

## **Information Package for Undergraduate Program in International Relations and Political Science**

### **1. General Description**

**History:** Department of Political Science and International Relations was established in 1996.

**Aim:** Our department aims to educate social scientists who are sophisticated, who could think critically and who could can produce analytical solutions to various problems.

**Goals:** The main goal in our department is to provide the opportunity for our students to develop skills in acquiring, accessing and using knowledge. We highly encourage an interdisciplinary approach and specialization. **One of our main goals is to raise the awareness of students in social issues.**

**Qualification Awarded:** Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Relations is awarded to those who have successfully completed all of the curriculum requirements.

**Level of Qualification:** Bachelors

**Specific Admission Requirements:** ÖSYM rules and conditions apply. The general requirements explained in 'General Admission Requirements' of Information on the Institution part are applied for admission of students.

### **Specific Arrangements for Recognition of Prior Learning (Formal, Non-Formal and Informal)**

The rules and regulations for recognition of formal learning are well defined. Transfer can be made among the institutions of which equivalency is recognized by the Higher Education Council in Turkey. A student who has started his/her education in a domestic or foreign equivalent program can apply for a transfer to our department. The courses to be taken by these students are determined by our department, on the basis of the courses the applicants have completed so far.

## **Qualification Requirements and Regulations**

The rules of Higher Education Council (YÖK) apply.

## **Profile of the Program**

Our department values interdisciplinary approach. The first two years of the undergraduate curriculum consists of core courses in the field of Political Science and International Relations. As of the junior year, students are able to select elective courses for their domain of interest. In the senior year, the students take course related to their career goals and interests while at the same time develop their intellectual knowledge with regional and free electives. An important strength of our department is the elective courses offered by the regional experts. Our department offers courses on society and politics in Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, Asia and the United States. In addition to English, throughout their education, students can take elective courses from a wide variety of foreign languages, including Spanish, French, Chinese, Arabic, and others.

## **Job Profiles of our Graduates**

Our graduates are employed in a wide range of sectors from public institutions to non-governmental organizations, from multinational companies to private firms. Several of our students continue their academic careers at prestigious universities in Turkey and abroad. With [the](#) changes approved in 2018, our graduates can now apply to become administrative judges in state institutions. Job profiles examples for our graduates include, tax assistant at auditing firms, HR specialist at multinational companies, research assistants at various universities in Turkey and abroad, business development specialist in energy sector, import-export manager, and foreign trade departments of automotive industry, account executive at research companies, public servant at Ministry of Customs and Trade, Deputy Secretary General at the Turkish Shipbuilders Association.

## **Access to Further Studies**

The graduates holding Bachelor's Degree are eligible to apply to Master programs at national and/or international level both in the same and in related disciplines.

## **Examination Regulations, Assessment and Grading**

Various assessment methods applied in each course can be found in course syllabi.

## **Graduation Requirements**

This department is a 240 ECTS credit higher education department in the field of Political Science and International Relations.

Upon the successful completion of the department curriculum and 240 ECTS credits and if the student's CGPA is a minimum of 2.00/4.00, undergraduate degree in Political Science and International Relations is awarded.

**Mode of Study** Full time

## **Address, Program Director and ECTS Coordinator**

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## Facilities

The Department of Political Science and International Relations consists of 14 full-time academics. All our faculty members are expert in their area of interest. In addition to prominent scholars like Feroz Ahmad and Cemil Oktay, we host several promising political scientists who are recognized in their fields and are recipient of various national awards. With its faculty and objectives, the department considers diversity, academic freedom, and academic integrity as its core values. Students are given the opportunity not only to have a double major diploma but also to study a semester or one year in a foreign country as an Erasmus or Exchange student.

<b>Double Major opportunities:</b>	<b>Erasmus Opportunities:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Law</li> <li>• Department of Economics – Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences</li> <li>• Department of Business Administration – Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences</li> <li>• Department of Public Administration – Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences</li> <li>• Department of Anthropology – Faculty of Arts and Sciences</li> <li>• Department of Sociology - Faculty of Arts and Sciences</li> <li>• Department of History - Faculty of Arts and Sciences</li> <li>• Department of English Language and Literature - Faculty of Arts and Sciences</li> <li>• Department of Translation and Interpreting Studies - Faculty of Arts and Sciences</li> <li>• Department of Psychology- Faculty of Arts and Sciences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Osnabrück</li> <li>• Hogeschool Zuyd</li> <li>• The Hague University of Applied Sciences</li> <li>• University of Wroclawski</li> <li>• European Humanities University</li> <li>• Warsaw Management Academy</li> <li>• Roskilde University</li> <li>• Maastricht University</li> <li>• Universita Degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”</li> <li>• Universite de Strasbourg</li> <li>• Universidad de Deusto</li> <li>• Universitat Witten/Herdecke</li> <li>• Hogeschool Van Amsterdam</li> <li>• University of Macedonia –Economics and Social Sciences</li> <li>• University of Bialystok</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Public Relations and Publicity- Faculty of Communication</li> <li>• Department of Radio-TV Cinema Studies - Faculty of Communication</li> <li>• Department of Teaching Mathematics – Faculty of Education</li> <li>• Department of International Business and Trade-Faculty of Commerce</li> </ul>	
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**Program Learning Outcomes**

