

**ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	ECTS Credits	Prerequisite Information	Date of Preparation
ECON317	Ottoman Economic History	Elective	6	-	22.09.2025
<b>Instructor of the Course &amp; E-Mail Address</b>	Assoc. Prof. Bora Altay / boraaltay@aybu.edu.tr				
<b>Office Hours &amp; Office Room</b>	Monday 16:00 – 17:00 / Thursday, 13:00-14:00 / Office: B358				
<b>Course Content and Objectives</b>	The primary objective of this course is to investigate the function of economic history as a distinct approach to the study of economics, utilizing examples from the economic history of the Ottoman Empire and topics in international economic history. Topics related to the Ottoman Empire encompass the historical and institutional foundations of its economic expansion; the economic consequences and causes of various institutional designs; the shifting role of political actors in the economy; economic inequality and intergenerational mobility; and the progression of international trade. Topics in international economic history include the globalization of goods and capital flows, their impact on growth, institutional changes, financial and sovereign debt crises, and financial institutions.				
<b>Textbook(s)</b>	İnalçık, H. and Quataert, D. (ed.). 1994. <i>An Economic and Social History of the Ottoman Empire: 1300-1914</i> , Cambridge University Press. Pamuk, Ş. 2018. <i>Uneven Centuries: Economic Development of Turkey since 1820</i> . Princeton University Press. Pamuk, Ş. 2000. <i>A Monetary History of the Ottoman Empire</i> . Cambridge University Press. Pamuk, Ş. 1987. <i>The Ottoman Empire and European capitalism, 1820-1913: Trade, Investment, and Production</i> , Cambridge University Press. Cameron, R. and Neal, L. 2003. <i>A Concise Economic History of the World</i> . Oxford University Press.				
<b>Teaching Methods and Techniques</b>	Case studies (Article Discussions and Data Analysis) Class discussions based on course books				
<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>	1	Identify and analyze the main economic institutions, mechanisms, and structures of the Ottoman Empire from the late medieval to the modern period and explain their historical evolution in relation to state organization and fiscal practices.			
	2	Evaluate the dynamics of economic change in the Ottoman Empire by connecting institutional transformation, trade networks, and monetary developments to broader global and regional trends.			
	3	Compare and contrast the Ottoman economic experience with that of contemporary European economies to understand the differing paths of development, industrialization, and integration into the world economy.			
<b>Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course</b>	<b>Program Outcomes (PO)</b>				
		Ability to reach advanced conceptual, theoretical and empirical knowledge in economics discipline and its branches using up-date academic resources, and ability to process this knowledge			
		Ability to collect data, conduct analysis, make scientific evaluations and suggest policy implications using economic research methods			
<b>Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction</b>	Having basic knowledge about other social science disciplines and ability to benefit from them in Economics discipline				
	This course contributes to the disciplines of economic and historical studies by providing students with the analytical tools necessary to interpret the long-term economic development of the Ottoman Empire. It enhances their comprehension of how institutions, trade, and monetary systems influence economic performance, inequality, and state capacity within a comparative global context.				

<b>Topics Covered in the Course</b>	1. Week	Introduction to Ottoman Economic History
	2. Week	Economy and the Economic Mind in the Ottoman Empire
	3. Week	Economic and Financial Institutions in the Late Medieval Age of the Ottoman Empire
	4. Week	Trade in the Ottoman Empire during the Late Medieval Age
	5. Week	Comparative Perspectives: Economic Development in Medieval Europe and the Ottoman Empire
	6. Week	Money in the Late Medieval Age
	7. Week	Crisis and Change: Institutional Change in the Ottoman Empire
	8. Week	Midterm Week
	9. Week	The Age of Powerful Groups in Economic and Political Affairs in the Ottoman Empire
	10. Week	A Comparison: Europe's Second Logistic, Economic Nationalism and Imperialism and the Ottomans
	11. Week	Inequalities in the Ottoman Empire and Europe from the Early Modern Period to the First World I.
	12. Week	Monetization in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire
	13. Week	Economic History of the Long Nineteenth Century in the Ottoman Empire
	14. Week	Economic Development in the Nineteenth Century: The Early Industrializers and Latecomers.
	15. Week	Concluding Remarks: The Growth of the World Economy and the Ottoman Economy

<b>Course Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>In-Term Studies</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Percentage %</b>
	Mid-terms		%
	Quizzes		%
	Assignments		%
	Attendance		%
	Project (Case Study I – Article)	1	% 30
	Project (Case Study II – Data)	1	% 30
	Final examination	1	% 40
	<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 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.</p>
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