

**ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION COURSE SYLLABUS**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Course Type</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>	<b>Prerequisite Information</b>	<b>Date of Preparation</b>
PSPA 401	Contemporary Political Ideologies	Compulsory	6	-	24.10.2025
<b>Instructor of the Course &amp; E-Mail Address</b>	Assoc. Prof. Mümin Köktaş & mkoktas@aybu.edu.tr				
<b>Office Hours &amp; Office Room</b>	Room B319 Monday 12:30-13:30 or by appointment via email				
<b>Course Content and Objectives</b>	<p>This course offers an introduction to the principal political ideologies prevalent in the contemporary global landscape. The fundamental objective of the course is to provide a comprehensive, systematic, comparative, and critical understanding of the concept of ideology and political ideologies in the history of modern political thought.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to identify and explain the core tenets of major contemporary political ideologies, analyse the impact of these ideologies on global and national political structures, critically evaluate political arguments from multiple ideological perspectives, and apply ideological concepts to current political events and debates.</p>				
<b>Textbook(s)</b>	Heywood, Andrew (2021), <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i> , 7th Edition, Red Globe Press				

**Teaching  
Methods and  
Techniques**

- Reading and discussion of the readings will be the centre of this course. Each student is expected to read the assigned weekly material, attend class regularly and participate in class discussions. Weekly attendance signatures will be taken for the course.

- There will be three quizzes in class. The date and time of these exams will not be announced in advance. Each quiz will account for 5% of the final grade. Quizzes will last no longer than 25 minutes and classes will continue as usual.

- Students may write movie reviews about the movies shown in the syllabus. Each review will be between 750-1400 words and worth 2 points. 7 movies in total will be watched. While working on your reviews, try to incorporate the concepts and discussions from the concepts of the relevant week as a foundation. Reviews shorter than 750 words will not be accepted and will receive a score of zero. In the calculation of word counts for reviews, only the word count within the main body of the assignment will be taken into account. Reviews will not be submitted individually. All reviews must be uploaded as a single document and in the order specified in the syllabus to the turnitin.com web address given below until 17.00 on 22 December 2025. Deadline is firm and no excuses will be accepted. For each review, if the similarity rate on Turnitin exceeds 15%, that review will not be evaluated and will receive a zero score. Turnitin also scans artificial intelligence applications. If the website produces a report in this context, this will be taken into account, and the review may be rejected. Similarity reports will not be accessible to students; therefore, utmost attention is required to ensure originality. The points from these reviews are added to the Final Exam score; the combined score is capped at 100. Bonus reviews are not a separate weighted component. If the student fails the final exam, the reviews included in the final exam grade will not be included in the make-up exam.

Please pay attention to making your assignments academic, meticulous, detailed, and satisfactory.

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Some of the recommended movies may contain sensitive or disturbing scenes (e.g., violence or political extremism). Viewing is voluntary and intended for academic discussion purposes only.

	<p>- The course syllabus will be shared with students via the AYBU OBS web site. Therefore, it is the responsibility of students to monitor and keep the relevant system up-to-date.</p> <p>- Apart from quizzes, you are required to take a mid-term and a final exam. In the mid-term exam, you will be responsible for the topics covered up until the midterm exam. For the final exam, you will be responsible for the entire content of the book and the topics covered in the class. The exams may be in the form of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, true/false and/or classical writing.</p> <p>- In the make-up exam to be held at the end of the semester, the responsibilities and exam format will be the same as the final exam.</p> <p>- It is strictly forbidden to take photos, audio, or video recordings in any way with any device in class meetings. - You are expected to abide by academic honesty and integrity in all assignments and responsibilities. - All documents and contents shared in this course are protected by copyright. For this reason, it is a legal obligation that you use them only as part of the course and not share them in any way.</p>	
<p><b>Course Learning Outcomes</b></p>	1	Explaining the fundamentals of Political Science and Public Administration
	2	Defining and explaining key concepts of classical and contemporary political ideologies
	3	Developing analytical and critical thinking
	4	Developing scientific reasoning, systematic and logical thinking
	5	Explaining the relationships among the social sciences
	6	Developing creativity and problem-solving
	7	Developing and applying research and inquiry skills
	8	Developing oral and written communication skills
	9	Applying theoretical knowledge in practice
<p><b>Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course</b></p>	<p><b>Program Outcomes (PO)</b></p>	
	P1	Understanding and explaining the concepts and theories of Politics and Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Law Sciences, Urbanization and Environment Problems
	P2	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
	P3	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
	P4	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
	P6	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
	P7	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
	P9	To possess foundational knowledge of other relevant social science disciplines and to apply it within the field of Political Science and Public Administration.

