



**FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
TURKISH POLITICS COURSE SYLLABUS**

| Course Name      | Course Code | Academic Semester | T+U<br>(hours per week) | Local Credit | ECTS |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------|
| Turkish Politics | PSIR351     | 1                 | 3+0                     | 3            | 6    |

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| Academic Department         | Political Science and International Relations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Prerequisites               | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Type & Level of Course Unit | Compulsory, Bachelor of Arts/Science                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Language of Instruction     | English                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Academic Year and Semester  | 2026-2027/I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Meeting Time and Place      | Friday-08.40-11.30 FEAS202                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Course Objectives           | The primary objective of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive and analytical understanding of Turkish politics by examining the historical development, political institutions, major actors, political processes, and socio-economic dynamics that have shaped the Turkish political system. The course aims to enable students to critically analyze major transformations in Turkish political life, including state-society relations, political parties and elections, civil-military relations, constitutional changes, political ideologies, identity politics, democratization, and changes in the structure of executive power.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Course Description          | This course examines the historical development and contemporary dynamics of Turkish politics from the late Ottoman period to the present. It begins with the political and institutional legacies of the Ottoman Empire and the establishment of the Republic of Türkiye, followed by an examination of the single-party period, the transition to multi-party politics, and the Democrat Party period. The course then explores major political transformations from the 1960s onwards, including military interventions, constitutional changes, political polarization, economic and social transformations, and the development of political parties and electoral competition. Particular attention is given to state-society relations, civil-military relations, political participation, identity politics, democratization, constitutional reforms, executive-legislative relations, and the transformation of the political system in the twenty-first century. Throughout the course, students are encouraged to analyze Turkish politics through comparative and political science perspectives. |
| Learning Outcomes           | Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:<br>1.Understand historical evolution and continuity of Turkish politics,<br>2.Explain the emergence of the modern Turkish state,<br>3.Analyze the political changes in Turkish political life,<br>4. Have information on Turkish political culture, the main political parties, different election systems, the key institutions and their role during major political events.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Course Rules                | Regular attendance and active participation are expected. Students are responsible for completing assigned readings and course activities before each class. All assignments and presentations must be submitted on time. Students are expected to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                                  | maintain academic integrity and participate in classroom discussions in a respectful and constructive manner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods | The course will be conducted through lectures, class discussions, guided analysis of academic readings, case studies, and student presentations. Students will be encouraged to critically engage with different interpretations of major political developments and to apply political science concepts to the analysis of Turkish politics. |

### INSTRUCTOR

|                       |                                                                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name of Lecturer      | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pelin ALİYEYEV                                      |
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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

| Weeks | Topics                                                                        | Assignments                                                                                                                                                                                              | Learning Outcomes |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.    | First meeting, course introduction, syllabus review                           | -                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -                 |
| 2.    | The Foundation of the Republic: Political, Economic and Social Transformation | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 1-51; Zürcher, E. J. (2022). Three turning points in the political development of modern Turkey. <i>Turkish Studies</i> , 24(3-4), 435-450.    | LO1, LO2          |
| 3.    | Single-Party Period (1923-1945): State, Society, and Political Change-1       | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 52-101; Zürcher, E. J. (2022). Three turning points in the political development of modern Turkey. <i>Turkish Studies</i> , 24(3-4), 435-450.  | LO1, LO2, LO4     |
| 4.    | Single-Party Period (1923-1945): State, Society, and Political Change-2       | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 52-101; Zürcher, E. J. (2022). Three turning points in the political development of modern Turkey. <i>Turkish Studies</i> , 24(3-4), 435-450.  | LO1, LO2, LO4     |
| 5.    | The Transition to Multi-Party Politics (1945-1950)                            | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 102-120; Zürcher, E. J. (2022). Three turning points in the political development of modern Turkey. <i>Turkish Studies</i> , 24(3-4), 435-450. | LO1, LO3, LO4     |
| 6.    | The Democrat Party Era (1950-1960)-1                                          | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 102-120.                                                                                                                                       | LO1, LO3, LO4     |

