

**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>
PSPA215	Political Thought I	Compulsory/ Elective	6	-	05.09.2025
<b>Instructor of the Course &amp; E-Mail Address</b>	Asst. Prof. Emre ÇALIŞKAN & emre.caliskan@aybu.edu.tr				
<b>Office Hours &amp; Office Room</b>	Wednesday, 11.00-13.00 / Thursday, 11.00-13.00, B362				
<b>Course Content and Objectives</b>	This course aims to understand the philosophical foundations and roots of Western political thought; to relate modern political thought to its archaic roots; to develop different perspectives on the nature of politics; and to provide a framework for a critical approach to politics (government, democracy, power, equality, freedom, ethics) within the context of these different perspectives.				
<b>Textbook(s)</b>	Tanenbaum, D. (2012) Inventors of Ideas: Introduction to Western Political Philosophy, Wadsworth, USA. Ağaoğulları, M. A. (ed), (2012), Sokrates'ten Jakobenlere Batı'da Siyasal Düşünceler, İletişim, İstanbul. Plato, Republic. Aristotle, Politics. Cicero, The Republic. Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince.				
<b>Teaching Methods and Techniques</b>	In this course, class discussions, reading materials and idea papers will be used as teaching methods and techniques.				
<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>	1	Focuses on political thought topics that emerged during the period spanning from ancient times to the modern period.			
	2	Compare political ideas and philosophers that emerged in different periods.			
	3	Develops ideas about how the relationships between the individual, society, and the state should be within a society			
<b>Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course</b>	<b>Program Outcomes (PO)</b>				
	PO 1.	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			
	PO 2.	Understanding and explaining the concepts and theories of Politics and Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Law Sciences, Urbanization and Environment Problems			
	PO 3.	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			
	PO 4.	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			
	PO 5.	To be able to follow and interpret the legislative amendments and to apply them to the public and private legislation			
	PO 6.	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			
PO 7.	To be able to follow and interpret the legislative amendments and to apply them to				

		the public and private legislation	
	PO 8.	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 world	
	PO 9.	To follow the academic developments related to discipline by using the English language at level B1 ("European Language Portfolio Global Scale", Level B1) and to communicate with colleagues	
<b>Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction</b>	Students will gain knowledge by studying textbooks that contain information that will enable them to understand the philosophical foundations and roots of Western political thought, as well as the works of the political philosophers of the period that form the archaic roots of modern political thought.		
<b>Topics Covered in the Course</b>	1. Week	Meeting And Introduction Discussion	
	2. Week	The Birth Of Philosophy And Nature Philosophers Discussion	
	3. Week	Socrates Discussion	
	4. Week	Plato Discussion	
	5. Week	Aristotle Discussion	
	6. Week	Hellenistic Period Discussion	
	7. Week	Roman Political Thought Discussion	
	8. Week	Midterm Week	
	9. Week	Christianity- From Augustine To Aquinas Discussion	
	10. Week	Islamic Political Thought	
	11. Week	Luther And Calvin: Reconfiguring Authority Discussion	
	12. Week	Renaissance And Reform Discussion	
	13. Week	Modern Political Thought-Machiavelli Discussion	
	14. Week	End Of Term and Evaluation Discussion	
	15. Week	Final Exam	
<b>Course Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>In-Term Studies</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Percentage %</b>
	Mid-terms	1	40 %
	Quizzes		%
	Assignments		%
	Attendance		%
	Practice		%
	Project		%
	Final examination	1	60%
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Disability Policy</b>	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.		