

### Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number: <b>POLS 102</b>	Course Title: <b>Fundamentals of Law</b>
Required / Elective: Required (POLS)	Pre / Co-requisites: None
Catalog Description: Fundamentals of law pertaining to its meaning, resources, norms and its raison d'être. The rules of law, law-justice relations, resources of law, hierarchy of law norms, human rights, the rule of law, and comparison of different law systems. Differences between private law and public law.	Textbook / Required Material: Kemal Gözler. 2009. Hukuka Giriş. Bursa: Ekin Kitabevi Yayınları. Aydın Aybay, Rona Aybay ve Ali Pehlivan. 2003. Hukuka Giriş. İstanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları.
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / <b>6 ECTS</b>	
Extended Description : The course is related to explanations on the fundamental principles of law, its comparative meanings, its historical and socio-cultural origins as well as discussions on law-justice relations, human rights, and the rule of law. The course intends to introduce the students to the legal/courts system and the legal interpretation of the existing laws in Turkey. Students will be provided with the necessary skills for using sources of law and legal reasoning in their academic researches, understanding of cases and statutes, writing legal memoranda as well as applying laws to particular issues and cases.	
Design content: None	Computer usage: None.
Course Outcomes: [relevant program outcomes in brackets]: By the end of this course, students will be able to: 1. Have in-depth knowledge about the fundamentals, sources, interpretations and types of law. [IR2, IR4, IR6] 2. Get the basic information about the working of justice and courts system in Turkey. [PS2] 3. Be able to apply particular law concepts and theories to sample cases and situations. [PS1, 8, 11]	
Recommended readings: Sururi Aktaş. 2011. Eleştirel Hukuk Çalışmaları. İstanbul: Oniki Levha Yayınları. Niyazi Öktem. 2012. Fenomenoloji ve Hukuk. Ankara: Yetkin Yayınları.	
Teaching methods: Lectures	

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	The Rules of Society and Law
2	Legal Systems and Sub-fields of Law
3	Sources of Law
4	The Rule of Law
5	Constitutional Law
6	Administrative Law
7	Civil Code
8	Midterm Examination
9	Penal Code I
10	Penal Code II
11	Commerce Law
12	Turkish Justice and Courts System
13	Family Law
14	Private Law and its Sub-fields
15	Types of Lawsuits

Assessment methods:

Attendance: 10 %  
 Midterm Examination: 40 %  
 Final Examination: 50 %

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions		X			
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations			X		
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					

IR6	Understand the international legal framework			X		
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events			X		
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions			X		
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics					
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically				X	
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence					
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences				X	
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups					
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms					
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public					
16	Understand, read, and write in English					
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report					
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					

20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy					

\*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Pre-reading .....	60 hrs
Lectures .....	35 hrs
Exams and exam preparation.....	55 hrs
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>150 hrs (25x6) 6 ECTS</b>

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