	P11	To be educated as individuals who can contribute to societal development, are reliable and creative, and approach situations and events objectively and critically.
<b>Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction</b>	The course deepens students' theoretical and practical understanding of contemporary political ideologies and enables them to apply ideological analysis to political, administrative, and social phenomena within the field of Political Science and Public Administration.	
<b>Topics Covered in the Course</b>	1. Week	<b>Class meeting, Introduction, Syllabus</b> No reading  You can test where you stand on the spectrum of political ideologies by visiting this site ( <a href="https://politicalcompass.org/test/en">https://politicalcompass.org/test/en</a> ). Enjoy!
	2. Week	<b>Understanding Political Ideologies</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Understanding Political Ideologies", Political Ideologies: An Introduction, 7th Edition, Red Globe Press
	3. Week	<b>Liberalism 1</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Liberalism", Political Ideologies: An Introduction, 7th Edition, Red Globe Press

	<p><b>Recommended movie 1:</b> Twelve Angry Men by Sidney Lumet</p>
4. Week	<p><b>Liberalism 2</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Liberalism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p>
5. Week	<p><b>Conservatism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Conservatism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p> <p><b>Recommended movie 2:</b> <i>The Remains of the Day</i> by James Ivory</p>
6. Week	<p><b>Socialism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Socialism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p> <p><b>Recommended movie 3:</b> <i>Das Leben Der Anderen (The Lives of Others)</i> by F. Henckel von Donnersmarck</p>
7. Week	<p><b>Anarchism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Anarchism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p> <p><b>Recommended movie 4:</b> <i>Fight Club</i> by David Fincher</p>
8. Week	Midterm Week
9. Week	<p><b>Nationalism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Nationalism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p>
10. Week	<p><b>Fascism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Fascism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p> <p><b>Recommended movie 5:</b> <i>Die Welle (The Wave)</i> by Dennis Gansel</p>
11. Week	<p><b>Populism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Populism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p>
12. Week	<p><b>Feminism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Feminism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p> <p><b>Recommended movie 6:</b> <i>Suffragette</i> by Sarah Gavron</p>
13. Week	<p><b>Ecologism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Ecologism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p> <p><b>Recommended movie 7:</b> <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i> by Davis Guggenheim</p>
14. Week	<p><b>Multiculturalism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Multiculturalism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p>

	15. Week	<p><b>Fundamentalism</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Fundamentalism", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p> <p><b>Why Political Ideologies Matter</b> Heywood, Andrew (2021), "Why Political Ideologies Matter", <i>Political Ideologies: An Introduction</i>, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Red Globe Press</p>
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Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms	1	%35
	Quizzes	3	%15
	Assignments		%
	Attendance		%
	Practice		%
	Project		%
	Final examination	1	%50
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Disability Policy</b>	<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 (<a href="https://aybu.edu.tr/engelsiz/content_list-327-yildirim-beyazit-universitesi-engelsiz-universite-birimi-yonergesi.html">https://aybu.edu.tr/engelsiz/content_list-327-yildirim-beyazit-universitesi-engelsiz-universite-birimi-yonergesi.html</a>) 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>		