

COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
American Government	POLS 233	Fall	3	3+0+0	3	6

Prerequisites	None
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Course Language	English
Course Type	Elective
Course Lecturer	Asst. Prof. Ödül Celep
Course Assistant	Hakan Mehmetcik
Course Objectives	<p>This course is designed to discuss problems and issues in American politics. The subject matter of the course is extensive. The lecture starts with an overview of the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence and the American Civil War. The consequent topics include civil rights and civil liberties, the two-party system, Democratic Party, Republican Party, Electoral College system, the Presidency, interest groups, lobbying, American federalism, as well as the three branches of government (legislative/executive/judiciary) and bureaucracy. The course continues with recent issues: George W. Bush and Barack H. Obama periods.</p>
Course Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess knowledge about the political history of the United States from the early foundation years to the most recent period, and the effects of presidential elections on American politics and its institutions. • Understand the ideology of various political groups and political parties in the US.
Course Content	<p>American political history since the late 18th Century, with an emphasis on Cold War and post-Cold War periods. Civil War and the abolition of slavery. Civil rights and civil liberties. Political parties and elections in the US. Interest groups and lobbying in the US. American federalism. Conservative and liberal ideology. Legislative and executive branches of government. American judicial system and bureaucracy.</p>

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
1	Introduction and Overview	
2	The Logic of American Politics	
3	The Constitution	
4	Federalism	
5	Civil Rights	
6	Civil Liberties	
7	US Congress	
8	Midterm Examination	
9	Presidency	
10	American Judicial System	
11	Public Opinion	
12	Voting, Campaigns and Elections	
13	Political Parties	
14	Interest Groups	
15	News Media	

Course Textbook	Kernell, Gary C. Jacobson, Thad Kousser, 2012, <i>The Logic of American Politics</i> (5th edition), Washington, DC: CQ Press.
Recommended References	Additional pack of recent articles on American politics.

Semester Requirements	Number	Percentage of Grade
Attendance/Participation		10
Laboratory		
Application		
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)		
Quizzes/Studio Critics	5	20
Homework Assignments		
Presentation		
Project		
Seminar/Workshop		
Midterms/Oral Exams	2	30
Final/Resit Exam	1	40
Total	8	100

Percentage of Semester Work	7	40
Percentage of Final Work	1	60
Total	8	100

COURSE'S CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM

#	Program Qualifications / Outcomes	Level of Contribution *				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR 1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
IR 2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					X
IR 3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					
IR 4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					X
IR 5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
IR 6	Understand the international legal framework					X
IR 7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					
PS 1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
PS 2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					X
PS 3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS 4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					X
PS	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that					X

5	shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS 6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS 7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics					X
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					
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

**ECTS ALLOCATED BASED ON STUDENT WORKLOAD BY THE COURSE
DESCRIPTION**

Activities	Number	Duration (Hours)	Total Workload
Course Hours (Including Exams)	14	3	42
Tutorials			
Laboratory			
Application			
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)			
Field Work			
Study Hours Out of Class			
Presentations / Seminar			
Project			
Preparatory reading	14	7	98
Homework Assignments			
Quizzes	5	1	5
Midterm Exams	1	2	2
Final / Resit Exam	1	3	3
Total Workload			150

COURSE CATEGORY

ISCED GENERAL AREA CODES	GENERAL AREAS	ISCED BASIC AREA CODES	BASIC EDUCATIONAL AREAS	
1	Education	14	Teacher training and education science	0
2	Humanities and Arts	21	Arts	0
		22	Humanities	0
3	Social sciences, Business and Law	31	Social and behavioural science	100
		32	Journalism and information	0
		34	Business and administration	0
		38	Law	0
4	Science, Mathematics and Computing	42	Life science	0
		44	Physical science	0
		46	Mathematics and statistics	0
		48	Computing	0
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	52	Engineering and Engineering Trades	0
		54	Manufacturing and processing	0
		58	Architecture and building	0
6	Agriculture and Veterinary	62	Agriculture, forestry and fishery	0
		64	Veterinary	0
7	Health and Welfare	72	Health	0
		76	Social services	0
8	Services	81	Personal services	0

		84	Transport services	0
		85	Environmental protection	0
		86	Security services	0