. Week	Theorizing urban policy-1: (1) "Urban" as a policy instrument (2) "Urban" as the context of policy-making (3) "Urban" as the site of policy-making
	8. Week	Midterm Week
	9. Week	Urban policy planning: (1) Spatial nature and scope (2) Content and priorities of urban policy planning (3) Institutional and organizational framework of urban policy planning
	10. Week	The urbanization process in Türkiye I
	11. Week	The urbanization process in Türkiye II
	12. Week	Key urban policy fields - 1: • Economic development, social equity and inclusion
	13. Week	Key urban policy fields - 2: • Physical development and housing
	14. Week	Key urban policy fields - 3: • Transportation and mobility • Environmental sustainability
	15. Week	A key urban policy field - 3:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban health • Age friendly cities 	
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms	1	%40
	Quizzes		%
	Assignments		%
	Attendance	1	%10
	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>		