

Turkey's Brain Base

## POLITICAL SCIENCES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Language of Instruction: English

English Preparatory Year: Optional • Score Type: EW



### What is Political Science and International Relations?

- Political Science and International Relations is a field of study that focuses on the basic dynamics of global politics ranging from psychology to history, from sociology to economics and focuses on the analysis of political, economic and socio-cultural relations between states and other global actors.
- Within the Department of Political Science and International Relations, it is aimed that students will be able to analyze the global politics by providing students with theoretical knowledge in areas such as political psychology, power and legitimacy, ideologies, political systems, democracy, human rights, politics and society, political economy, civil society, public opinion and pressure groups, political parties, electoral systems, nation-states and non-state actors, security, geopolitics, foreign policy analysis, diplomacy, identity, cooperation, international system, international law, international organizations, globalization, disarmament, environmental issues, ethnic conflicts, energy, and migration.

### Our Goal

- The Department of Political Science and International Relations aims to train experts who can interpret the global network of relations that is increasing today within a conceptual framework and follow current developments. In this context, it is aimed to raise individuals who have a good command of world and Turkish issues, proficiency in foreign languages, adopt an analytical mindset, criticize and analyze, constantly renew themselves, are entrepreneurial and willing to question, adopt ethical values and are prone to joint work and democratic participation.

### Areas of Interest

- Psychological, historical, economic, and sociological origins and reflections of political, economic, and socio-cultural developments on a global and national scale

- Discussing new areas of interest such as political psychology, neuropolitics, and biopolitics
- Operation and role of the international system, international law, and international organizations
- Examining national and international security issues, terrorism, war and peace, conflict resolution, and mediation
- Examining political systems, political ideologies, democracy, election strategies, and voting behavior
- Analyzing the impact of international political economy on global and national politics
- Changing diplomacy and the diverse global actors in the process of globalization
- Analyzing the political, economic, and socio-cultural structure of various regions such as the Middle East, Europe, the United States, China, Russia, and their impact on world politics
- Discussing the issue of migration that have been significant in global politics
- Analyzing the impact of digitalization on global politics and security

### Work and Career Opportunities

- Due to their knowledge of political, economic, psychological, historical and sociological issues at the global and national level, graduates of the Department of Political Science and International Relations are preferred in specialist and managerial positions in various fields such as: Foreign Service Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Consular Officer, Administrative Law Judge, Various public institutions such as TİKA, YTB (Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities), Yunus Emre Institute, and other public organizations, Private companies, International organizations, Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Research centers, Media organizations, Research companies.

# CURRICULUM

FRESHMAN (FIRST) YEAR												
Fall Semester (First)						Spring Semester (Second)						
Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	
PSIR107	Political Science I	3	0	3	5	PSIR108	Political Science II	3	0	3	5	
PSIR127	International Relations I	3	0	3	5	PSIR128	International Relations II	3	0	3	5	
PSIR129	History of Civilizations	3	0	3	5	PSIR130	Fundamental Concepts of Law	3	0	3	5	
RPSC109	Positive Psychology and Communication Skills	3	0	3	5	PHIL122	Critical Thinking	3	0	3	5	
ATA103	Principles of Atatürk and History of Turkish Revolution I	2	0	2	2	ATA104	Principles of Atatürk and History of Turkish Revolution II	2	0	2	2	
ENG103	English I	2	0	2	2	ENG104	English II	2	0	2	2	
TURK103	Turkish Language I	2	0	2	2	TURK104	Turkish Language II	2	0	2	2	
RCUL103	University Culture I*	0	2	1	4	RCUL104	University Culture II*	0	2	1	4	
Total Credit		18	2	19	30	Total Credit		18	2	19	30	

SOPHOMORE (SECOND) YEAR												
Fall Semester (Third)						Spring Semester (Fourth)						
Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	
PSIR227	Classical Political Thought	3	0	3	5	PSIR226	Modern Political Thought	3	0	3	6	
PSIR229	Political History I	3	0	3	5	PSIR228	Political History II	3	0	3	5	
PSIR231	Constitutional Law	3	0	3	5	PSIR230	International Law	3	0	3	6	
PSIR233	Research Methods in Political Science	2	2	3	5	PSIR232	Fundamental Skills of Academic Writing	2	2	3	5	
PSIR235	Political Theory	3	0	3	5	RPRE104	Entrepreneurship and Project Culture*	2	0	2	3	
SOC243	General Sociology	3	0	18	5	PSY242	Concepts and Approaches in Psychology	4	0	4	5	
Total Credit		17	2	18	30	Total Credit		17	2	18	30	

JUNIOR (THIRD) YEAR												
Fall Semester (Fifth)						Spring Semester (Sixth)						
Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	
PSIR327	Turkish Politics I	3	0	3	5	PSIR326	Turkish Politics II	3	0	3	5	
PSIR301	International Organizations	3	0	3	5	PSIR328	Comparative Political Systems	3	0	3	5	
PSIR331	International Relations Theories	3	0	3	5	PSIR332	Political Psychology	3	0	3	5	
XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	
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XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	
Total Credit		18	0	18	30	Total Credit		18	0	18	30	

