

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					
PSPA107	Sociology	Compulsory	4	-	September 2026					
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Assist. Prof. Öykü ŞAFAK ÇUBUKÇU oykusafakcubukcu@aybu.edu.tr									
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Course Content and Objectives	The course covers the main fields and methods of the discipline of sociology; sociological theories; the relationship between sociology and disciplines such as political science and economics; and current issues of sociology. The objective is to ensure that students learn research topics and methods, understand the impact of political and economic areas on social life, and become familiar with studies in the field and develop analytical thinking skills through current concepts such as social inequalities, globalization, urbanization, and the environment.									
Textbook	Giddens A, Duneier M, Appelbaum R, Carr D (2018), Introduction to Sociology , Seagull 11 th edition, W. W. Norton & Company.									
Teaching Methods and Techniques	The lecturer will convey the main topics of sociology to the students in an interactive way; it is targeted to increase the students' mastery of the topics and questioning skills through active learning. Teaching techniques include lecturing, question-answer, and debate.									
Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)										
	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.								
Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes										
	CLO	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
	1	4	5	2	3	1	1	5	4	3
	2	5	5	2	3	2	1	5	2	5
	3	5	5	3	5	2	1	5	2	5
	4	5	3	2	2	5	1	5	2	5
5	5	5	3	4	3	1	5	5	5	
Contribution 1: very slight, 2: slight, 3: moderate, 4: significant, 5: very significant See program outcomes below.										

Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)		
	P01	Defines and interprets the core concepts, theories, and approaches of political science, public administration, law, and urbanization–environment.	
	P02	Compares the intellectual foundations of major political ideologies and of social-difference phenomena such as religion, identity, nationalism, and ethnicity, and analyzes their reflections on politics and society.	
	P03	Analyzes the historical development of Turkish political life, state–society relations, and Türkiye's administrative-constitutional structure.	
	P04	Analyzes relations among societies and states in the context of world history, and evaluates current developments at national, regional, and global levels on a theoretical basis.	
	P05	Defines the core concepts and principles of economics and public finance and explains the relationship between fiscal and economic policies and political-administrative decisions.	
	P06	Interprets public and private law legislation and transfers legislative change into administrative implementation processes.	
	P07	Uses quantitative and qualitative research methods to collect and analyze data and to make scientific inferences about political-administrative phenomena.	
	P08	Evaluates urbanization and environmental problems at local, national, and global scales and develops policy proposals to address them.	
	P09	Recognizes professional roles and employment fields in the public, private, and civil-society sectors and applies acquired knowledge to these fields with professional, scientific, and ethical responsibility.	
Weekly Schedule	Weeks	Topics	Reading Materials
	1. Week	Introduction: What is Sociology?	Chapter 1
	2. Week	Research Questions and Research Methods in Sociology	Chapter 2
	3. Week	Culture and Society	Chapter 3
	4. Week	Socialization	Chapter 4
	5. Week	Social Stratification	Chapter 8
	6. Week	Global Inequality	Chapter 9
	7. Week	Gender Inequality	Chapter 10
	8. Week	Midterm week (No lecture)	
	9. Week	Government	Chapter 13
	10. Week	Political Power and Social Movements	Chapter 13
	11. Week	Work and Economic Life	Chapter 14
	12. Week	Population and Urbanization	Chapter 19
	13. Week	Environment	Chapter 19
	14. Week	Globalization	Chapter 20
	15. Week	General Overview	No Reading
Course Evaluation Criteria	The student is expected to come to the lectures having read the textbook.		
	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms	1	%40
	Final examination	1	%60
Disability Policy	Total		
	100%		
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools Usage 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 relevant authority of the Faculty of Political 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).		