

**ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF .....**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	ECTS Credits	Prerequisite Information	Date of Preparation
PSPA 301	Turkish Political Life	Compulsory	6	-	30.10.2025
<b>Instructor of the Course &amp; E-Mail Address</b>	Asst. Prof. Ayşe Ayten BAKACAK & ayseyaytenbakacak@aybu.edu.tr				
<b>Office Hours &amp; Office Room</b>	Monday, 12.00-14.00 / Thursday, 12.00-14.00, B370				
<b>Course Content and Objectives</b>	This course aims to provide the students with a general schema of Ottoman-Turkish modernization process in historical perspective. It will focus both on continuities and discontinuities of the Republic of Turkey with the Ottoman past. It aims to equip students with the knowledge of the social and political structures, party policies, foreign policy and political thought of the relevant period.				
<b>Textbook(s)</b>	Eric Jan Zürcher. Turkey: A Modern History (London, New York: I.B. Tauris, 1997) Feroz Ahmad. The Making of Modern Turkey (London, New York: Routledge, 1993)				
<b>Teaching Methods and Techniques</b>	In this course, class discussions will be used as teaching methods in order to familiarize students with the society and politics of the late Ottoman Empire and the early modern period of the Republic of Turkey.				
<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>	1	Improving analytical and critical thinking			
	2	Inclining research and investigation			
	3	Teaching systematic and logical thinking			
	4	Teaching fundamentals of Turkish Political life			
<b>Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course</b>	<b>Program Outcomes (PO)</b>				
	PO 1	To be able to gain and utilize advanced conceptual, theoretical and empirical knowledge based on up to date academic resources in the discipline of Political Science and its sub-fields			
	PO 4	To be able to interpret national and international current developments by using theoretical knowledge and analytical techniques			
	PO 6	To be able to transfer the historical information into a means of analysis for examining current issues in politics and social change.			
	PO 7	To be able to follow the academic developments related to discipline by using the English language at a minimum level of B1			
<b>Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction</b>	By the end of the course, the students are expected to have a general schema of Ottoman-Turkish modernization process in historical perspective. They will be able to notice both continuities and discontinuities of the Republic of Turkey with the Ottoman past. This course will equip students with the knowledge of the social and political structures, party policies, foreign policy and political thought of the relevant period.				

<b>Topics Covered in the Course</b>	1. Week	General introduction and review of the syllabus
	2. Week	Sultan Selim III and Sultan Mahmut II
	3. Week	Young Ottomans and the Era of Tanzimat
	4. Week	The First Constitutional Period
	5. Week	The Reign of Sultan Abdulhamid
	6. Week	The Second Constitutional Period and the First World War
	7. Week	Kemalist Revolutions and The Emergence of the One-Party State
	8. Week	Midterm Week
	9. Week	The Transition to Democracy
	10. Week	May 27 Coup D'etat
	11. Week	Political Life between 1965-1980
	12. Week	September 12 and the Period of Turgut Özal
	13. Week	1990s Onward: Civil Society, Democratization and February 28
	14. Week	2000s and the Early Years of JDP
	15. Week	Review of the course

<b>Course Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>In-Term Studies</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Percentage %</b>
	Mid-terms	1	% 40
	Quizzes	4	% 10
	Assignments	0	%
	Attendance		% 5
	Practice	0	%
	Project	0	%
	Final examination	1	% 45
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

**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-bevazit-universitesi-engelsiz-universite-birimi-yonergesi.html](https://aybu.edu.tr/engelsiz/content_list-327-yildirim-bevazit-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.