

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Name and Degree Awarded: Political Science and Public Administration
(Undergraduate Program)

Duration of Studies: 4 years (8 semesters)

Total Credits:121/ ECTS 233

Language of Instruction: English

Mission and Vision:

The mission of Public Administration Department is

- To improve the factual knowledge and practical competences of the students through extensive research on contemporary issues that are constantly emerging both at domestic and global levels.
- To equip students with intellectual depth and with the necessary tools to think independently, develop critical and unbiased understanding and be open-minded about alternative points of view
- To encourage students to take part in collaborative projects and works.
- to prepare well-educated students to pursue their career opportunities in public institutions including various branches of the ministries of the state, academia, media and private sector as well as in non-governmental and multinational corporations.

Vision: The vision of the Department of Public Administration is to become a distinguished academic center that generates innovative knowledge, fosters democratic values, and contributes to effective and ethical governance at national and global levels. It aspires to educate future leaders and professionals who are equipped with critical thinking, research skills, and a strong sense of social responsibility, thereby strengthening the quality of public service and civic life.

Program Objectives:

The Political Science and Public Administration program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive theoretical and methodological foundation in the fields of political science, governance, and public administration. It aims to develop their capacity for critical inquiry, independent research, and advanced analytical reasoning in addressing complex political and administrative phenomena. The program also equips students with the intellectual and practical competencies required to interpret, evaluate, and respond effectively to contemporary challenges in national and international contexts. Furthermore, it fosters an interdisciplinary and collaborative academic environment that enhances problem-solving, decision-making, and leadership skills. Ultimately, the program prepares graduates for professional engagement in public institutions, non-governmental organizations, international agencies, academia, and the private sector, as well as for further scholarly advancement at the postgraduate level.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Enhance effective decision-making, critical thinking skills and analytic techniques.
2. Demonstrate ability for teamwork, collaboration and leadership.
3. Understand social and legal issues, both within local and global environments.
4. Speak and talk English for professional purposes.
6. Understand and evaluate ethical issues and situations.
7. Know the political and administrative features of various countries.
8. Follow major contemporary events of global relevance.
9. Define the major terms used in Political Science and Public Administration.
10. Evaluate the major norms relevant for Political Science and Public Administration.
11. Understand the different theoretical approaches to Political Science and Public Administration.
12. Understand the different methodological approaches to Political Science and Public Administration.
13. Interpret factual knowledge in the light of specific political theories and methodologies.

Curriculum

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - İKTİSAT									
1-3-5-7 DÖNEM					2-4-6-8 DÖNEM				
DERS KODU	DERS ADI	(T-U-L)K	AKTS	DERS TÜRÜ	DERS KODU	DERS ADI	(T-U-L)K	AKTS	DERS TÜRÜ
POLS101	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE	(3-0-0)3	5	ZORUNLU	POLS102	POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	(3-0-0)3	7	ZORUNLU
COMN107	ECONOMICS	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	COMN120	PRINCIPLES OF LAW	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
UFLE01	FOREIGN LANGUAGE ELECTIVE I (ENGLISH)	(3-0-0)3	3	SEÇMELİ	UFRC01	UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE I	(3-0-0)3	4	SEÇMELİ
COMN117	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL SCIENCES	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	COMN204	ETHICS IN PROFESSION	(3-0-0)3	5	ZORUNLU
UTEC01	UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE I	(3-0-0)3	5	SEÇMELİ	UFLE02	FOREIGN LANGUAGE ELECTIVE II (ENGLISH)	(3-0-0)3	3	SEÇMELİ
COMN104	PSYCHOLOGY	(3-0-0)3	5	ZORUNLU	COMN115	SOCIOLOGY	(3-0-0)3	5	ZORUNLU
INTR201	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS I	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	UHTC02	TURKISH	(2-0-0)2	2	SEÇMELİ
INTR203	POLITICAL HISTORY I	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	POLS204	HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
POLS201	NATIONAL GOVERNMENT & POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	INTR202	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS II	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
POLS207	POLITICAL ECONOMY	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	INTR204	POLITICAL HISTORY II	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
COMN253	STATISTICS	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	UFRC02	UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE II	(3-0-0)3	4	SEÇMELİ
					POLS210	LAW AND POLITICS	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU

