



FINAL INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES

Program	Political Science and International Relations
Medium of Instruction	English

Category		Associate Degree	X	Undergraduate		Masters (Project Based)		Masters (Thesis)		PhD

CURRICULUM

ABBREVIATIONS									
UC: University Core			FC: Faculty Core			AC: Area Core			
UE: University Elective						AE: Area Elective			
YEAR 1									
<i>FALL</i>									
Semester	Course code	Course name	Course category	Credit			Pre-requisite	ECTS Credits	
				Lec.	Pract.	Tot.			
1	PSIR101	Introduction to Political Science	AC	3	0	3		7	
1	COMP111	Computer I	UC	2	1	3		3	
1	SOCI101	Introduction to Sociology	AC	3	0	3		6	
1	PSYC120	Introduction to Psychology	AC	3	0	3		7	
1	ENGL101	English I	UC	3	0	3		6	
Total Credit						15		29	
<i>SPRING</i>									
2	PSIR102	Introduction to International Relations	AC	3	0	3		7	
2	MATH113	Mathematics	FC	3	0	3		6	
2	ENGL102	English II	UC	3	0	3	ENGL101	6	
2	PSIR104	Principles of Law	AC	3	0	3		7	
2	COMP112	Computer II	UC	2	1	3	COMP111	3	
2	HIST100/ TURK100	History of Turkish Republic/ Turkish as a Second Language	UC	2	0	2		2	
Total Credit						17		31	
YEAR 2									
<i>FALL</i>									
3	PSIR201	History of Political Thought I	AC	3	0	3		6	
3	ECON101	Introduction to Economics I	FC	3	0	3		7	
3	HIST211	History of Civilizations I	AC	3	0	3		6	
3	PSIR203	International Law	AC	3	0	3		5	
3	STAT211	Business Statistics I	FC	3	1	3		6	
Total Credit						15		30	
<i>SPRING</i>									
4	PSIR202	History of Political Thought II	AC	3	0	3		6	
4	ECON102	Introduction to Economics II	FC	3	0	3	ECON101	7	
4	PSIR204	Comparative Politics	AC	3	0	3		6	
4	HIST212	History of Civilizations II	AC	3	0	3		5	
4	STAT212	Business Statistics II	FC	3	1	3	STAT211	6	
Total Credit						15		30	

YEAR 3								
<i>FALL</i>								
5	MGMT401	Research Methods	FC	3	0	3		6
5	PSIR301	International Organizations and NGOs	AC	3	0	3		6
5	PSIR303	International Politics	AC	3	0	3		6
5	PSIR305	Political Economy	AC	3	0	3		6
5	AE-XXX	Area Elective I	AE	3	0	3		6
Total Credit						15		30
<i>SPRING</i>								
6	PSIR302	Political Theory	AC	3	0	3		6
6	PSIR304	European Integration	AC	3	0	3		6
6	PSIR306	Foreign Policy Analysis	AC	3	0	3		6
6	AE-XXX	Area Elective II	AE	3	0	3		6
6	UE-XXX	University Elective I	UE	3	0	3		6
Total Credit						15		30
YEAR 4								
<i>FALL</i>								
7	PSIR401	International Conflict Analysis	AC	3	0	3		6
7	PSIR403	Identity, Nationalism and Minorities	AC	3	0	3		6
7	PSIR405	Politics of Developing Countries	AC	3	0	3		6
7	AE-XXX	Area Elective III	AE	3	0	3		6
7	UE-XXX	University Elective II	UE	3	0	3		6
Total Credit						15		30
<i>SPRING</i>								
8	PSIR400	International Relations Capstone	AC	3	0	3		6
8	AE-XXX	Area Elective IV	AE	3	0	3		6
8	AE-XXX	Area Elective V	AE	3	0	3		6
8	AE-XXX	Area Elective VI	AE	3	0	3		6
8	UE-XXX	University Elective III	UE	3	0	3		6
Total Credit						15		30

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS / SYNOPSES

PSIR101 - Introduction to Political Science

Course outline: Introduction to the study of politics. Terminology and methodology of political science. Government and administration. Executive, legislative, and judiciary. Governance, political participation, political actors, government structures and processes. Basic concepts of political theory, comparative politics and international relations. This course provides an introduction to the key concepts and methods to analyse politics. Topics will include politics and people, some of the basic concepts in the study of politics, the interplay between politics and economics, and actors and the processes of governance and on international politics and challenges in the face of globalization.