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| 7.  | The Democrat Party Era (1950-1960)-2                                                      | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 102-120.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | LO1, LO3, LO4       |
| 8.  | <b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>                                                                       | <b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>EXAM</b>         |
| 9.  | Military Intervention, Constitutional Change and Political Competition: 1960-1971         | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 121-147.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | LO1, LO3, LO4       |
| 10. | Turkish Politics in the 1970s: Polarization, Coalition Governments and Political Violence | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 148-180.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | LO1, LO3, LO4       |
| 11. | The 1980 Military Intervention and the Transformation of Turkish Politics-1               | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 181-227.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | LO1, LO3, LO4       |
| 12. | The 1980 Military Intervention and the Transformation of Turkish Politics-2               | Ahmad, F. (1993). <i>The Making of Modern Turkey</i> , p. 181-227.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | LO1, LO3, LO4       |
| 13. | Political, economic and social developments in the 1990s                                  | Cizre-Sakallioglu, U. and Yeldan, E. (2000), Politics, Society and Financial Liberalization: Turkey in the 1990s. Development and Change, 31: 481-508. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-7660.00163">https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-7660.00163</a> ; Onis, Z. (1997). The political economy of Islamic resurgence in Turkey: The rise of the Welfare Party in perspective. <i>Third World Quarterly</i> , 18(4), 743–766. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/01436599714740">https://doi.org/10.1080/01436599714740</a> | LO1, LO3, LO4       |
| 14. | Contemporary Political Change and Transformation                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | LO1, LO3, LO4       |
| 15. | General Evaluation                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4. |
| 16. | <b>FINAL EXAM</b>                                                                         | <b>FINAL EXAM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>EXAM</b>         |
| 17. | <b>FINAL EXAM</b>                                                                         | <b>FINAL EXAM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>EXAM</b>         |

## COURSE RESOURCES

Ahmad, F. (1993). *The Making of Modern Turkey*. London: Routledge.  
Cizre-Sakallioglu, U. and Yeldan, E. (2000), Politics, Society and Financial Liberalization: Turkey in the 1990s. Development and Change, 31: 481-508. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-7660.00163>  
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Zürcher, E. J. (2022). Three turning points in the political development of modern Turkey. *Turkish Studies*, 24(3–4), 435–450. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2022.2143266>

## GRADING

| Types of Activity | Frequency | Percentage in Grading |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| (Pop-) Quizzes    | 5         | 10                    |
| Homework          | 5         | 10                    |
| Presentation      | 1         | 10                    |

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| Mid-term Exam(s) | 1 | 20  |
| Final Exam       | 1 | 50  |
| Total            | 2 | 100 |

## ECTS ALLOCATION

| Learning Activities              | Frequency | Time (hours) | Workload |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| Attendance                       | 15        | 3            | 45       |
| (Pop-) Quizzes                   | 5         | 2            | 10       |
| Homework                         | 5         | 8            | 40       |
| Presentation                     | 1         | 15           | 15       |
| Mid-term Exam                    | 1         | 30           | 30       |
| Final Exam                       | 1         | 40           | 40       |
| <b>Total Workload</b>            | 30        |              | 180      |
| <b>Total Workload / 30 hours</b> |           |              | 6        |
| <b>ECTS</b>                      |           |              | 6        |

## PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO) AND COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES (CLO)

|      | PLO1 | PLO2 | PLO3 | PLO4 | PLO5 | PLO6 | PLO7 | PLO8 | PLO9 | PLO10 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| CLO1 | 4    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 3    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2     |
| CLO2 | 4    | 3    | 3    | 5    | 3    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2     |
| CLO3 | 4    | 5    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2     |
| CLO4 | 5    | 4    | 5    | 4    | 3    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 2    | 2     |

1= Very Slightly Related

2= Slightly Related

3= Related

4=Strongly Related

5=Very Strongly Related