UHTC01	HISTORY	(2-0-0)2	2	SEÇMELİ	PSEL01	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE I	(3-0-0)3	6	SEÇMELİ
BFIN301	BUSINESS FINANCE	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	INTR352	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
INTR305	DIPLOMACY	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	INTR314	INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
UFRC03	UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE III	(3-0-0)3	4	SEÇMELİ	POLS302	ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND ADMIN.	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
POLS301	MODERN STATE - BUREAUCRACY	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	POLS304	COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEMS	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
POLS315	POLITICAL COMMUNICATION	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU					
PSEL02	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE II	(3-0-0)3	6	SEÇMELİ	ECON414	PUBLIC ECONOMICS	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
PSEL03	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE III	(3-0-0)3	6	SEÇMELİ	PSEL04	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE IV	(3-0-0)3	6	SEÇMELİ
POLS400	INTERNSHIP	(0-1-0)0	1	ZORUNLU	PSEL05	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE V	(3-0-0)3	6	SEÇMELİ
POLS403	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	(3-0-0)3	5	ZORUNLU	POLS418	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT II	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
POLS409	POLITICAL STRUCTURE & ANALYSIS	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU	POLS420	RESEARCH PROJECT	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU
POLS417	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I	(3-0-0)3	6	ZORUNLU					

Laboratory and Equipment Capacity (if applicable)

Career Opportunities:

Various branches of government ministries and public institutions
Local administrations and municipal organizations
International organizations and intergovernmental institutions
Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations
Think tanks, research centers, and policy institutes
Academia and higher education institutions
Media, communication, and public relations sectors
The private sector, particularly in corporate governance, strategic planning, and human resources

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COURSE CATALOGUE DESCRIPTIONS:

1st Semester

POLS101 Introduction to Political Science

The course provides basic conceptual insight about politics and political science. It covers introduction to and definition of basic concepts of politics, political institutions, political theories, and political behaviours in the society. The objective of this course is to discuss a variety of issues inherent in all political systems and draw logical conclusions in evaluating these systems.

COMN107 Economics

This course introduces students to the key concept and topic of microeconomics such as opportunity cost, production possibility frontier, demand and supply, elasticity, utility, preferences, production, costs, perfect competition, monopoly.

COMN117 Introduction to Social Sciences

The main purpose of this course is to let students see how seemingly diverse disciplines intermingle — anthropology and economics, for example. In the end, students will be able to approach social issues with unbiased problem-solving skills.

COMN104 Psychology

This course is a broad introduction to the field of psychology. Aim of this course is give the foundation of ‘what is psychology’ and ‘what are the main issues and topics’ in psychology to the students. With this aim student will cover schools in psychology, biological basis of behaviour, sensation and perception, states of consciousness, learning, memory, cognition, psychological disorders, health and stress, life span development and personality development. Students explore the key figures, diverse theoretical perspectives, and research findings that have shaped some of the major areas of contemporary psychology. This course also examines the research methods used by psychologists across these areas to study the origins and variations in human behaviour.

2nd Semester

POLS102 Political Science and International Relations

The course focuses on historical background, concepts and theories in political science and international relations. The objective of this course is to indicate interactions among political science and international relations, and the course discusses how political thoughts, insights into political science, form the basis of international relations.

COMN115 Sociology

The course makes an introduction to the discipline of sociology and provides an outline of the major sociologists, sociological paradigms and areas of sociological inquiry. It aims at developing students' awareness about the society in which they live, with a due emphasis on sociological perspective and sociology as a scientific discipline. Thus, the course helps the students to develop a sociological outlook and understand what such outlook retains in terms of

the founding theories, main sociological approaches, and related discussions in those areas ranging from everyday life, culture and globalization to social stratification and mobility.

COMN120 Principles of Law

The course deals with the basics of law. It introduces the students the elements drawn from legal theory, legal philosophy as well as legal practice. It makes special references to Turkish law. It starts with the discussion of what law is and continues with the other rules of social conduct like moral and customary rules. It familiarizes students with legal concepts like “burden of proof” and methods of legal interpretation.

COMN204 Ethics in Profession

The aim of this course is to define ethical principles, to enable students to develop ethical behaviours related to their profession, and to provide information about unethical behaviours that students may encounter in their professions. Within the context of the course, students will demonstrate an understanding of the ethical principles in general or in the application of specialized knowledge, results of research, creative expression, design processes, etc. that are related with their sciences, disciplines and potential professionals.

3rd Semester

INTR201 International Relations I

The course principally aims at explaining International Relations from a general perspective by focusing on the methods and theories in the field. The course has also the objectives of introducing the students the meaning of International Relations through a historical sketch of the state system as well as putting forward the actors and their influence.