Textbooks: Andrew Heywood, 2013, Politics, 4th Edition, Palgrave Foundations.

COMP111 - Computer I

This course introduces students to the key concepts and topics of information technology and their significance for business, economics, and society. Topics include understanding how computers work, fundamental concepts relating to hardware, software, central processing unit, input and output, storage, networks and internet. The course also improves basic PC, Windows, and MS Office skills, and intermediate-level Word and PowerPoint skills.

SOCI101 – Introduction to Sociology

Course outline: Students explore the concepts and theories necessary to systematic understanding of our social worlds. Topics may include considering sociology as science, the nature of large- and small-scale groups, social stratification, historical eras and social change, and race, ethnic and gender relations.

Textbooks: Anthony Giddens and Mitchell Duneier, 2013, Introduction to Sociology, 9th Edition, Seagull.

PSYC120 - Introduction to Psychology

Course outline: It provides an objective and scientific approach to the study of human behavior. Course topics include scientific methods of research in psychology, biology and behavior, sensation and perception, learning and cognition, and developmental and social psychology.

Textbooks: James W. Kalat, 2013, Introduction to Psychology, 10th Edition, Cengage Learning.

ENGL101 - English I

Course outline: This is a first-semester EAP course for freshman students, and it focuses on developing both receptive and productive skills as well as the study skills required for university-level coursework.

Textbooks: Sarah Philpot and Lesley Curnick, Editors: Liz and John Soars, 2011, Headway Academic Skills, Reading, Writing, and Study Skills Level 3 Student Book, Student edition, Oxford University Press.

Anita Barry, 2012, English Grammar: Language as Human Behavior, CourseSmart eTextbook, 3rd Edition, Pearson Education.

PSIR102 – Introduction to International Relations

Course outline: The course examines the basic theories of International Relations. The historical development, physical nature, and political, legal, economic environment of the nation-state system are discussed, with special emphasis on actors and structures of international relations, determinants and dynamics of world politics, and the context of war and peace, or conflict and cooperation.

Textbooks: Joseph S. Nye and David A. Welch, 2013, Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Theory and History, 9th edition, Boston: Pearson.

MATH113 - Mathematics

Course outline: This course is designed for Business and Economic students. Topics include the review of linear and non-linear functions and models (including cost, revenue, profit, demand and supply), solving linear and non-linear systems of equations, matrices, linear programming, difference equations and mathematics of finance.

Textbooks: Introductory Mathematical Analysis for Business, Economics, and the Life and Social Sciences. 13th Edition, Ernest F. Haeussler, Jr., Richard S. Paul. Prentice Hall.

ENGL102 –English II

Course outline: This course is continuation of ENGL 101- English I. It involves further development of students' EAP oral and written communication skills as well as further development of the study skills essential to success at this level.

Textbooks: Sarah Philpot and Lesley Curnick, Editors: Liz and John Soars, 2011, Headway Academic Skills, Reading, Writing, and Study Skills Level 3 Student Book, Student edition, Oxford University Press.

Anita Barry, 2012, English Grammar: Language as Human Behavior, CourseSmart eTextbook, 3rd Edition, Pearson Education.

PSIR104– Principles of Law

Course outline: This is an introductory course in which basic concepts and general principles of law, as well as issues concerning the Turkish legal system, are studied in order to provide an introduction to legal concepts and institutions that will serve as a foundation for other courses dealing with legal studies. The main topics to be studied are the concept of "law", the sources of law, the different branches of law and the application of law.

Textbooks: Jeffrey L. Dunoff, Steven R. Ratner, David Wippman, 2015, International Law: Norms, Actors, Process: A Problem-Oriented Approach, 4th edition, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business.

COMP112-Computer II

This course introduces business applications of information technology and related issues, including electronic commerce, computer security and privacy, database management systems, programming languages, systems analysis and design, and expert systems. Intermediate-level Windows and MS Office skills, and advanced-level Excel skills will also be improved.

TURK 100 – Turkish as a Second Language

Course outline: This course is designed to provide international students with the basic lexis and grammar of the Turkish language and to develop basic receptive and productive skills in Turkish.