SENIOR (FOURTH) YEAR												
Fall Semester (Seventh)						Spring Semester (Eighth)						
Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	
PSIR427	Graduation Project I*	0	6	3	4	PSIR426	Graduation Project II*	0	6	3	9	
PSIR401	Turkish Foreign Policy I	3	0	3	6	PSIR402	Turkish Foreign Policy II	3	0	3	6	
XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	
XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	
XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5	
XXX	Departmental / Non-Departmental Elective	3	0	3	5							
Total Credit		15	6	18	30	Total Credit		12	6	15	30	

DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE CLUSTER FOR JUNIOR (THIRD) YEAR												
Fall Semester (Fifth)						Spring Semester (Sixth)						
Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	
PSIR351	Theories of Democracy	3	0	3	5	PSIR312	Russian Foreign Policy	3	0	3	5	
PSIR353	Theories of Imperialism	3	0	3	5	PSIR330	International Political Economy	3	0	3	5	
PSIR355	Politics of Authoritarianism	3	0	3	5	PSIR338	Digital Humanities	3	0	3	5	
PSIR357	Politics and Society in Southeast Europe	3	0	3	5	PSIR350	Political Modernity	3	0	3	5	
PSIR367	Politics and Society in Central Asia and Transcaucasia	3	0	3	5	PSIR352	Evolution of Turkish Political Thought	3	0	3	5	
PSIR369	Nationalism and Globalisation	3	0	3	5	PSIR354	Gender and Politics	3	0	3	5	
PSIR375	Political Psychology of Violence	3	0	3	5	PSIR356	Digital Diplomacy	3	0	3	5	
PSIR379	Global Politics	3	0	3	5	PSIR366	Public and Cultural Diplomacy*	3	0	3	5	
PSIR381	Politics and Societies in the Middle East	3	0	3	5	PSIR382	Neuropolitics and Biopolitics	3	0	3	5	
PSIR387	Current Issues in World Politics	3	0	3	5	PSIR384	International Development	3	0	3	5	
PSIR389	Comparative Cultural Studies	3	0	3	5	PSIR386	European Integration Process	3	0	3	5	
PSIR391	International Migration Problems*	3	0	3	5	PSIR388	Global South	3	0	3	5	
PSIR393	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies	3	0	3	5	PSIR390	Political Anthropology	3	0	3	5	
PSIR395	Principles of Economics	3	0	3	5	PSIR392	Theories of Secularization	3	0	3	5	
ITBF303	Project I	3	0	3	5	PSIR398	Turkish Politics for International Students	3	0	3	5	
						ITBF304	Project II	3	0	3	5	

DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE CLUSTER FOR SENIOR (FOURTH) YEAR												
Fall Semester (Seventh)						Spring Semester (Eighth)						
Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	
PSIR451	US Politics and Society	3	0	3	5	PSIR450	Transboundary Water Problems	3	0	3	5	
PSIR453	Politics and Society in Latin America	3	0	3	5	PSIR454	Politics and Society in Africa	3	0	3	5	
PSIR455	International Ethics	3	0	3	5	PSIR456	Politics and Society in Russia	3	0	3	5	
PSIR459	International War and Peace	3	0	3	5	PSIR474	China's Foreign Policy					
PSIR461	Cinema and Political Psychology	3	0	3	5	PSIR476	The European Union and Turkey	3	0	3	5	
PSIR463	Foreign Relations of the European Union	3	0	3	5	PSIR478	US Foreign Policy	3	0	3	5	
PSIR471	Political Discourse	3	0	3	5	PSIR484	Populism	3	0	3	5	
PSIR477	Administrative Law	3	0	3	5	PSIR486	Dynamics of Political Changes	3	0	3	5	
PSIR483	Cold War	3	0	3	5	PSIR488	Comparative Grand Strategy in the Digital Age	3	0	3	5	
PSIR485	Politics and Society of China	3	0	3	5							
PSIR487	Social Change and Politics from Ottoman to	3	0	3	5							
PSIR489	Protection of Human Rights at International Level	3	0	3	5							

Language Elective Courses												
5th and 7th Semesters						6th and 8th Semesters						
Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	Code	Course Title	T	P	C	ECTS	
ARA123	Arabic-I	3	0	3	5	ARA124	Arabic-II	3	0	3	5	
CIN123	Chinese-I	3	0	3	5	CIN124	Chinese-II	3	0	3	5	
RUS123	Russian-I	3	0	3	5	RUS124	Russian-II	3	0	3	5	
ISP123	Spanish - I	3	0	3	5	ISP124	Spanish - II	3	0	3	5	

Required Credits for Graduation*	143
ECTS Credits	240
Elective Courses ECTS Credits	65
Elective Courses ECTS Credits Ratio	26%

\*These courses are designated as Project Courses