INTR203 Political History I

The two important aims of this course are to introduce students with a relatively detailed account of the history of international relations from the Westphalian world order to the First World War and to investigate main historical turning points and factors which were crucial in the formation of the modern international system. In this sense, the course will focus on the nineteenth century power relations within and among the major European powers which led to the outbreak of World War I. Relatedly, the reasons and results of the World War I will be analysed in this course.

POLS201 National Government & Political Institutions

This course will introduce a comparative study about political systems and functioning of structures in them. Formation of modern national government and historical development of political systems in the context of government types will be examined.

POLS207 Political Economy

The aim of this course is to introduce students the study of political economy, with an emphasis on the relationship between politics and economics. The first topics of the course focus on competing explanations for international political and economic forces to provide basic information for further topics. The course continues with the processes, structures, and current issues of controversy in the world economy today.

COMN253 Statistics

The course covers the key definitions (describing data graphically and numerically), probability, important discrete probability distributions (Binomial, Hypergeometric, Poisson), important

continuous probability distributions (Uniform, Normal, Exponential), sampling distributions of sample mean, sample proportion and sample variance, single population estimation (confidence interval estimates for the mean and proportion-Student's t-distribution) and two population estimation (confidence intervals for the paired difference of mean, proportion and variance-Chi-Square test).

4th Semester

INTR202 International Relations II

The horrors of the WW I established a solid understanding that International Relations got to be founded as a separate discipline to study International Relations. This course will examine that since then International Relations theories have begun to compete, contrast and complete each other in explaining and understanding the IR.

INTR204 Political History II

The objective of this course is to give the students an in-depth understanding and knowledge of the following topics: a survey of the world history from the causes of the First World War to the present (1890-2015); the quest for great-power hegemony; the First and Second World Wars; the Bolshevik Revolution and the rise and fall of Communism and fascist powers; the Cold War; the third world and global inequality; power in international politics and the search for national security in the post-cold war era; proliferation of nuclear and bio-chemical weapons of mass destruction, international terrorism and the deterioration of the ecological system.

POLS204 Human Resources Management

The course intends to provide conceptual and application insights of contemporary human resource management practices viz. Recruitment, Selection, Training and Development, Induction, Motivation, performance evaluation and Termination. The course covers the practical implementation of HR practices in the real life business situations which the business students ought to be proficient with.

POLS210 Law and Politics

Even though law and politics are separate social spheres, they are nevertheless closely interconnected. In particular, there are quite a few political philosophers who have also made an important contribution to the philosophy of law. This course will focus upon two classical thinkers, i.e. Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC) and Thomas Hobbes (1588-1671). Even though they lived and wrote a long time ago, their work remains of relevance because their work addressed both political and legal issues, thereby contributing to the discussion on competing approaches to philosophy of law.

5th Semester

BFIN301 Business Finance

The course primarily focuses on the managerial aspects of financial management which are vital for financial decisions. The course covers financial analysis, planning and control, ratio analysis, funds flow analysis, cash flow analysis, capital budgeting techniques, capital structure determination, dividend policy, an overview of mergers and acquisitions, an overview of international finance, analysis of real company financial reports etc.

POLS301 Modern State-Bureaucracy

The course familiarize the students with the concepts of modern state, authority and rational-legal bureaucracy. The emergence of the welfare state at the second half of the 20th century and subsequent globalization process are discussed in relation to their effects on the transformation of bureaucracy as well.

INTR305 Diplomacy

The aim of the course is to make students understand what the diplomacy is and how it is carried out.

POLS315 Political Communication

This course aims to introduce students how human perception affected by the complex relationship between politics, the media and democracy by examining how political actors make use of the media.

6th Semester

POLS302 Environmental Policies and Administration

This course introduces the students how to develop environmental policy, governmental and administrative management of environmental problems, and the analysis of basic ecological and other scientific factors that characterize most environmental problems; including problems such as pollution, ozone depletion, global warming and climatic change.

POLS304 Comparative Political Systems

This course is a general introduction to the concepts, theories, and content of comparative politics. The focus throughout this course will be on linking general concepts to empiric cases. The objectives of the course are to use the various theoretical and methodological tools of comparative politics to understand political processes in various countries and regions, to be able to develop a critical thinking, and to articulate reasoned perspectives for political analysis.

INTR352 International Organizations

The theory and practice of international organizations (IOs) is a dynamic and increasingly important dimension of world politics. The purpose of this course is to explore both the theory and the practice of international and regional organizations, to examine their evolution over time and their adaptation to changing circumstances at the global and regional levels. In this framework, this course will cover the examples of the universal inter-governmental organizations, i.e. the League of Nations and the United Nations (UN) as well as the regional organisations set up in various parts of the globe by focusing on their historical origins, organizational structures and decision-making processes.