Textbooks: Lewis V. Thomas and Norman Itzkowitz, 1986, Elementary Turkish (Dover Language Guides), Revised ed. edition, Dover Publications.

HIST 100 - History of Turkish Republic

Course outline: A general survey of Turkish history from about the mid-19th century until World War II with a particular focus on the early Republican era. A comparative and analytical account of Westernization and Ottoman reform attempts, the economic and social transformations, diplomacy and foreign policy, World War I, the rise of Turkish nationalism, social, economic and cultural reforms in the 1920s and 1930s with special emphasis on the Kemalist principles.

Textbooks: Temuçin Faik Ertan, 2011, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Tarihi, Siyasal Kitabevi.
Atatürk İlkeleri ve İnkılâp Tarih, Komisyon, Gazi Kitabevi, 2011.

PSIR201– History of Political Thought I

Course outline: The course presents the study of ancient Greek, Roman, and medieval political thinkers; and analysis of their major contributions to the development of political theory.

Textbooks: Alan Ryan, 2012, On Politics: A History of Political Thought: From Herodotus to the Present (2 Vol. Set), 1st Edition, Liveright.

ECON101 - Introduction to Economics I

Course outline: This course introduces students to the key concept and topic of microeconomics such as demand and supply, elasticity, utility, preferences, production, costs, perfect competition, monopoly, monopolistic competition, oligopoly and factor markets.

Textbooks: Michael Parkin, 2015, Economics, 12th Edition, Pearson.

HIST211 – History of Civilizations I

Course outline: At the end of this course, the students will learn descriptive and analytic historical perspectives, and read the historical development of Civilization through the perspectives. They will also learn modern law, modern state, current economic systems and the origins of the modern political systems and their historical development processes.

Textbooks: Peter Stearns, Michael Adas, Stuart Schwartz, Marc Gilber, 2016, World Civilizations The Global Experience, Combined Volume Plus NEW MyHistoryLab with Pearson eText -- Access Card Package, 7th Edition, Pearson.

PSIR203– International Law

Course outline: This course is designed to cover the main aspects of public international law and the international legal system. A range of topics will be discussed to learn how international law, norms and processes interact with states, organizations and individuals. Subjects include the sources of international law, how it is created and applied, who are the main actors in international legal processes and how these are changing in today's globalized world, the interaction of international law and domestic law, the growing area of individual rights and obligations in the international arena affecting human rights, the conduct of states and officials in war and conflict situations, and how international law and institutions relate to development, the environment, trade and peace and security.

Textbooks: Jeffrey L. Dunoff, Steven R. Ratner, David Wippman, 2015, International Law: Norms, Actors, Process: A Problem-Oriented Approach, 4th Edition, Aspen Publishing.

STAT211 – Business Statistics I

Course outline: Business Statistics is the science of collecting, organizing, and summarizing data to provide Information, stated in numerical form, for the purpose of making objective business decisions. Descriptive statistics, sampling, sampling size estimation, hypothesis testing will be the focus of the course.

Textbooks: Ron Larson, Betsy Farber, 2011, Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World, 5th Edition, Pearson.
Allan G. Bluman, 2012, Elementary Statistics: A step by step approach, 8th edition, Mac Grawhill.

PSIR202– History of Political Thought II

Course outline: Analysis of the works of the major Western political theorists from Machiavelli to the present, with emphasis on general developments, trends, and basic issues in modern political theory.

Textbooks: Alan Ryan, 2012, On Politics: A History of Political Thought: From Herodotus to the Present (2 Vol. Set), 1st Edition, Liveright.

ECON102 - Introduction to Economics II

Course outline: This course examines the differences between the economy in the short run and in the long run. A number of macroeconomic models, determination of national income, problems of inflation, unemployment and growth are considered, and the results are used to conduct macroeconomic policy discussion on stabilization policies and government debt. By the end of this module, the students will be able to understand, the relationships between different economic variables, presentation of economic issues with graphs, tables and essays, identify economic issues both in theory and practice.

Textbooks: Michael Parkin, 2015, Economics, 12th Edition, Pearson.

PSIR204– Comparative Politics

Course outline: This course introduces students to the main concepts, methodologies, theories, issues and debates in comparative politics. Comparative party systems, electoral systems, political institutions, state-society relations, democratization, and political culture.

Textbooks: Kaare Strom, Russell J. Dalton, G. Bingham Powell (2015), Comparative Politics Today: A World View, Global Edition, 11/E, Pearson.

