
USKUDAR UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MASTER'S PROGRAM
COURSE CONTENT

SBU127 International Relations I (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 5

This course is designed to give students the basic knowledge required to understand and analyze International Relationship. Conceptual framework of international relations and factors which define international politics will be examined in this course such as: Modern State, Security, War, International Law, International Society, Diplomacy, Great Powers, The United Nations, Global Economic Institutions, Non-State Actors: Multinational Corporations and International Non-Governmental Organizations.

SBU229 Political History I (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 5

This course covers the period from the French Revolution to World War I. It aims at providing a general perspective on major historical events and a background for the Political Science and International Relations students concentrating on the changes, developments, and breakthroughs in politics, society, culture, and economics of the time period covered in the course. Major topics of the course are: French Revolution, Napoleonic Europe, Metternich's Europe, The revolutions of 1848, Nationalism and Unification, The Industrial Revolution and its consequences, Imperialism, The break-up of nineteenth-century Europe, Asian Metamorphoses.

SBU401 Turkish Foreign Policy I (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

The course examines the evolution of Turkish foreign policy from Ottoman Empire to the end of the Second World War.

SBU329 International Organizations (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 5

The purpose of this course is to deliver detailed knowledge about important international organizations and to analyse the goals and tasks of these organizations. In this context, global and regional international organizations, such as the United Nations and World Bank, World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund, European Union, NATO, International Court of Law, International Criminal Court, African Union will be analysed.

SBU128 International Relations II (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 5

This course will complete major topics of the course PSIR 127 - International Relations I. In this course, we will focus on issues such as Arms control, Global Trade, Global Finance, Global Poverty, Inequality and development, Globalization and Its critics, Religion and Secularism, Global Terrorism, Human Rights, Migration and Refugees, Post-Conflict State Building, Global Environmental Politics and Climate Change.

SBU228 Political History II (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 5

This course covers the period from World War I to the 9/11 attacks. It aims at providing a general perspective on major historical events and a background to the students of the department "Political Science and International Relations" by focusing on the changes, developments, and breakthroughs in international relations of the time period covered in the course. Some major topics of the course are:

World War I, Inter-War Period (1919-1939), Crises of the Thirties, The Catastrophes (Nazi Germany and Stalin's Soviet Union), World War II, New Realities: West and East, Cold War, Detent and Post-Cold War era.

SBU328 Comparative Political Systems

(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 5

This course is an introduction to Comparative Politics. It aims to give students the basic knowledge that is required to understand and analyze political systems across the world. By discussing main concepts and theoretical frameworks in the lectures, this course familiarize students to important theoretical perspectives and debates in the study of Comparative Politics. Through questions, answers, and analyzing some countries as exemplifying cases, the course will cover regime types, democracies and non-democracies, in detail.

SBU230 International Law

(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

The purpose of the course is to provide the students with the knowledge of basic principles of international law to follow actual discussions on international law. In this context, the concept of international law, its sources, its binding effect are discussed. In addition to the harmony and the conflict areas with the international politics human rights and the foundations of the peace and international security. In this sense, international courts and international criminal law will be analyzed.

SBU501 Scientific Research Methods and Academic Ethics

(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

In the course, the fundamental methods in International Relations will be examined in order to provide necessary skills for researches in the field. Instead of adopting subjective or one-sided approaches, we will focus on practicing scientific approaches. Among the topics, introduction to research, designing process, bibliography collection, analyzing data, deduction and conclusion are examined.

SBU503 Current Issues in International Relations

(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

Current integration issues in world politics will be analyzed considering the changing dynamics of the international politics through the active participation of the participants. We will focus on issues such as Regionalization in Asia and Chinese-Russian relations, Arab Spring, Syria Crisis, US-Iran Tensions, Turkey and S-400 Crisis, Turkey-US Tensions, Petroleum Exploration Works in Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus Problem, Brexit and European Integration Problem of Balkans.

SBU505 Human Rights Law

(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

In this course, arrangement, limitation, protection of the human rights at international, regional and national level will be analyzed in line with the fundamental rights and freedoms. Also the international regulations and other measures against the racist, religious or sectarian discriminations, women and children rights will be reviewed under the light of international law taking into account the last developments on human rights at international level.

SBU507 Religion and Identity in Global Politics

(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

This course will focus on the rise of identity politics in the global era, and new approaches and practices related to religion-politics and religion-society relationship. In this context, concepts such as secularism, postcolonialism, postmodernism and pluralism will be discussed in a critical framework.

SBU509 Regional Studies I

(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

In this course, the Eurasian region and the African continent will be discussed. In this context, the political, economic, social and cultural structures of the post cold war transformation of the dominant countries in the geography called Eurasia will be examined. Furthermore, subjects such as

Transformation from African Union Organization to African Union, Africa's place in international politics, African policies of USA, China, EU, Russia and Turkey will be examined.