INTR314 International Dispute Settlement

There has been a depressingly large number of violent conflicts with a large number of casualties all over the world. This course discusses why the international community has so far failed to reign in bloody conflicts.

7th Semester

POLS403 Local Government

This course examines the *raison d'être* for local government and their role in upholding participatory democracy. Analysis of the relations between central and local governments, a delegation of power and the basic functions of local administrations constitute the subject matter of the course.

POLS409 Political Structure and Analysis

This course aims to introduce the participants with the major ideas of Structuralism and Post-Structuralism, whose major representatives are (mainly French) philosophers, sociologists, anthropologists, psychologists and literary critics. While summarizing its major ideas with relevance to these other disciplines, the course intends to show the relevance of (Post-) Structuralism to the fields of Public Administration and International Relations.

POLS417 History of Political Thought I

The main objective of the course is to search the history in the making of political thought. In order to do that, the course examines scientificity and tries to explain how theories are formed. It clarifies the relation between theory and practice. Through a historical perspective, the course aims to make the students understand that the modern political thought has roots in history starting from ancient Greece.

POLS400 Internship

The aim of the Public Administration internship is to provide the student with a professional work experience in an organizational environment. Internships offer students a period of practical experience in the industry relating to their field of study. This experience is valuable to students as it allows them to experience how their studies are applied in the “real world”, and since work experience can also be highly attractive to potential employers. Students are required to use the Internship Logbook which provides information on the internship guidelines. All students are required to write an internship paper as a summary of their experience.

8th Semester

ECON414 Public Economics

This course studies the nature of goods and services provided by the public sector. It explores public sector as an agent for economic development and decision-making and the allocation of resources in the public sector. This course also includes debates on nationalization and privatization and the role of the public sector in the economy.

POLS418 History of Political Thought II

The course is designed in two stages. In the first stage, it tries to show why we are studying the history of political thought. From a knowledge theory perspective, it explains to the students how the knowledge constructed and came forward in the political thoughts of philosophers. In the second part of the course, in order to illustrate the formation of the political thought, students choose their political concepts and present two of the most related philosophers on those concepts.

POLS420 Research Project

This is a research project that provides students with the opportunity to undertake independent research with the guidance of a supervisor. The primary focus of the research project is on the areas related to Public Administration. It is expected that all students will read and cite extensively the academic literature in their chosen area of research. The students should be able to identify problems/issues in the field of public administration and use the appropriate methodology to find appropriate solutions. In preparing a detailed research project for grading, students should write coherent, informative and persuasive papers in conformity with the thesis writing rules as set out in the “Directive for the Preparation of Thesis” of the University.

UNIVERSITY HTC ELECTIVE COURSES

COMN106 Turkish

To show the characteristics and rules of operation of Turkish language with examples; to give the students the ability and habit to express their feelings and thoughts accurately and effectively; developing vocabulary through written and oral texts; The aim of this course is to teach the rules of reading texts or the programs they listen to correctly. COMN106 course aims to provide basic Turkish reading, speaking and writing skills for international students.

Bu derste, yazı dilinin ve yazılı iletişimin temel özellikleri, yazı dili ile sözlü dilin arasındaki farklar, Yazılı ve sözlü anlatım; öznel anlatım, nesnel anlatım, paragraf türleri, metnin tanımı ve metin türleri, yazılı anlatım, yazılı anlatım, planlı yazma aşamaları (konu, konunun sınırlandırılması, amaç, bakış açısı, ana ve yan düşüncelerin belirlenmesi, yazma planı hazırlama, kağıt düzeni) bilgilendirici metinler üzerinde kuramsal bilgiler: örnekler üzerinde çalışmalar ve yazma uygulamaları, bir metnin özetini ve planını çıkarma, yazılı uygulamalardaki dil ve anlatım yanlışlarını düzeltme ve sözlü anlatım uygulamaları işlenmektedir.

COMN108 History

The course provides a detailed exposure on the history of the construction of the Turkish Republic under the light of Kemal Atatürk's principles this course is designed for Turkish speaking students. COM108 is designed for non-Turkish speaking foreign students. The aim of the course is to introduce a brief history of Turkish Republic and Cyprus. Social, economic and political aspects and effects of Western Civilization on Turkey and Cyprus. Relations with Middle East.