HIST212 – History of Civilizations II

Course outline: This course will cover Aegean Region and Geography: Crete; Civilizations of Miken and Minos; Akalar and Aegean Migrations; The World of Greeks after the Dorians and the Dorians; Greek Middle Age and Feudalism; Archaic Period, Hellenistic Period States; Civilization of Hellenism; Roman Political History and Civilization: Kingdom, Republican, Imperial and Roman Civilization.

Textbooks: Peter Stearns, Michael Adas, Stuart Schwartz, Marc Gilber, 2016, World Civilizations The Global Experience, Combined Volume Plus NEW MyHistoryLab with Pearson eText -- Access Card Package, 7th Edition, Pearson.

STAT212– Business Statistics II

Course outline: The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the basic concepts and techniques in statistics, to enhance the analytical skills of students to interpret data and to produce information for decision making in functional areas of business and economics, to help students think statistically and to motivate students to study further in areas of challenge offered by statistics.

Textbooks: Ron Larson, Betsy Farber, 2011, Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World, 5th Edition, Pearson. Allan G. Bluman, 2012, Elementary Statistics: A step by step approach, 8th edition, Mac Grawhill.

MGMT401 - Research Methods

Course outline: Research Methods introduces students to foundational issues of social scientific research, research ethics and academic integrity. Students will examine the strengths and weaknesses of major quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques as well as the processes involved in planning and executing such projects.

Textbooks: Mark N.K. Saunders, Philips Lewis and Adrian Thornhill, 2012, Research Methods for Business Students, 6th edition, Financial Times.

PSIR301– International Organizations and NGOs

Course outline: Drawing on mainstream and critical theoretical approaches, the course offers a comprehensive examination of international organizations' political and structural role in world politics. It details the types and activities of international organizations and provides students with the conceptual tools needed to evaluate their effectiveness. Present and future possibilities for global governance from a broad range of perspectives will be discussed.

Textbooks: Kelly-Kate S. Pease, 2019, International Organizations: Perspectives on Global Governance, 6th Edition, Routledge.

PSIR303 – International Politics

Course outline: This course provides students with a deeper knowledge of the conceptual and theoretical tools used in the study of world politics. It further examines some of the contemporary topics in international relations, such as international cooperation, security issues, globalisation, international political economy, and humanitarian intervention.

Textbooks: Baylis, John; Smith, Steve; Owens, Patricia, 2011, The globalization of world politics: An introduction to international relations, 5th edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

PSIR305– Political Economy

Course outline: Based on an overview of the fundamental approaches and major thinkers in political economy, this course offers an introduction to basic concepts, processes, theories, methodologies, debates and issues in the field of political economy. We explore various attempts to theorize the relationship between the world of public power and decision-making, i.e. politics, and the world of production and distribution, i.e. economics. The course provides a canvass of major thinkers in political economy (ranging from Adam Smith, Hayek, to Marx and Polanyi) and offers a critical overview of various approaches, ideologies and theories in the field. The major aim of the course is to encourage the students to think how these thinkers and their ideas are still relevant in contemporary global context. It also focuses on the analysis of various contemporary debates in the analysis of capitalism, including those on globalization and inequality and labor markets, both at the domestic and international level.

Textbooks: Charles Sackrey, Geoffrey Schneider, Janet Knoedler, 2013, Introduction to Political Economy, 7th edition, Dollars & Sense.

Theodore H. Cohn, 2016, Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice, 7th Edition, Routledge.

Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake, J. Lawrence Broz, 2017, International Political Economy: Perspectives on Global Power and Wealth, 6th Edition, W. W. Norton & Company.

Selected readings.

PSIR302 – Political Theory

Course outline: This course offers an introduction to the major intellectual traditions in the history of Western political thought. It encourages discussions on ideas of some of the major political theorists from the ancient Greeks to the 21st century. The primary focus is on examination of the historical origins of the concepts that establish our understanding of political institutions and practices. Some of the topics included in the course are modern forms of political organizations and concepts such as freedom, equality and justice.