SBU511 Societies and Cultures in the Middle East (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

In this course Middle Eastern historical, ethnical and socioeconomic data will be analyzed within the scope of social sciences' discipline. In this context, topics such as Islamic culture, effects of sects on social culture, tribal identities and ethnic groups, nomadic social cultures, village and urban life in the process of change, effects of Western Culture on Islamic culture, and the place of women in social order will be discussed.

SBU513 Chinese Foreign Policy (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

The aim of this class is to evaluate the increasing influence of China in world politics. In this respect, we will focus on domestic and foreign factors that shape Chinese foreign policy, China's relations with different regions and countries as well as the historical continuity and change in all these fields.

SBU515 Geopolitical Approaches in Global Politics (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

This course aims to analyze evolution of concepts and approaches of geopolitics and their functions on global affairs. In this context, effects of political geography to analyze foreign policy and evolution of geopolitics will be handled; effects of theories and basis of geopolitics on world politics will be discussed.

SBU517 US Foreign Policy (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

This course aims to analyze changes and continuities of US foreign policy from its foundation to the 21st century. Historical development process, decision-making mechanism, principles of US foreign policy and Turkey in US foreign policy will be analyzed.

SBU519 Contemporary Theories of Security in International Relations (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

In this course, current issues in international relations are analyzed within the scope of theories and changing approaches of security. The course aims to introduce not only classical security theories but also green theory, feminism and critical security theories with their methodologies. Students will familiarize with the changing nature of international relations.

SBU502 Advanced Academic Writing (2+2) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

This course provides fundamentals of academic writing, writing critical article, creating analytical arguments and techniques of academic writing. This course includes techniques of citation, giving reference and avoiding plagiarism.

SBU504 Theory and Practice of International Relations (2+2) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

This course introduces theories of international relations. Main arguments of mainstream theories of international relations such as realism, liberalism, neo-realism and neo-liberalism on concepts of power, security, conflict, cooperation, international organizations and state will be discussed. Also, contemporary international theories such as green theory, feminism and social constructivism will be analyzed. This course aims to have students gain skills to analyze and interpret current issues within the scope of international relations theories.

SBU506 European Integration from Past to Future (3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6

This course introduces to students economic and political integration of the European Union from 1950s and its foreign policy, changing security and defence approaches with effects of globalization and NATO. Relations between European Union and Turkey, future of European Union will be discussed.

SBU508 International Migration**(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6**

The aim of this course is to analyze the sources of international migration, different migration movements and social and political debates caused by migration. In this context, different political approaches (multiculturalism, assimilationism etc.) and cultural and socioeconomic consequences related to migration theories, migration of workers, asylum and irregular migration, national and international migration management and the integration of migrants in the country of destination will be discussed.

SBU510 Regional Studies II**(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6**

In this course, the effects of developments in Balkan Countries and Latin American countries on international relations and security will be examined. In this framework, the political, economic, social and cultural structures of the Balkans and Central and South American countries will be examined and regional integration initiatives will be analyzed. On the one hand, while examining the place and importance of the Western Balkans in European integration and security, on the other hand, the place of Latin American countries in US foreign policy will be analyzed in detail, especially in the examples of Brazil and Venezuela.

SBU512 Current Issues in the Middle East**(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6**

The problems in the Middle East geography, which is extremely important in terms of energy resources in shaping the current economic and political order of the world, have the potential to affect the globalizing world in every aspect. The aim of this course is to provide students with information about the current and fundamental problems of the Middle East, which are the focus of international developments and which are both closely influenced by Turkey and closely influences Turkey, and to provide an analytical perspective on the subject.

SBU514 Theory and Practice of Populism**(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6**

Populism has become one of the most important discussion topics of the international political agenda today. In this course, different theoretical approaches will be examined in this context by discussing how populism should be defined. In addition to this, the ways in which populism is interpreted in different geographies will be examined and the controversial relationship between populism and democracy will be discussed.

SBU516 Political Psychology**(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6**

The aim of this course is to introduce students to historical and contemporary perspectives in political psychology. This course aims to analyze the learning, methods and knowledge of a wide range of psychology disciplines from the interaction of political behavior and personality to social consciousness in a multidisciplinary context using the products of political science. The course deals with the historical development process of the discipline within the framework of political psychology and the periodical field topics according to its phases. The course also deals with the psychology of various international political relations, various political systems, ideologies and phenomena.

SBU518 Cyber-Security**(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6**

Cyber security lecture provides a strong foundation in cyber systems and information security. This course will cover security and risk management, asset security, identity and access management, security assessment and testing, cryptography, penetration testing, mobile security, social engineering, legal and ethical issues, cyber attack techniques and types, intrusion stages.

SBU520 Continuity and Change in Turkish Foreign Policy**(3+0) Credit: 3 ECTS: 6**

This course offers a comparative approach towards the historical and current factors that shape Turkish foreign policy's geostrategic paradigms, regional policies and policy-making dynamics in terms of major international issues.