

POLITICAL SCIENCE and INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (M.A.)

General

Yeditepe University is part of a world-class city centrally located in a geo-politically strategic region with easy access to Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The M.A. Program in Political Science and International Relations aims to recruit students from the neighboring regions in addition to Turkish nationals, and educate them in the fields of domestic and international politics with skills and abilities to be employed by either public or private sector at home or abroad since 2004. Only one third of the applicants at the master's level have been accepted to the programs, as a measure to increase the quality of the graduate studies.

The curriculum not only embraces an interdisciplinary approach but also allows room for specialization through elective courses. The courses are designed beyond the classic lecture format so that students can actively participate in classes through presentations, discussions, projects and so forth. Besides, the curriculum is being reshaped in accordance with the responses we hear from the advisory board of the department, which was established as part of Bologna process and includes some prominent members of public and private sector in Turkey. The board has already begun to play a role of mediator between the department and the general public.

To complete the program, students are required to take a total of 120 ECTS. After successful completion of the required course work, students will be expected to conduct research and write an MA thesis based on their findings. Students generally finish their course work in the first year and their research in the second year. Students, who are not working on a thesis, are required to take three additional courses demanding extensive research.

Upon successful completion of coursework (60 ECTS) and research (60 ECTS) in order to write and defend a thesis, graduates of this program are awarded with a master's degree in political science and international relations. Students, who choose not to work on a thesis, are required to take additional three courses (30 ECTS) and will be awarded with a master's degree without a dissertation.

Graduates of our department have been accepted to doctoral programs not only in Turkey but also in some most reputable universities in Europe and the US. The graduates who preferred not to pursue an

academic career have found prestigious positions both in private and public sector (such as in the media, finance, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade).

Admission

The Master's Program in Political Science and International Relations is open to all candidates holding a B.A. from a Turkish or an international university, as approved by the Turkish Higher Education Board (YÖK). Prospective students are required to take the ALES (Graduate Education Test), a general requirement of YÖK, and achieve a minimum score of 55 EA (quantitative and verbal joint section). Candidates must also pass an oral examination given by the faculty members.

In our institution, the medium of education is English and candidates must have taken the TOEFL with a minimum score of 213 in the computer-based system or 79 in the internet based system. Those students whose English is not sufficient for graduate studies may join the master's program upon successful completion of an English language program.

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M.A. Curriculum

Year 1

Fall Semester

Course Code	Course Name	T	U	L	Y	E
-	Specialization Elective 1	3	0	0	3	7
-	Spealization Elective 2	3	0	0	3	7
POLS 519	Research Methodology	3	0	0	3	8
POLS 522	Comparative Politics	3	0	0	3	8
POLS 530	International Law and Organizations	3	0	0	3	0
Total					15	30

Spring Semester

Course Code	Course Name	T	U	L	Y	E
-	Spealization Elective 4	3	0	0	3	7
-	Spealization Elective 3	3	0	0	3	7
POLS 515	Theories of International Relations	3	0	0	3	8
POLS 536	Turkish Foreign Policy	3	0	0	3	8
Total					12	30

Year 2

Fall Semester

Course Code	Course Name	T	U	L	Y	E
POLS 598	Seminar	3	0	0	0	0
POLS 599	M.A. Thesis	3	0	0	0	0
Total					0	0

Elective Course

Course Code	Course Name	T	U	L	Y	E
POLS 560	Economies of the Middle East	3	0	0	3	6
POLS 530	International Law and Organizations	3	0	0	3	7
POLS 558	Issues in the Middle East	3	0	0	3	7
POLS 562	American Foreign Policy in the Middle East	3	0	0	3	6
POLS 597	Graduation Project (MA without dissertation)	3	0	0	3	7
POLS 559	Ideology, Identity and Beliefs in the Middle East	3	0	0	3	6
POLS 557	History of Modern Middle East	3	0	0	3	7
POLS 564	Political Islam and Jihad	3	0	0	3	7