Textbooks: Leopold, David and Marc Stears (eds). 2008. Political Theory. Methods and Approaches. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

PSIR304 – European Integration

Course outline: This course offers an introduction to European integration. It analyzes the process of European integration since the Second World War and examines basic institutions, policies, and issues of the European Union (EU). The course reviews the origin and historical development of European integration, the theories of the European integration, neo-functionalism, intergovernmentalism and some new approaches, the major institutions and the actors of the EU, the Community's decision-making process, some of the EU policies, and the enlargement process, the foreign, security and defense policy of the EU and economic and monetary union. Furthermore, some issues and debates such as democracy and the economic crisis will be analyzed.

Textbooks: Cini, Michelle and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borraran, 2016, European Union Politics, 5th Edition, Oxford U. Press.

PSIR306 – Foreign Policy Analysis

Course outline: This course covers the literature, research topics, and current issues in the area of foreign policy analysis -- an identifiable subfield within the study of international relations in political science. Research in this area is designed to answer the question: Why do states do what they do in international politics? The course is organized in a basic "levels of analysis" framework that roughly corresponds to the historical development of the study of foreign policy analysis. Particular attention will be paid to current decision making approaches to foreign policy. The emphasis in the course is on theories of foreign policy, although students will also be exposed to the substance/content of the foreign policies of various countries.

Textbooks: Marijke Breuning, 2007, Foreign Policy Analysis: A Comparative Introduction, Palgrave MacMillan.

PSIR401– International Conflict Analysis

Course outline: Review of conflict theories. Understanding the causes of international conflict. Dynamics of conflict escalation, management, settlement, and resolution.

Textbooks: Joseph S. Nye Jr., David A. Welch, 2017, Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Theory and History, 10th Edition, Pearson.

PSIR403 – Identity, Nationalism and Minorities

Course outline: In this course, theoretical debates and approaches to nationalism are covered and nationalist movements are examined. Nationalism in underdeveloped countries is explored through case studies in Turkey and sub-Saharan Africa. Globalization as the third wave of Western expansion is also one of the subjects of this course. The third subject of this course is minorities. Main issues about minorities (definition, identity, host-state policies [ethnic/religious cleansing, discrimination, integration], self-determination) and classification of minority rights are discussed in this section. Minority issues in Turkey are also examined and basic information about domestic law and implementation of cultural rights and EU reform packages are analyzed.

Textbooks: Edited by Jennifer Jackson, Lina Molokotos-Liederman, 2015, Nationalism, Ethnicity and Boundaries: Conceptualising and understanding identity through boundary approaches, 1st Edition, Routledge.

Anderson, Benedict, 2006, Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism. ISBN: 9781844670864

Selected Readings.

PSIR405 – Politics of Developing Countries

Course outline: The structures and processes of politics in developing countries with special attention on the dynamics of regime changes. The course explores the theoretical approaches, the changing nature and role of the state, and the major policy issues that confront all developing countries. It sets out a diverse range of country case studies, representing all the main geographical regions.

Textbooks: Edited by Peter Burnell, Vicky Randall, and Lise Rakner, 2017, *Politics in the Developing World*, 5th Edition, Oxford University Press.

PSIR400 – International Relations Capstone

Course outline: Integration of the knowledge from different areas of the international relations; foreign policy, and security, identity, citizenship, and democracy, domestic and global governance, regions of the World; applying concepts and frameworks to real life cases to formulate and implement creative and effective solutions to domestic and international political challenges; teamwork and presentations.

This capstone course for the major in International Relations introduces students to structured academic research methods and practice in selected areas of International Studies. First, it aims at developing students' advanced research skills through the examination of research methodologies and academic writing skills, as well as the exploration of ethical and intercultural issues that may arise in the course of a scholarly research. Second, it engages students in critical discussions regarding research methods and conceptual approaches through case studies. Third, during the second part of the course, students will undertake a significant research project on a self-chosen topic and discuss their research findings to and with their classmates.

Textbooks: Marsh, David and Gerry Stoker, eds., 2010, *Theory and Methods in Political Science*, 3rd edition, New York: Palgrave MacMillan.

Scott, Gregory M. and Stephen M. Garrison, 2008, *The Political Science Students Writer's Manual*, 6th Edition, New Jersey: Pearson/Prentice Hall.

Selected readings.

ELECTIVE COURSES**PSIR311 – Politics and Law**

Course outline: An interdisciplinary approach to the relationship between the constitution and the political system, political processes and judicial review of legislative acts. Case studies from the Turkish, Continental European, and Anglo-American contexts.

