

**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>
PSPA427	Politics of Nationalism and Ethnicity	Elective	6	-	2025-2026 Fall
<b>Instructor of the Course &amp; E-Mail Address</b>	Prof. Dr. Yılmaz BİNGÖL, ybingol@aybu.edu.tr				
<b>Office Hours &amp; Office Room</b>	Tuesdays 10.00-11.00				
<b>Course Content and Objectives</b>	This course is an exploration of the ways identity figures into politics and politics figures into identity. Through readings, projects, and discussions, we focus on the generators and effects of the identity categories nation, ethnicity, religion, race, gender, class, and culture. The course first focuses on fundamental terms and concepts used in identity politics, and explore different definitions and approaches to these concepts by the leading scholars of the area. The course second delves into theories of ethnicity and nationalism, namely primordialism, constructivism/modernism, and ethno-symbolism. Finally, the course considers selected recent cases in the light of these theories through students' presentations dealing with identity problems in specific countries/cases.				
<b>Textbook(s)</b>	Ozkırımlı, Umut. Theories of nationalism: A critical introduction. Palgrave, 2017.				
<b>Teaching Methods and Techniques</b>	Class Participation, Research Project and Presentation (60%) Mid-term Exam (40%)				
<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>	1	Teaching Fundamentals of political science and public administration			
	2	Improving analytical thinking			
	3	Improving critical thinking			
	4	Improving adaptation to the team work			
	5	Inclining research and investigation			
	6	Improving creativity			
	7	Improving verbal and oral expression/communication skills			
<b>Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course</b>	<b>Program Outcomes (PO)</b>				
	1	Forming basic facilities for other courses			
	2	Improving scientific thought			
	3	Teaching systematical and logical thought			
	4	Illustrating relation between social sciences			
	5	Improving occupational communication			
<b>Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction</b>	Operationalizing the knowledge on political science and public administration				

<b>Topics Covered in the Course</b>	1. Week	Introduction and Review of the Syllabus	
	2. Week	Terms and Definitions: Nation&Nationalism	
	3. Week	Terms and Definitions: Ethnicity, Race, Gender, Class	
	4. Week	History of Nationalism	
	5. Week	Theories of Nationalism and Ethnicity: Primordialism	
	6. Week	Theories of Nationalism and Ethnicity: Constructivism/Modernism-1	
	7. Week	Theories of Nationalism and Ethnicity: Constructivism/Modernism-2	
	8. Week	Midterm Week	
	9. Week	Theories of Nationalism and Ethnicity: Ethno-Symbolism	
	10. Week	Student Presentations	
	11. Week	Student Presentations	
	12. Week	Student Presentations	
	13. Week	Student Presentations	
	14. Week	Student Presentations	
	15. Week	Student Presentations	
<b>Course Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>In-Term Studies</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Percentage %</b>
	Mid-terms	1	40%
	Quizzes		%
	Assignments		%
	Attendance	10	20%
	Practice		%
	Project	1	40%
	Final examination		%
	<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 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.</p>		