**1. Knowledge**

**Theoretical**

- a) Students will demonstrate their comprehensive knowledge of the basic concepts and theories of Political Science and International Relations as well as other related disciplines such as Law, Economics and Sociology.
- b) Students will interpret the structure, institutions and operation of national, international and supranational entities via utilization of the concepts and theories of Political Science and International relations and produce project reports that include possible solutions to problems of such institutions when necessary.

**2. Competencies**

**Cognitive-Practical**

- a) Students will demonstrate that they have developed a comparative, analytical and interdisciplinary approach vis-à-vis human societies and political systems.

**3. Proficiencies**

**3.1 Proficiency in Independent Study and Taking Responsibility**

- a) Students will have improved their skills and awareness of personal responsibility and team membership through conducting group or independent research projects, doing internships and producing their graduation dissertations.

### **3.2 Proficiency in Learning**

- a) Students will demonstrate proficiency in quantitative and qualitative data methods.
- b) Students will prove their understanding of the rapidly-evolving dynamics of national and global environments requires constant self-assessment, life-long learning, and the ability to formulate innovative solutions to maintain their personal and professional development.
- c) Students should be able to critically evaluate the body of knowledge in political science, assess self-competency and maintain self-learning efforts.

### **3.3 Proficiency in Communication and Social Skills**

- a) Students will implement written and oral communication skills in English and Turkish in both academic and professional settings.
- b) Students should be able to effectively demonstrate their knowledge of written, oral and reading skills in English both in international institutional settings and follow and interpret the global dynamics of the International Relations discipline.
- c) Students will demonstrate their social skills and experience required by public or private institutions or in the academia.
- d) Students will show empathy and respect towards societies other than one's own.
- e) Students should be able to effectively utilize computer and information technologies commonly-used in the social sciences.

### **3.4 Area Specific Proficiencies**

- a) Students will interpret domestic and international developments, express their opinions and exchange academic information with international scholars and students.
- b) Students will respect personal, social and academic ethical norms.
- c) Students should understand personal, social, and environmental dimensions of social responsibility, and show duties of active and global citizenship.
- d) Students should know that universality of social-political and legal rights and social justice are the principle components of contemporary society, and that scientific thinking is an essential prerequisite for maintaining social advancement and global competitiveness.

<b>Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Main learning activities</b>	<b>Tools utilized</b>
<b>Lecture</b>	Listening and making sense	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers
<b>Discussion based lecture</b>	Listening and making sense , observation, critical thinking, questioning	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers
<b>Case study</b>	Predesigned special skills	
<b>Small group work</b>	Listening and making sense , observation, critical thinking, questioning	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers
<b>Seminar</b>	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading, using Information technologies, listening and making sense, management skills	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers, seminar room equipment
<b>Group work</b>	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading, using Information technologies, listening and making sense, management skills, group work, critical thinking, questioning	Databases, scientific databases in the library, e-mailing, chat rooms and web based forums
<b>Research paper</b>	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading, using Information technologies	Databases, scientific databases in the library, e-mailing
<b>Oral presentation/exam</b>	Research-lifelong learning, questioning, interpretation, presentation	
<b>Survey</b>	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading	
<b>Panel</b>	Listening, making sense, observation	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers, seminar room equipment
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Listening, making sense, observation	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers, seminar room equipment
<b>Activities within a Student Body or Research Project</b>	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading, making sense, group work, critical thinking, questioning, management	

