

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
PSPA107	Sociology	Compulsory	4	-	September 2026
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Course Content and Objectives	The course includes explaining the concept of society and its types, examining social theories and institutions, describing the interdisciplinary dimension of sociology and the main branches of sociology, explaining the development and characteristics of institutions such as family, education, religion, politics and economy. The primary objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of fundamental sociological concepts and major theoretical perspectives in sociology. The course aims to familiarize students with key sociological approaches and prominent thinkers in the field while developing their abilities to critically analyze and interpret social events and phenomena.				
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 course will be conducted through a combination of lectures, case analyses and class discussions.				
Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)					
	1	Knowledge	Explains the concept of society in relation to social structure and processes of social change.		
	2	Knowledge	Evaluates the basic concepts, historical development, and interdisciplinary nature of sociology.		
	3	Knowledge	Explains the development, functions, and social effects of major social institutions such as family, education, religion, economy, and politics.		
	4	Skill	Compares major sociological theories and applies them in the analysis of social phenomena.		
	5	Competence	Analyzes contemporary social problems within the framework of sociological concepts and theories.		

Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)												
	P1	Explains decision-making processes at the household, firm, and government levels using microeconomic and macroeconomic models.											
	P2	Uses basic mathematical tools to formulate economic relationships and solve optimization problems											
	P3	Analyzes relationships between variables using statistical, econometric, and data-science methods based on economic data.											
	P4	Manages the processes of literature review, data collection, modeling, and reporting required to research an economic topic.											
	P5	Identifies and compares the main schools of thought and institutional approaches in the history of economic thought.											
	P6	Evaluates the effects of different economic policy instruments on key indicators such as inflation, unemployment, growth, income distribution, and social welfare.											
	P7	Interprets the structure of the Turkish economy, its structural transformations, and current economic indicators based on data.											
	P8	Discusses international trade theories and financial integration processes within the context of the global economic system.											
	P9	Defines the constitutional principles and basic legal rules that underpin the functioning of the economic and administrative system.											
	P10	Prepares firms’ financial statements in accordance with accounting standards and analyzes their basic financial structure.											
	P11	Critically examines current national and global economic developments in line with approaches in the economic literature.											
P12	Explains the specific operating mechanisms of different sub-sectors of the economy (agriculture, industry, services, digital).												
Contribution of the Course to the Field of Study	The Sociology course, structured around fundamental sociological concepts, theories, and social institutions, contributes to students’ ability to examine social events and phenomena systematically from a sociological perspective. The course enables students to understand fundamental concepts such as society, social structure, and social change; to comprehend the historical development and interdisciplinary nature of sociology; and to evaluate the development, functions, and social impacts of major social institutions such as the family, education, religion, economy, and politics. In addition, students’ analytical and interpretive skills are developed through the comparison of major sociological theories and their application to the analysis of social phenomena. By encouraging students to analyze contemporary social problems through sociological concepts and theories, the course supports the development of their critical thinking skills, their ability to evaluate social processes from multiple perspectives, and their competence to apply acquired knowledge and skills to different social contexts.												
	Contribution of Learning Outcomes to Programme Outcomes												
	Contribution: 1: Very Slight 2:Slight 3:Moderate 4:Significant 5:Very Significant												
	P01	P02	P03	P04	P05	P06	P07	P08	P09	P10	P11	P12	
C01	4	1	2	3	4	4	3	3	4	1	4	4	
C02	4	1	2	3	5	3	3	3	4	1	4	3	
C03	4	1	2	4	5	4	3	3	4	1	5	3	
C04	5	1	2	3	4	5	4	3	5	1	4	4	
C05	4	1	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	1	5	4	

Topics Covered in the Course	Weeks	Topics	Reading Materials
	1. Week	Introduction to the Course	
	2. Week	What is Sociology? (Chapter 1)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	3. Week	Asking and Answering Sociological Questions (Chapter 2)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	4. Week	Culture and Society (Chapter 3)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	5. Week	Socialization and the Life Course (Chapter 4)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	6. Week	Stratification, Class, and Inequality (Chapter 8)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	7. Week	Global Inequality (Chapter 9)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	8. Week	Midterm Exam	
	9. Week	Gender Inequality (Chapter 10)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	10. Week	Government, Political Power, and Social Movements (Chapter 13)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	11. Week	Work and Economic Life (Chapter 14)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	12. Week	Population, Urbanization and Environment (Chapter 19)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	13. Week	Globalization in a Changing World (Chapter 20)	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	14. Week	Conclusion & Revision	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
	15. Week	Final	Giddens et al, Introduction to Sociology
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 relevant 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.		
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools Usage Policy	Assessment in this course is based solely on a midterm and a final exam; therefore, no assignments, projects, or papers are required. Students are welcome to use generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude) as supplementary "study assistants" to help understand course materials, review complex topics, and prepare for exams. However, since all examinations will be conducted in-class (proctored), the use of AI tools or any smart devices during exams is strictly prohibited and will be treated as a direct violation of academic integrity (cheating).		