

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 429	Course Title : Local Government																																									
Required / Elective : Elective	Pre / Co-requisites : -																																									
Description: The role, functions and reform of local government.	Textbook: Will be selected by the instructor.																																									
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS																																										
Extended Description: The principle of subsidiarity; functions of local government; good governance in local authorities; central-local relations; local government experiences of unitary and central states. The historical development of local government in Turkey; the political and legal structure of local government in Turkey; local government reform agenda in the context of European Union membership process.																																										
Design content : None	Computer usage: Required for writing paper.																																									
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and analyze local government politics and issues. • Understand the formulation and implementation of public policy at the local level. • Comprehend the organization, functions and reform of local government. • Evaluate different approaches to local government in selected countries. 																																										
Teaching methods:																																										
Lectures, class discussion, paper writing																																										
Assessment methods:																																										
Term Paper	20%																																									
Midterm exam	30%																																									
Class participation and quizzes	10%																																									
Final exam	40%																																									
Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes																																										
	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Program Outcomes</th> <th colspan="5">*Level of Contribution</th> </tr> <tr> <th>1</th> <th>2</th> <th>3</th> <th>4</th> <th>5</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>IR1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>IR2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>IR3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>IR4</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IR5</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution					1	2	3	4	5	IR1						IR2						IR3						IR4					X	IR5					
Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution																																									
	1	2	3	4	5																																					
IR1																																										
IR2																																										
IR3																																										
IR4					X																																					
IR5																																										

	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.)					X
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					X
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report					
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					X
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					

20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy				X	
*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest						
<p>Student workload:</p> <p>Reading 65 hrs</p> <p>Lectures 39 hrs</p> <p>Exam preparation 26 hrs</p> <p>Term paper writing 15 hrs</p> <p>Exams 5 hrs</p> <p>TOTAL 125 hrs (25x6) 6 ECTS</p>						
Prepared by : Ödül Celep				Revision Date : 01.07.2013		