Textbooks: David Feldman, 2013, *Law in Politics, Politics in Law*, Hart Studies in Constitutional Law.

Selected readings

PSIR312 – Introduction to Turkish Politics

Course outline: The development of the Turkish political system from the Ottoman period to the present with emphasis on the interaction of state, politics, and society.

Textbooks: Zürcher, E.J. 1995, *Turkey: a Modern History*, London, New York: British Academic Press; St. Martin's Press.

Taha Parla and Andrew Davison, 2004, *Corporatist Ideology in Kemalist Turkey*, Syracuse.

Selected Readings.

PSIR313 – Turkish Constitutional System

Course outline: Constitution as the Supreme Law of the Land and as an operating mechanism; organization and functioning of the legislative, executive and judicial branches; interrelation between them; the citizen, civil liberties and the Government.

Textbooks: Özbudun, E. 2011, *The Constitutional System of Turkey: 1876 to the Present*, Palgrave MacMillan.

PSIR314 – Turkish Foreign Policy

Course outline: Major developments in Turkish foreign policy; shifts in foreign policy goals and orientations; forces of change, problems and issues in Turkey's historical and current external relations.

Textbooks: Pınar Gözen Ercan (eds.), 2017, *Turkish Foreign Policy: International Relations, Legality and Global Reach*, 1st Edition, Palgrave MacMillan.

William Hale, *Turkish Foreign Policy since 1774*, 3rd Edition, Routledge.

PSIR315 – Turkish Constitutional Law

Course outline: Examination of the emergence and development of parliamentarism in Turkey. Constitutional developments in the Ottoman Empire and the Turkish Republic.

Textbooks: Vahit Bıçak, Zuhtu Arslan (2016), *Constitutional Law in Turkey*, Wolters Kluwer.

PSIR316 – War and Peace Studies

Course outline: The general objective of this course is to provoke a critical awareness of issues of war and peace in international relations. This course examines the historically changing expressions and meanings of war and peace. The basic ideas of war studies on the one hand and peace studies on the other hand are introduced and reviewed before considering a range of theoretical approaches to the field and examining distinct historical examples of the outbreak of wars and the conclusion of -peace-.

Textbooks: (Eds.) by Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, John A. Vasquez (2014), Conflict, War, and Peace: An Introduction to Scientific Research, Sage Publications.

PSIR317 – Current International Issues

Course outline: This course focuses on current developments in international politics. Therefore, the topics of the course are not fixed and changeable according to the developments on the world and in the adjacent regions. All issues are taught by experts of the subjects from the academic and/or other related institutions. For instance, developments in energy issues are lectured by an energy expert from a leading institution in Turkey. Some of the topics may cover US foreign policy as well as clashes in Lebanon or developments in Afghanistan, the rise of the left movements in Latin America.

Textbooks: Richard J. Payne (2017), Global Issues Politics, Economics, and Culture, 5th Edition, Pearson.
Global Issues Selections from CQ Researcher 2018 edn. Edited by: The CQ Researcher.

PSIR318 – Politics of Latin America

Course outline: The structures and political processes in Latin American countries with a focus on populism, revolution, authoritarianism, and democracy. Historical and theoretical examination of political change and economic development in the region.

This class will introduce students to the politics of Latin American democracies. The major topics we will consider include political parties, elections and electoral systems, political institutions, voting behavior, government formation, and welfare policies. In addition to learning the basics about politics in the Latin American countries, we will infuse our class sessions with discussions about the current state of American affairs.

Textbooks: David Close, (2017), Latin American Politics: An Introduction, 2nd Edition, University of Toronto Press.

PSIR319 – Politics of Western Europe

Course outline: This class will introduce students to the politics of Western European democracies. The major topics we will consider include political parties, elections and electoral systems, political institutions, voting behavior, government formation, and welfare policies. In addition to learning the basics about politics in the Western European countries, we will infuse our class sessions with discussions about the current state of European affairs.

Textbooks: Tim Bale, 2017, European Politics: A Comparative Introduction (Comparative Government and Politics)-Palgrave MacMillan.

PSIR320 – Politics of the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe

Course outline: This class will introduce students to the politics of Former Soviet Union and Eastern European democracies. The major topics we will consider include political parties, elections and electoral systems, political institutions, voting behavior, government formation, and welfare policies. In addition to learning the basics about politics in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern European countries, we will infuse our class sessions with discussions about the current state of European affairs.

