

**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	Compulsory	5	None	27.10.2025
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Başak Akar Özer ; bakar@aybu.edu.tr				
Office Hours & Office Room	Wednesdays, Thursdays 9.30-12.00.				
Course Content and Objectives	<p>Content and the Aim of the Course: This course aims to give students an overview and basic understanding of key concepts in Sociology. This course provides students practical guidance, techniques and real world examples of sociological perspectives. This course explores how sociology views the world, how the main concepts of sociology reflects in the real world examples. The course includes discussions of basic sociological concepts and it develops critical thinking and interpretation skills - In addition to gaining basic knowledge from basic sociological perspectives and prominent figures in these fields, it provides sociological imagination and teaches to ask sociological questions.</p> <p>Learning Objectives: An understanding of the basic concepts and the key aspects of sociology. An ability to comprehend the perspectives the field of sociology. An ability to ask sociological questions. An understanding of societal inequalities. An ability to relate sociology to various disciplines such as political science, economics, international relations. An ability to relate cultural products to the main concepts of sociology.</p>				
Textbook(s)	Giddens A, Duneier M, Appelbaum R, Carr D (2018), Introduction to Sociology, Seagull 11th edition, W. W. Norton & Company.				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	The teaching methods and techniques which are used in the course are, reading materials and class discussions materials.				
Course Learning Outcomes	1	To be able to follow academic developments in the field and communicate with colleagues using English at a B1 level (European Language Portfolio Global Scale, Level B1).			
	2	To be able to inform individuals and institutions working in the fields of politics, administration, law, urbanization, and environmental issues,			
	3	To have basic knowledge of other relevant social science disciplines and be able to utilize this knowledge in the disciplines of political science and public administration.			
	4	To possess a sense of professional and scientific ethical responsibility.			
	5	To convey one's ideas and proposed solutions to problems both in writing and orally, supported by quantitative and qualitative data.			
	6	To develop as individuals who can contribute to social development, and approach situations and events objectively and critically.			
	7	To be able to approach social and political situations and events objectively and critically.			
Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)				
	P7	To act in accordance with social, scientific, and professional ethical values in academic studies.			
	P8	To be able to discuss information, ideas, problems, and solutions clearly with both experts and non-experts; to inform relevant institutions and individuals in the field of public finance; and to present ideas and proposals for problem-solving both orally and in writing			
	P10	To achieve B1-level English proficiency and use English effectively in both oral and written communication.			

	P12	To design and conduct research that contributes to the policy-making and management process, encompassing processes such as data collection, data analysis, and data interpretation, and to perform these processes using software programs; to use financial and economic methods and quantitative techniques in the analysis and interpretation of financial, economic, and social problems.	
	P13	To be aware of and uphold social responsibilities, such as political rights and freedoms; and to be open-minded in working with individuals from different cultures and groups.	
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction	The students will learn the concepts, theories, and research methods of Sociology, understand the relation between society and other areas like politics and economy, and develop their analytical thinking skills through the examination of current developments from different perspectives.		
Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	Introduction to the Course. Why Sociology is important?	
	2. Week	What is Sociology? – Sociological imagination, scope, and relations with other disciplines	
	3. Week	Asking Sociological Questions – Research methods, qualitative/quantitative, ethics	
	4. Week	Culture and Society – Relativism vs. ethnocentrism, globalization, identity	
	5. Week	Socialization and the Life Course	
	6. Week	Stratification, Class, Inequality –mobility, poverty	
	7. Week	Stratification, Class, Inequality – Class and Social Stratification	
	8. Week	Midterm Week	
	9. Week	Gender Inequality	
	10. Week	Race Thinking and Racism	
	11. Week	Government, Political Power	
	12. Week	Social Movements	
	13. Week	Work and Economic Life	
	14. Week	Religion	
	15. Week	Course Evaluation & Discussions	
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms	1	% 40
	Quizzes		%
	Assignments		%
	Attendance		%
	Practice		%
	Project		%
	Final examination	1	% 60
	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.		