



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

Course Name	Course Code	Academic Semester	T+U (hours per week)	Local Credit	ECTS
International Migration	PSIR417	1	3+0	3	5

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	Thursday-08.40-11.30 FEAS202
Course Objectives	The aim of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive and analytical understanding of international migration from political science and international relations perspectives. The course aims to enable students to examine the causes and consequences of migration, critically engage with major migration theories, and analyze migration governance, migration-security relations, international legal frameworks, and migration and integration policies from a comparative perspective.
Course Description	This course examines international migration from political science and international relations perspectives. It introduces the historical development of migration, key concepts and forms of migration, and major theories explaining migration processes. The course explores the political, economic, and social causes and consequences of international migration, as well as migration governance by international and regional organizations. Particular attention is given to the relationship between migration and security, the international legal framework governing migration and refugee protection, and migration and integration policies across different countries. Throughout the course, students are encouraged to critically analyze migration as a multidimensional political and international phenomenon and to compare different policy responses.
Learning Outcomes	Upon successful of this course, students will be able to: 1. Define and explain the key concepts, forms, causes, and consequences of international migration. 2. Explain and critically evaluate major theories and approaches to international migration. 3. Analyze international migration in relation to international relations, migration governance, security, and international law. 4. Compare migration and integration policies across different countries and evaluate their political and social implications.
Course Rules	Attendance is compulsory. 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 maintain academic integrity and participate in classroom discussions in a respectful and constructive manner.
Planned Learning Activities	The course will be conducted through lectures, class discussions, guided analysis of

and Teaching Methods	academic readings, case studies, comparative analysis, and student presentations. Students will be encouraged to critically engage with different theoretical perspectives and empirical evidence and to apply migration theories and concepts to contemporary migration-related issues.
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INSTRUCTOR

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Weeks	Topics	Assignments	Learning Outcomes
1.	First meeting, course introduction, syllabus review	-	-
2.	Key Terms of Migration as a Global Issue	Koser, K. (2007). International Migration: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press, p. 1-15 & 16-27; Bayındır Goularas, G. International Migration in the Twenty-First Century: A General Overview, p. 3-18.	LO1
3.	International Migration in World History	Marlou, S. (2021). Migration Histories. In Introduction to Migration Studies, Springer, p. 25-48.	LO1, LO2
4.	Causes and Consequences of International Migration	Czaika, M. & Reinprecht, C. (2021). Migration Drivers: Why Do People Migrate?, in Introduction to Migration Studies, Springer, p. 49-82; Steiner, N. (2023). "Impact of immigrants", in International Migration and Citizenship Today, New York: Routledge, p. 47-65; Koser, K. (2007). International Migration: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press, p. 28-40 & 90-108.	LO1
5.	Causes and Consequences of International Migration	Czaika, M. & Reinprecht, C. (2021). Migration Drivers: Why Do People Migrate?, in Introduction to Migration Studies, Springer, p. 49-82; Steiner, N. (2023). "Impact of immigrants", in International Migration and Citizenship Today, New York: Routledge, p. 47-65; Koser, K. (2007). International Migration: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press, p. 28-40 & 90-108.	LO1, LO3
6.	Irregular Migration, Refugees and Asylum-seekers	Koser, K. (2007). International Migration: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press, p. 54-89; Spencer, S. &	LO1, LO3

		Triandafyllidou, A. (2021). Irregular Migration, in Introduction to Migration Studies, Springer, p. 191-204.	
7.	Migration and Development	Koser, K. (2007). International Migration: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press; Martin, P. (2020). Rethinking Global Migration Flows, p. 200-215.	LO1, LO3, LO4
8.	MIDTERM EXAM	MIDTERM EXAM	EXAM
9.	International Migration Theories	Wickramasinghe, A. A. I. N., & Wimalaratana, W. (2024). International migration and migration theories. <i>Journal of Economics and Migration Studies</i> , 1(5), 13–32.	LO2
10.	International Migration and Security	Faist, T. (2005). The migration-security nexus: international migration and security before and after 9/11. (COMCAD Working Papers, 9). Bielefeld: Universität Bielefeld, Fak. für Soziologie, Centre on Migration, Citizenship and Development (COMCAD); Vietti, F., & Scribner, T. (2013). Human Insecurity: Understanding International Migration from a Human Security Perspective. <i>Journal on Migration and Human Security</i> , 1(1), 17-31. https://doi.org/10.1177/233150241300100102	LO2, LO3
11.	International Migration Governance	International Organization for Migration https://www.iom.int	LO3
12.	Migration Policy of Türkiye	İçduygu, A., & Aksel, D. B. (2013). Turkish Migration Policies: A Critical Historical Retrospective. <i>PERCEPTIONS: Journal of International Affairs</i> , 18(3), 167-190.	LO3, LO4
13.	Migration Policy of Different Countries	For country studies: https://web-archive.oecd.org/temp/2024-03-05/205170-migration-policies.htm	LO3, LO4
14.	EU Migration Policy	Niemann, A., & Zaun, N. (2023). Introduction: EU external migration policy and EU migration governance: introduction. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> , 49(12), 2965–2985. https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2023.2193710	LO3, LO4
15.	General Evaluation		LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4
16.	FINAL EXAM	FINAL EXAM	EXAM
17.	FINAL EXAM	FINAL EXAM	EXAM

COURSE RESOURCES

Altunbaş, Ç., & Memisoglu, F. (2024). Evaluating the Securitized Migration Policy of the European Union in the Context of Border Security. *Lectio Socialis*, 8(1), 35-56. <https://doi.org/10.47478/lectio.1412017>

Bayındır Goularas, G. International Migration in the Twenty-First Century: A General Overview, p. 3-18.

Czaika, M. & Reinprecht, C. (2021). Migration Drivers: Why Do People Migrate?, in *Introduction to Migration Studies*, Springer, p. 49-82.

Faist, T. (2005). The migration-security nexus: international migration and security before and after 9/11. (COMCAD Working Papers, 9). Bielefeld: Universität Bielefeld, Fak. für Soziologie, Centre on Migration, Citizenship and Development (COMCAD).

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Spencer, S. & Triandafyllidou, A. (2021). Irregular Migration, in *Introduction to Migration Studies*, Springer, p.191-204.

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Wickramasinghe, A. A. I. N., & Wimalaratana, W. (2024). International migration and migration theories. *Journal of Economics and Migration Studies*, 1(5), 13–32.

GRADING

Types of Activity	Frequency	Percentage in Grading
Homework	2	10
Presentation	1	10
Mid-term Exam(s)	1	20
Final Exam	1	60
Total	5	100

ECTS ALLOCATION

Learning Activities	Frequency	Time (hours)	Workload
Attendance	15	3	45
Homework	2	15	30
Presentation	1	15	15
Mid-term Exam	1	30	30
Final Exam	1	30	30

Total Workload	30		150
Total Workload / 30 hours			5
ECTS			5

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

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

1= Very Slightly Related
2= Slightly Related
3= Related
4=Strongly Related
5=Very Strongly Related