Textbooks: Sharon L. Wolchik, Jane Leftwich Curry, 2015, Central & East European Politics, Third Edition, Rowman and Littlefield.

Valerie Bunce, Michael McFaul, Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, 2010, Democracy and Authoritarianism in Post-Communist World, Cambridge UP.

Mary McAuley, 1992, Soviet Politics, 1917-1991, New York: Oxford University Press.

Selected readings.

PSIR321 – Politics of Middle East and North Africa

Course outline: This class will introduce students to the politics of Middle East and North African democracies. The major topics we will consider include political parties, elections and electoral systems, political institutions, voting behavior, government formation, and welfare policies. In addition to learning the basics about politics in the Middle East and North African countries, we will infuse our class sessions with discussions about the current state of African affairs.

Textbooks: Mark Gasiorowski (Author), Sean L. Yom (2016), The Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa, 8th Edition, Routledge.

PSIR322 – Diplomacy in a Changing World

Course outline: The changing nature of diplomacy in the 21st century. Traditional nation-state methods of bilateral and alliance diplomacy. Elements of change in the post-Cold War period, including multi-lateral diplomacy, summitry and global issues, the communications of revolution, economic interdependence, the growth of non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations including regional bodies, the evolving role of military force/peacekeeping/peacemaking and the development of transnational areas of concern.

Textbooks: Paul Webster Hare (2016), Making Diplomacy Work: Intelligent Innovation for the Modern World, CQ Press.
Selected readings.

PSIR323 – Voting Behavior

Course outline: This course aims analysing the interplay between public opinion, candidates, and mass media institutions in shaping voting decisions and the democratic quality of electoral outcomes. This course uses different cases of elections as raw materials for analyzing the interplay between public opinion, candidates, and mass media institutions in shaping voting decisions and the democratic quality of electoral outcomes. It will focus on the political opinions and behavior of citizens as reflected in cross-sectional surveys of the national adult population rather than studies of elected officials or other political elites. Special attention will be paid to the role of partisan identification and policy preferences in presidential elections to the distribution and origins of public opinion on important political issues, and to the determinants of electoral participation or turnout.

Textbooks: William H. Flanigan and Nancy H. Zingale, 2005, Political Behavior of the American Electorate, 11th edition, CQ Press.
Jonathan Bendor, Daniel Diermeier, David A. Siegel & Michael M. Ting, (2011), A Behavioral Theory of Elections, 1st edition, Princeton University Press.

PSIR324 – Special Topics in International Relations

Course outline: Specific topics to be determined for given semester.

Textbooks: Selected readings.

PSIR411 – Special Topics in Political Science

Course outline: Specific topics to be determined for given semester.

Textbooks: Selected readings.

PSIR412 – Gender and Politics

Course outline: This advanced course explores a variety of political, social, and economic processes through a gendered perspective. The class revisits issues of politics and political economy by focusing on various inequalities that govern the lives of men and women in their everyday lives.

Textbooks: Mona Lena Krook, Sarah Childs (2010), Women, Gender, and Politics: A Reader, 1st Edition, Oxford University Press.

PSIR413 – Politics in Asia and the Pacific

Course outline: Comparative analysis of political change and rapid economic development in East and Southeast Asia, with particular focus on Japan, China, and the East Asian NICs.

Textbooks: Michael Yahuda (2011), The International Politics of the Asia Pacific: Third and Revised Edition, Routledge.

PSIR414 – Political Sociology

Course outline: In this course, the conceptual framework and analytic tools will be used to examine concepts of political sociology. Major themes of the course include the nation-state and its challengers, capitalism, democracy, and globalization. Abstract, theoretical works are explored with practical applications and illustrations in specific national/historical contexts. Students will also become aware of criticisms and debates in political sociology – as well as its limitations. The course focuses on five major themes: Foundations; the Nation-State and its Challengers; Capitalism; Democracy; the Global Processes.

Textbooks: Drake, Michael. 2010. Political Sociology for a Globalizing World. 1st edition, U.S.A: Polity Press.

PSIR415– Communications and Politics

Course outline: The global revolution in mass communication and its impact on political processes, cultural identity, national and global issues.

Textbooks: Brian McNair (2017), Political Communication Bundle: An Introduction to Political Communication (Communication and Society) (Volume 1) 6th Edition, Routledge.