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS								
FIRST SEMESTER (FALL)								
Code		Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS
PSIR	101	Introduction to Political Science	-	3	0	0	3	7
PSIR	111	History of International Relations I	-	3	0	0	3	6
ECON	111	Principles of Microeconomics	-	3	0	0	3	7
HUM	103	Humanities	-	2	0	0	2	3
LAW	123	Introduction to Law	-	3	0	0	3	4
TKL	201	Turkish Language I	-	2	0	0	2	2
		<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>
SECOND SEMESTER (SPRING)								
Code		Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS
PSIR	102	Political Institutions	PSIR 101	3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	112	History of International Relations II	PSIR 111	3	0	0	3	6
ECON	122	Principles of Macroeconomics	-	3	0	0	3	7
LAW	117	Turkish Constitutional Law	-	3	0	0	3	5
SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology	-	3	0	0	3	6
TKL	202	Turkish Language II	-	2	0	0	2	2
		<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31</b>
THIRD SEMESTER (FALL)								
Code		Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS
PSIR	201	History of Political Thought	-	3	0	0	3	6
PSIR	211	Introduction to International Relations	PSIR 112	3	0	0	3	6
PSIR	221	Comparative Political Systems	PSIR 102	3	0	0	3	6



PSIR	251	Analytical Reading and Writing in Social Sciences	-	3	0	0	3	6
HTR	301	History of Turkish Revolution I	-	2	0	0	2	2
RSCH	410	Scientific Research Methods	-	3	0	0	3	4
		<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>FOURTH SEMESTER (SPRING)</b>								
	Code	Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS
PSIR	212	Theories of International Relations	PSIR 211	3	0	0	3	7
PSIR	244	Turkish Political Life	-	3	0	0	3	7
PSIR	293	Social Responsibility and Political Ethics	-	3	0	0	3	9
		Free Elective I	-	3	0	0	3	5
HTR	302	History of Turkish Revolution II	-	2	0	0	2	2
		<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>FIFTH SEMESTER (FALL)</b>								
	Code	Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS
PSIR	302	Contemporary Political Thought	-	3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	311	Central Issues in International Politics	-	3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	331	International Organizations	-	3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	360	Turkish Foreign Policy	-	3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	390	Social Communication	-	3	0	0	3	5
LAW	213	International Law I	-	3	0	0	3	5
		<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>SIXTH SEMESTER (SPRING)</b>								
	Code	Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS

PSIR	306	Politics and Society	-	3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	332	European Union	-	3	0	0	3	5
		Departmental Elective I	-	3	0	0	3	5
		Regional Elective I	-	3	0	0	3	5
		Free Elective II	-	3	0	0	3	5
		Free Elective III	-	3	0	0	3	5
		<b>Toplam</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>SEVENTH SEMESTER (FALL)</b>								
Code		Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS
PSIR	480	Applied Research in Political Science	-	2	2	0	3	10
		Departmental Elective II	-	3	0	0	3	5
		Departmental Elective III	-	3	0	0	3	5
		Regional Elective II	-	3	0	0	3	5
		Free Elective IV	-	3	0	0	3	5
		<b>Toplam</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>EIGHTH SEMESTER (SPRING)</b>								
Code		Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS
PSIR	491	Internship	-	0	0	0	0	15
		Departmental Elective IV	-	3	0	0	3	5
		Free Elective V	-	3	0	0	3	5
		Free Elective VI	-	3	0	0	3	5
		<b>Toplam</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>
		<b>Genel Toplam</b>					<b>124</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVES</b>								

Code		Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS
PSIR	243	Ottoman Modernization		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	361	Current Issues in Turkish Foreign Policy		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	405	Religion and Politics		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	408	War and Peace Studies		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	411	Current Issues in International Politics		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	414	Terrorism in Context		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	420	Decision-Making and Legislative Procedures		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	422	Comparative Practices of Democracy		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	423	Public Opinion Analysis		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	424	Political Psychology		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	425	Gender and Politics		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	427	International Political Campaigning		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	428	Movies and Politics		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	429	International Migration and Politics		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	433	EU – Turkey Relations		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	441	Turkish Political Thought		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	444	Political Parties and Elections in Turkey		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	460	Foreign Policy Analysis		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	463	Turkish - Greek Relations		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	464	US Foreign Policy		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	475	Nations and Nationalisms		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	490	Political Economy of International Relations		3	0	0	3	5

REGIONAL ELECTIVES								
Code		Courses	Prerequisite	T	U	L	Credit	ECTS
PSIR	450	Politics and Society in the USA		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	453	Politics and Society in Latin America		3	0	0	3	5

PSIR	454	Politics and Society in the Middle East		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	455	Politics and Society in the Balkans		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	456	Politics and Society in Africa		3	0	0	3	5
PSIR	457	Politics and Society in Asia		3	0	0	3	5