

COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
Internet and Politics	POLS 377	Spring	6	3+0+0	3	6

Prerequisites	None
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Course Language	English
Course Type	Elective
Course Lecturer	Assoc. Prof. Rabia Karakaya Polat
Course Assistant	Hakan Mehmetcik
Course Objectives	<p>This course is designed to introduce students to the changes in political institutions, behaviour and policy in the age of information and communication technologies. The impact of the internet on political parties, political participation, representation, identity and citizenship will be explored. The role of the Internet as a source of information, medium of communication and public sphere will be analyzed. Emerging issues such as digital divide, online provision of public services, new practices of censorship, monitoring and control will be studied.</p>
Course Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to apply fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science to current developments in the age of the internet. • Understand the mechanisms of political change as a result of the changes in technological environment. • Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that emerge with the proliferation of ICTs. <p>Improve their analytical and critical thinking skills through class discussions and written assignments.</p>
Course Content	<p>Politics and political science in the age of the Internet. The impact of the internet on political parties, political participation, representation, identity and citizenship. Internet as a source of information, medium of communication and public sphere. The role of the internet in provision of public services. Internet as a site for censorship, monitoring and control.</p>

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
1	Introducing the Course	
2	Introduction to Politics and Technology	
3	The Emergence, Development and the Nature of the Internet	
4	The Internet in Political Science	
5	Internet and Political Participation	
6	Internet and Political Participation (cont.)	
7	Review and Midterm	
8	Political Parties and Online Campaigning	
9	E-Government	
10	Control of the Internet	
11	Control of the Internet (cont.)	
12	Internet and Democratic Citizenship	
13	Digital Divide	
14	Concluding the Course	

Course Textbook	Chadwick A. and Howard, P. (2009) Routledge Handbook of Internet Politics, London
Recommended References	

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

Percentage of Semester Work	4	70
Percentage of Final Work	1	30
Total	5	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					
IR 3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					
IR 4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					
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					
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					x
PS 2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					
PS 3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					x
PS 4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					
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					x
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					x
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences					
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					x
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				x	
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)			35
Tutorials			
Laboratory			
Application			
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)			
Field Work			
Study Hours Out of Class			
Presentations / Seminar			5
Project			
Preparatory reading			70
Homework Assignments	1	36	36
Quizzes			
Midterm Exams	1	2	2
Final / Resit Exam	1	2	2
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