PSIR416 – Islam and Politics

Course outline: Analysis of the relationship of Islam to politics. Islamist movements in theoretical and comparative perspective.

Textbooks: John L. Esposito and Emad El-Din Shahin, eds., 2013, *The Oxford Handbook of Islam and Politics*, 1st edition, Oxford UP.
Ibrahim Abu Rabi', 2006, *The Blackwell Companion to Contemporary Islamic Thought*, 1st edition, MA and Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

PSIR417 – Balkan Politics

Course outline: Social and political dynamics of Balkan states with emphasis on the causes and consequences of instability in the region.

Textbooks: K. Dawisha, B. Parrott (eds.), (1997), *Politics, Power, and the Struggle for Democracy in the Southeast Europe*, Cambridge.

Bechev, D. (2011) *Constructing South East Europe: The Politics of Balkan Regional Cooperation*, Palgrave Macmillan

PSIR418 – Diplomatic Negotiations

Course outline: Methods and strategies of conducting diplomatic negotiations. The course provides an introduction into diplomacy, the theory of international negotiations, and a discussion of global issues and current world problems, such as peace and security, climate change and international trade. It discusses cases of successful and/or failed diplomacy.

Textbooks: Berridge, Geoff R., 2010, *Diplomacy: Theory and Practice*, Fourth edition, New York: Palgrave Macmillan Publishers.

PSIR419 – Politics and Culture

Course outline: This course examines some key perspectives such as culture, cultural identity, popular culture and its political implications within the complex relationship between culture and politics. The course will help develop an understanding of main issues in culture and politics through an interdisciplinary approach.

Textbooks: Jan-Erik Lane and Svante Ersson. 2002. *Culture and Politics: A Comparative Approach*, Aldershot: Ashgate.

PSIR420 – European Union Institutions and Policy Making

Course outline: A basic understanding of the participants, factors and constraints that influence EU policy-making in its various arenas, levels, and stages. Analyzes of the capacity of EU institutions that monitor the enforcement of compliance with EU policy goals, strategies and outcomes in member states.

Textbooks: Neill Nugent, 2017, *The Government and Politics of the European Union*, 8th edition, Macmillan International Higher Education.

Jeremy Richardson and Sonia Mazey, 2015, *European Union, Power and policy-making*, 4th edition, Routledge.

PSIR421 – American Government and Foreign Policy

Course outline: This course examines the sources of American foreign policy. It reviews how Realism and Liberalism approaches to international relations explain U.S. foreign policy. It also uses these approaches to examine pivotal events, actors, and developments in U.S. foreign policy since World War II, and address current issues in U.S. foreign policy.

Textbooks: Michael Cox, Doug Stokes. 2018, *US Foreign Policy 3e*, 3rd Edition, Oxford University Press.

PSIR422 – Introduction to Game Theory

Course outline: Game-theoretic reasoning pervades economic theory and is used widely in other social and behavioral sciences. The course delves into main principles of game theory and shows how they can be used to understand economic, social, political, and biological phenomena. Some of the topics covered in the course are fundamental concepts of strategic games, extensive games with perfect information, and coalitional games; the more advanced subjects of Bayesian games and extensive games with imperfect information; and the topics of repeated games, bargaining theory, evolutionary equilibrium, rationalizability, and maximization.

Textbooks: Martin J. Osborne, 2003, *An Introduction to Game Theory*, 1st edition, Oxford University Press.

PSIR423 – Contemporary Political Ideologies

Course outline: Study of liberalism, conservatism, socialism, communism, social democracy, nationalism, from their origins in the 18th century to the present.

Textbooks: Andrew Heywood, 2017, *Political Ideologies. An Introduction*, 6th edition, Red Globe Press.

T. Ball and R. Dagger, 2004, *Ideals and Ideologies. A Reader*, 5th edition, NY, Pearson Longman.

PSIR424 – International Protection of Human Rights

Course outline: Human rights in international relations; creation of international human rights law; general and specific norms of international human rights law; universal and regional institutions and procedures of protection; NGO's role; relationship between international criminal law and international human rights law.

Textbooks: KRAUSE, Catarina; SCHEININ, Martin (2012), International Protection of Human Rights: A textbook (2nd, rev. ed), Åbo Akademi University.