

ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF COURSE SYLLABUS					
Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	ECTS Credits	Prerequisite Information	Date of Preparation
PSPA301	Turkish Political Life	Compulsory	6		September 2026
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Prof.Dr.Aytaç YILDIZ (aytacyildiz@aybu.edu.tr)				
Office Hours & Office Room	Tuesday 10.00-12.00 and Thursday 09.00-10.00. Office B-318				
Course Content and Objectives	The aim of this course is to provide students with an analytical perspective on the political development of Turkey from Ottoman-Turkish modernization to the present day, the turning points in its political history, and the key actors and institutions of Turkish politics. The course aims to provide a historical and sociological understanding of the country's political dynamics through the lens of state-society relations, ideologies, party systems, civil-military relations, and constitutional developments in Turkey. The course will cover: Introducing students to the modernization steps in the Ottoman Empire between 1839-1922, constitutional developments, and the political structure of the Committee of Union and Progress era; Providing information about the establishment of the Republic, the practices of the single-party period, secularization processes, and statist policies; Providing information about the transition to a multi-party system after 1945, the Democratic Party era, and the institutional/political developments during this period; Analyzing the military interventions of the 1960s and the structure of constitutional institutions, and the political/social trends of the period.				
Textbook(s)	Erik J Zürcher, Turkey: A Modern History				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	The course will be conducted using a combination of lectures, case studies, and classroom discussions.				
Course Learning Outcomes	1	Student; learns the historical background of the transition process from the Ottoman Empire to the Republic.			
	2	...explains political parties and political ideologies in Turkey from a political science perspective.			
	3	...interprets the fundamental ideologies, concepts, and processes in Turkish political life.			
	4	...analyzes Turkish political life comprehensively, covering the years 1923, 1946, 1950, and 1960.			
	5	...critically re-evaluates Turkey's current political situation and political thought environment with the historical knowledge and experience gained.			
Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)				
	P1	Student; defines and interprets the fundamental concepts, theories, and approaches of political science, public administration, law, and urbanization-environment.			
	P2	...compares the intellectual foundations of basic political ideologies and phenomena of social difference such as religion, identity, nationalism, and ethnicity, and analyzes their reflections on politics and society.			
	P3	...analyzes the historical development of Turkish political life, state-society relations, and Türkiye's administrative-constitutional structure.			
	P4	...analyzes the relations between societies and states within the context of world history; evaluates current developments at the national, regional, and global levels based on theoretical knowledge.			

	P5	...defines the basic concepts and principles of economics and finance; explains the relationship between public finance and economic policies and political-administrative decisions.		
	P6	...interprets public and private law legislation and translates legislative changes into administrative application processes.		
	P7	...collects and analyzes data using quantitative and qualitative research methods and makes scientific inferences about political-administrative phenomena.		
	P8	...evaluates urbanization and environmental problems at local, national and global levels and develops policy recommendations for them.		
	P9	recognizes professional roles and employment areas in the public, private and civil society sectors; adapts the acquired knowledge to these areas with a sense of professional, scientific and ethical responsibility.		
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction				
Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	Introduction		
	2. Week	The Political and Social Outlook of the Late Ottoman Empire-1		
	3. Week	The Political and Social Outlook of the Late Ottoman Empire-2		
	4. Week	The Birth of the Republic: Political and Social Developments-1		
	5. Week	The Birth of the Republic: Political and Social Developments-2		
	6. Week	State and Ideology: Kemalism-1		
	7. Week	State and Ideology: Kemalism-2		
	8. Week	Midterm Week		
	9. Week	Political Life During the Second World War		
	10. Week	Transition to Multi-Party Life and Establishment of Democrat Party		
	11. Week	Political and Social Life in Türkiye Between 1950-60-1		
	12. Week	Political and Social Life in Türkiye Between 1950-60-2		
	13. Week	The 1961 Constitution and New Political Climate-1		
	14. Week	The 1961 Constitution and New Political Climate-2		
	15. Week	General Evaluation		
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %	
	Mid-terms		% 40	
	Quizzes		%	
	Assignments		%	
	Attendance		%	
	Practice		%	
	Project		%	
	Final examination		% 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.			