Bu derste, Türk Ulusu'nun kurtarıcısı, Cumhuriyetin kurucusu, dünyanın ender yetiştirdiği asker ve devlet adamı, devrimci ve düşünür Atatürk'ün hayat hikayesinin yanı sıra, bir imparatorluğun çöküşü, Türk Ulusu'nun Atatürk'ün önderliğinde kahramanlık destanları yaratarak bağımsızlığını savunuşu, genç ve dinamik Türkiye Cumhuriyeti'nin kuruluşu ve bu Cumhuriyetin hızla yükselişi "Türk İnkılabı" adı verilen büyük atılım ve değişikliklerin ne kadar zamana sığdırıldığı ve bu inkılapların önemi vurgulanmakta ve Atatürk İlkeleri anlatılmaktadır.

COMN180 Computer Literacy

This course is an introductory course to computers and their application; the basic components of computers; Random Access Memory (RAM), Read Only Memory (ROM), Central Processing Unit (CPU) and relationship between these hardware are introduced. Operating systems, application software (word processor, power point), Utility Software are introduced. Internet, network connections and the types, digital security and ethics are covered. Social networks and other web-based applications are introduced.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ELECTIVE COURSES

COMN191 Academic English I

This course is intended for academically oriented students and it aims to bridge the gap between general and academic English. The course aims at developing the skills required for academic study, including note-taking, essay writing, as well as teaching strategies for undertaking research and dealing with unfamiliar academic vocabulary. The course also aims at teaching the features of guided writing, reading strategies such as predicting, skimming, and scanning. At the end of this course the students are expected to be able to; develop strategies, to improve the ability to comprehend complex academic texts, to develop strategies to produce more coherent

writing and, make clear, appropriate, relevant notes from academic texts, and to adopt various approaches to deal with new or unknown vocabulary by practising effective use of dictionaries, and through making effective vocabulary records.

COMN192 Academic English II

This course is the continuation of the COMN191 Academic English I course. Similar issues are focused on as in the former course with a higher tone of language. This course integrates all four language skills and teaches students how to integrate skills and content in real-world academic contexts. High-interest and intellectually-simulating authentic materials are used to familiarize students with academic content. The course also aims at developing the ability to participate in exchanges of information and opinions in the context of the specific field, and to write instructions, descriptions and explanations about topics in the related field. Extra importance is put on teaching student's terminology related to the specific field. (pre-requisite: COMN191)

TECHNICAL ELECTIVE COURSES

BUSN415 Small Business Management

This course provides an introduction to entrepreneurial life, it then focuses on different ways of owning a small business (from scratch or joining an existing business). Furthermore, it examines issues on developing the new venture business plan and focuses on customer related matters. Finally, it draws attention on managing growth in the small businesses.

INTR452 European Studies

This course is designed to evaluate how the experiment of 1951 in the coal and steel sectors among six European nations has grown to be a formal political and economic union by embracing almost all continental states after the developments in the post-cold war period. Within this framework, this course covers the short history of the integration process among the European countries along with the political institutions, the key policies and the most current developments in the European Union including Brexit.

ECON427 Economic Policy

This course will introduce undergraduate students to a survey of contemporary policy issues in macro-economic literature and their application within the economies of Turkey and the TRNC. Economic growth, unemployment, inflation and economic crisis and alternative solutions to the macroeconomic problems are the main subjects of the course.

OSHE201 Occupational Safety and Health

This course provided information on the theory and history of occupational health and safety, and enforcement of laws that address occupational safety and health globally. It also aims to guide students in understanding the roles and responsibilities of workers, unions and employers. This course also reviews other safety related issues and aspects of recognizing, evaluating, and understanding control of safety and health hazards in the workplace.

FREE ELECTIVE COURSES

CFE201 Leadership and Management

In this course, an analysis of theoretical and practical knowledge is made. In this context, basic social and psychological factors associated with the concept of leadership and current theories

will be explained and how theoretical knowledge can be applied in terms of leadership and management functions in organizations will be emphasized. The aim of the course is to provide students with a deep understanding of leadership and management concepts and to develop their own leadership skills.

CFE202 Environment and Sustainable Development

This course provides information on nature and environment along with sustainability concept, as well as guides students to gain awareness about environmental problems. It aims to inform students about the daily practices that will lead to a more sustainable living. Additionally, knowledge about the global and social effects of all practices on health, environment, safety, and current issues related to the field of their area of study and awareness of the legal consequences of their specific area of practices to solutions are covered.