

Course Profile - Department of Economics

Course Number : ECO 415	Course Title : Current Economic Issues
Required / Elective : Required	Pre / Co-requisites : None
Catalog Description: Government intervention. Analysis of the links between economic issues and politics. Examination of the rationale and objectives of governments. Public choice theory approach.	Textbooks / Required Material : No textbook
Course Structure / Schedule : 3+0+0 / 6 ECTS	
<p>Extended Description : Starting from the premise that altruism is not a very prevalent human trait, and that most individuals may have a potential of corruption , the course will subject to corruption in areas ranging from politics to scientific research to an economic analysis and explore possible systems of incentives.</p> <p>Course Plan TBD</p>	
Design content : None	Computer usage: No particular computer usage
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <p>Describe the democratic government systems and their potential for corruption-the linkage of economics and politics and rent seeking politics [3,4]</p> <p>Define how science and scientific research can be corrupted : Examples from the real world [5]</p> <p>Recognize sources of funds driving global corruption, international organized crime, global narcotics production and trade.[4]</p> <p>Define the economics of energy and the global situation (with special reference to Turkey) Environmental economics and ‘‘global warming’’[4]</p> <p>Articulate on additional topics which may be added as the ‘‘current’’ world changes even during the short period of this course [2,7]</p>	
<p>Recommended reading:</p> <p>Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner , FREAKONOMICS Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner , SUPERFREAKONOMICS Tim Harford, THE LOGIC OF LIFE</p>	
<p>Teaching methods</p> <p>Lecture, in class discussion</p>	
<p>Assessment methods:</p> <p>Midterms: 40 %</p>	

Lectures	14	45
Reading	14	60
Exams	3	5
TOTAL 150 hrs/25=6 ECTS		
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