Political Science and International Relations (Doctorate)

Program Information

Aim: 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 Ph.D.

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 universities,

and public or private sectors at home or abroad since 2004. Only one fifth of the applicants

at the doctoral level have been accepted to the programs, as a measure to increase the

quality of the graduate studies.

Targets: The curriculum not only embraces an interdisciplinary approach but also

allows room for specialization through elective courses with a focus on Turkish foreign and

domestic policies, security and intelligence, and Middle Eastern studies. The courses are

designed as seminars in which students must actively participate 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.

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Year 1

Fall Semester

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Course	Course Name	т	U	L	Υ	E			
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-	Spealization Elective 1	3	0	0	3	8			
POLS 612	Seminar in Political Theory	3	0	0	3	11			
POLS 613	Seminar in Turkish Politics	3	0	0	3	11			
	Total				9	30			
Spring Semester									
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-	Spealization Elective 2	3	0	0	3	8			
POLS 616	Seminar in Theories of International Relations	3	0	0	3	11			
POLS 681	Research Methodology	3	0	0	3	11			
	Total				9	30			
Year 2									
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Code	Course Name	Т	U	L	Υ	E			
-	Spealization Elective 3	3	0	0	3	8			
POLS 615	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3	0	0	3	11			
POLS 617	Seminar in Political History	3	0	0	3	11			
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Spring Semester									
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-	Spealization Elective 4	3	0	0	3	8			
POLS 618	Seminar in International Law	3	0	0	3	11			
POLS 619	Seminar in Political Sociology	3	0	0	3	11			
	Total				9	30			
Year 3									
POLS 699	Ph.D. Thesis	3	0	0	0	0			
	Total				0	0			

Elective Course

Course Code	Course Name	т	U	L	Y	E		
POLS 623	Seminar in International Political Economy	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 629	Seminar in Contemporary Political Thought	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 620	Seminar in International Politics	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 628	Seminar in Political Ideologies	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 624	Seminar in International Organizations	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 655	Seminar in Turkish Political Thought	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 614	Foreign Policy Analysis	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 653	Seminar in Politics and Society in India	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 647	Seminar in Political Parties and Electoral Systems	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 649	Seminar in Russian Foreign Policy	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 635	Social Structure and Religion in Turkey	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 650	Political Economy of Development in Asia	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 648	Seminar in American Foreign Policy	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 646	Seminar in Political Anthropology	3	0	0	3	8		
POLS 654	Seminar in Political Parties and Elections in Turkey	3	0	0	3	8		