

**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
PSPA 107	Sociology	<u>Compulsory/</u> Elective	6	-	September 2026
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Asst. Prof. Melike Argıt (mgungor@aybu.edu.tr)				
Office Hours & Office Room	Wednesday, 12.30-13.30.				
Course Content and Objectives	This course introduces students to sociology as a discipline: its central questions, its major theoretical traditions, and the methods sociologists use to study social life. Students will learn to look at familiar social phenomena— family, work, inequality, cities, media, politics— through a sociological lens, distinguishing sociological explanation from common sense and from the explanatory frameworks of neighboring disciplines such as political science and economics. The course pays particular attention to how sociology helps make sense of contemporary transformations: rising social inequalities, globalization, urbanization, and the environmental crisis.				
Textbook(s)	-Anthony Giddens, Sociology, Polity Press, 6 th ed., UK, 2009. -John Mackionis, Sociology, Pearson, 2014. -Zygmunt Baumann, Thinking Sociologically, Wiley-Blackwell, 2019.				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	The course will be conducted with an interactive lecture and class discussions.				
Course Learning Outcomes	1. Explains the fundamental fields of study, theoretical approaches, and research methods of the discipline of sociology. 2. Explains concepts such as the relationship between culture and society, the socialization process, social stratification, global inequalities, and gender inequalities; analyzes social issues in these areas by referencing existing literature; and develops policy suggestions. 3. Defines the relationship of sociology with the discipline of political science; evaluates the common sets of concepts and theoretical perspectives; and analyzes the state-society relationship. 4. Defines the relationship of sociology with the discipline of economics; evaluates the common sets of concepts and theoretical perspectives; and analyzes the market-society relationship. 5. Explains concepts such as urbanization, environmental issues, and globalization; analyzes social issues in these areas by referencing existing literature; and develops policy suggestions.				
Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO) P1 Analyzes current and historical cases systematically using the fundamental concepts and theories of the discipline of International Relations. P2 Formulates research questions, selects appropriate methods, and conducts coherent analyses using methodologies in International Relations. P3 Evaluates contemporary issues in international politics through critical thinking; interprets actors’ interests, power relations, and policy outcomes within an analytical and theoretical framework. P4 Situates international events within their historical context; explains the development				

	of international politics by drawing on the dynamics of historical continuity and change. P5 Expresses academic and contemporary debates in the field of International Relations effectively, both orally and in writing, in English. P6 Analyzes the intersections between global political processes and other disciplines of the social sciences; integrates interdisciplinary approaches into the analysis of international relations. P7 Identifies complex international problems by taking into account their multidimensional nature and independently develops critical, analytical, and creative solutions to these problems. P8 Acts in accordance with the principles of academic integrity and demonstrates ethical awareness regarding research ethics, data use, citation practices, and professional responsibility. P9 Analyzes international phenomena in accordance with the principles of sustainability. P10 Designs an independent research project in the field of International Relations and conducts the stages of formulating a research question, reviewing the literature, selecting methods, and analyzing data in an integrated manner. P11 Produces clear, coherent, and professional oral and written reports on issues related to International Relations for relevant individuals or institutions, supported by reliable qualitative and quantitative data. P12 Contributes to social development by approaching institutions and events from an objective and critical perspective. P13 Contributes to common goals in diverse work environments, takes initiative, and participates in decision-making processes as a stakeholder.													
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction	Contribution of the Course to Field Construction													
	This course is one of the foundational courses of the International Relations programme. While the programme is primarily oriented toward states, institutions, and international politics, Introduction to Sociology equips students to understand the social fabric within which these actors are embedded — stratification, inequality, culture, urbanization, and the dynamics of globalization. By explicitly addressing sociology's relationship to political science and economics, the course builds students' interdisciplinary thinking and provides a solid conceptual foundation for the courses that follow in the programme.													
	Contribution Level: 1: Very Low 2: Low 3: Moderate 4: High 5: Very High CLO: Course Learning Outcome PLO: Programme Learning Outcome													
	CLO	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	P11	P12	
	A11	4	3	3	3	2	5	1	5	5	4	4	5	
	CL01	4	4	3	3	1	5	1	5	3	3	5	4	
	CL02	3	3	2	3	2	5	1	5	5	4	4	5	
	CL03	5	3	3	5	3	5	1	5	4	4	4	5	
CL04	5	3	3	2	3	5	1	5	4	4	4	5		
CL05	5	3	3	5	3	5	1	5	5	4	4	5		
Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week		Introduction and general overview of the course											
	2. Week		Sociology and sociological perspective											
	3. Week		Sosyolojik araştırma											
	4. Week		Modernity and Modern Life											
	5. Week		Society and Individual											
	6. Week		Family											
	7. Week		Gender											
	8. Week		Mid-term Exam											
	9. Week		Culture and Global Culture											

	10. Week	Cities and Urban Life		
	11. Week	Social Class and Stratification		
	12. Week	Race, Ethnicity and Migration		
	13. Week	Politics, Power, Authority and Social Movements		
	14. Week	Crime and Deviance		
	15. Week	Health and Medicine		
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %	
	Mid-terms		%30	
	Quizzes		%	
	Assignments		%	
	Attendance		%	
	Practice		%20	
	Project		%	
	Final examination		%50	
	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.			
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools Usage Policy	Assessment in this course is based solely on a midterm and a final exam; therefore, no assignments, projects, or papers are required. Students are welcome to use generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude) as supplementary "study assistants" to help understand course materials, review complex topics, and prepare for exams. However, since all examinations will be conducted in-class (proctored), the use of AI tools or any smart devices during exams is strictly prohibited and will be treated as a direct violation of academic integrity (cheating).			