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Program Information Package

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Program Information

Program Name	Political Science and International Relations
Education Level	Bachelor
Language of Instruction	English
Program Duration	8 Semesters
Maximum Duration	14 Semesters
Head of Program	Dr. Öğr. Üyesi BURAK TOYGAR HALİSTOPRAK
Internship	Not Required
Total ECTS	240

Admission and Registration Requirements

The Department of Political Science and International Relations admits students based on the EA score, according to the score tables resulting from the university entrance exams organized by ÖSYM. In accordance with Article 5 of our University's Regulations on Associate and Undergraduate Education and Training, in order to finalize enrollment at the university, it is required to have been placed in a diploma program through the central placement exams conducted by ÖSYM, to have succeeded in the special talent exam, or to have had a lateral transfer application accepted.The principles determined by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and the Senate within the framework of relevant legislative provisions are applied for the admission and registration of international students. Conditions for student admission via lateral transfer, vertical transfer, and other principles are announced on the department's website.

Graduation Requirements

In accordance with Article 40 of our University's Regulations on Associate and Undergraduate Education and Training, our students shall be entitled to receive a Bachelor's degree upon the successful completion of all courses included in the department curriculum, provided they maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.00 out of 4.00 and achieve a total of 240 ECTS credits.

Occupational Profiles of Graduates

The Department of Political Science and International Relations prepares its students for employment in various sectors. Our graduates are equipped with a strong foundation that enables them to prepare for national examinations of public institutions, primarily the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our English-language program equips our students with the analytical and critical thinking skills, the ability to analyze complex problems and develop effective solutions, data analysis and interpretation, and effective written and oral communication skills needed by a wide range of institutions and organizations, from banks, foreign trade companies, and media organizations to international companies, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

About the Program

Siyaset Bilimi ve Uluslararası İlişkiler Bölümü 2011 yılında Antalya Bilim Üniversitesi altında kurulmuştur. Bölümümüz, Siyaset Bilimi ve Uluslararası İlişkiler alanlarını birleştirmekte olup disiplinlerarası bir lisans eğitimi sunmaktadır. Bölümümüz, öğrencilerin ulusal ve uluslararası süreçleri, devlet ve devlet dışı aktörlerin rolünü, küresel siyasetin dinamiklerini, yükselen güçlerin doğuşunu, küreselleşme nedeniyle ortaya çıkan sorunları ve devletlerin ve küresel toplumun güvenliğine yönelen tehditleri şekillendiren temel siyasi fikirleri ve eğilimleri anlamalarına yardımcı olan geniş bir konu yelpazesi sunmaktadır. Buna ek olarak, programımız öğrencilerin metodolojik eğitimlerine özel önem vermektedir. Bölümümüzde nitel ve nicel veri analizi dersleri verilmekte ve öğrencilerin geleneksel araştırma yöntemlerinin ötesine geçmesi teşvik edilmektedir.

About the Program

Established in 2011, the Department of Political Science and International Relations holds the distinction of being one of only two departments in the Mediterranean region offering 100% English-language education in this field. With its distinguished academic staff, experts in their fields with national and international experience, it provides students with a universal educational environment tailored to the needs of the modern age. Our department has an educational approach that brings together different disciplines, aiming to analyze changing global dynamics and complex political systems from a multi-dimensional perspective, and offers a rich curriculum covering a wide range of subjects. The department's primary goal is to cultivate well-equipped future leaders, diplomats, and decision-makers who can think analytically and critically, making a difference both nationally and internationally, through the high-quality education it provides.

Exams, Assessment and Evaluation

At our University, examinations consist of midterm exams, final exams, make-up exams, exemption exams, additional exams, and single-course exams. Examinations are conducted according to the schedule prepared and announced by our faculty. The presentation of student identification cards is mandatory to enter the exams. Our university does not implement resit (makeup) exams; however, a summer school program is available.A midterm exam is an assessment conducted during the semester in which a course in our faculty's undergraduate curriculum is offered. At least one midterm exam is held for each course per semester; alternatively, assignments, projects, and similar works performed during the course may be used in place of a midterm exam at the discretion of the course instructor. The final exam, on the other hand, is the examination conducted within the dates specified in the academic calendar at the end of the semester in which the course is taught. To be eligible to take final exams, a mandatory attendance of 70% must be completed.The academic standing of our students is determined at the end of each semester by calculating their grade point averages. Starting from the end of the second semester, students with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 and above are considered successful, while students with a GPA of 1.99 and below are considered academically insufficient. Students who fail a course included in the program curriculum are required to retake that course in the first semester it is offered. Even if all other graduation requirements are met, a student cannot qualify for graduation until the failed courses are successfully completed.The grade intervals determined for students to be considered successful in a course are as follows:

Program Educational Objectives

Bölümün temel hedefleri şu şekildedir: ABÜ’nün hedefi çerçevesinde öğrencilerin Siyaset Bilimi ve Uluslararası İlişkiler Bölümü’nde lisans ve yüksek lisans eğitimlerini almasını sağlamak; Öğrencilerin, disiplinle ilgili kavramsal ve teorik anlayışlarını, kendi araştırma tekniklerini ve bilgilerinin sınırlarını geliştirmeyi ve derinleştirmeyi sağlamak; Öğrencilerin eleştirel yorum ve analiz yeteneklerini geliştirmelerini ve derinleştirmelerini sağlamak; Kurum olarak, öğrencilerin kişisel gelişim, istihdam olanaklarını arttırma ve akademik ilerlemelerini sağlama amacıyla temel becerilerini geliştirme ve genişletmelerine yardımcı olmak; Yerel, ulusal ve uluslararası toplulukların ihtiyaçlarına katkı sunmak. Bu hedefler ışığında, bölümden mezun olan öğrencilerden beklenenler şu şekildedir: Siyaset Bilimi’nde kullanılan temel teorileri, modelleri ve kavramları, siyasi fikirlerin, kurumların, süreçlerin, uygulamaların, gelişmelerin ve olayların analizinde eleştirel bir şekilde kullanabilme yeteneği kazanmak; Siyasi süreçler ve/veya sosyal ve siyasi teori hakkında sağlam bir bilgi ve anlayış geliştirmek; Öğrencilerin kendi analitik ve eleştirel kapasitelerini genişletmek ve geliştirmek; Öğrencilerin, kendi öğrenimleri için sorumluluk alma, nasıl öğreneceklerini öğrenme, yazılı ve sözel sunum yapma, yazılı ödevleri planlama ve yapma, bağımsız çalışma ve bilgi teknolojilerini kullanma gibi yetenekleri geliştirmek; ve tezlerini yazarken bağımsız araştırma yapabilme kapasitelerini geliştirmek.

Program Educational Objectives

The Educational Objectives of the Political Science and International Relations Program were developed with the participation of our internal stakeholders and subsequently presented to our external stakeholders—including representatives from public institutions, civil society organizations, and the private sector—for their feedback, ensuring a participatory approach. In this way, our program has been designed to strike a balance between the dynamics of global politics and today's professional environment and the expectations of academia.The Program Educational Objectives (PEAs) are defined as follows:

PEA1: To educate graduates who are preferred candidates for careers in diplomacy and public administration, including positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate for European Union Affairs, Ministry of Interior, and other public institutions;

PEA2: To educate graduates who assume roles in international organizations such as the United Nations (UN), NATO, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and the European Union (EU), or in civil society organizations operating at the national and international levels, such as Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International;

PEA3: To educate graduates who work in positions such as strategists, consultants, and analysts in think tanks, media organizations, or political consultancy centers, where they assess current political and social developments from an analytical perspective;

PEA4: To educate graduates who assume responsibilities in various positions within departments such as corporate communications, human resources, risk analysis, and strategic planning in private-sector companies;

PEA5: To educate political scientists and international relations specialists who pursue academic careers at reputable universities in Türkiye or abroad.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Students are admitted to our department through the central placement conducted by ÖSYM, the Vertical Transfer Exam (DGS), inter-institutional lateral transfer (domestic and international) based on merit, intra-institutional lateral transfer based on merit, and both inter-institutional and intra-institutional lateral transfer based on central placement scores.Admitted students may request that the courses they successfully completed in their previous undergraduate or associate degree programs be adjusted (credited) toward the department’s curriculum before finalizing their registration. This request must be submitted via a petition to the Office of the Dean at the beginning of the academic year in which the student will commence their studies at the Faculty—after completing the English Preparatory School, if required. Students making such a request must attach the original copy of a certified transcript to their petition.The adjustment process is carried out within the framework of the principles determined by our department commission. During these procedures, course content and ECTS workload are taken into consideration. Regarding the evaluation of adjustment requests from students enrolled through international inter-institutional lateral transfer, the primary principle is the compatibility of courses taken domestically and/or abroad with the program competencies established in accordance with national qualifications in the relevant field.

Transition to Higher Degree Programs

Our graduates may apply for master's programs, doctoral (PhD) programs, or proficiency in arts programs within their respective fields of interest.

Program Outcomes

PÇ-1 To understand the philosophical and theoretical foundations of Political Science.

PÇ-2 To understand the philosophical and theoretical foundations of International Relations.

PÇ-3 To understand the social and historical elements affecting political processes observed at local and international levels.

PÇ-4 To have knowledge of qualitative and quantitative social science methods.

PÇ-5 To be able to express topics in Political Science in their historical, theoretical, and contemporary contexts, both in written and oral form.

PÇ-6 To be able to develop critical and constructive approaches to current issues in Political Science.

PÇ-7 To be able to analyze inter-country relations and political systems at a global level.

NQF Matrix

Subject Area Level 6 (Bachelor's Degree)	No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bilgi	1	x	x	x	x	–	x	x
Beceriler	1	–	–	–	–	x	x	x
	2	–	–	–	x	x	x	x
Bağımsız Çalışabilme ve Sorumluluk Alabilme Yetkinliği	1	–	–	x	x	x	x	x
	2	–	–	x	x	–	–	–
	3	–	–	x	–	x	–	–
Öğrenme Yetkinliği	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	2	–	–	–	–	x	x	x
	3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
İletişim ve Sosyal Yetkinlik	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	2	–	x	–	x	x	x	x
	3	–	–	x	–	x	x	x
	4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Alana Özgü Yetkinlik	1	–	–	x	x	x	x	x
	2	x	x	x	–	x	x	x
	3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	4	–	–	–	x	–	x	–

Course Plan

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Semester 1

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
NAE 1000	University Elective Courses	0	0	0	0	3	-
TURK 101	Turkish Language I	2	0	0	2	2	Turkish
HIST 101a	Atatürk's Principles and Revolution History I	2	0	0	2	2	English
POLS 147	Introduction to Political Science	3	0	0	3	7	English
POLS 149	Introduction to Law	3	0	0	3	7	English
POLS 155	Principles of Microeconomics	3	0	0	3	6	English
POLS 131	Introduction to Academic Reading and Writing	3	0	0	3	3	English

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
NAE 1000	University Elective Courses	0	0	0	0	3	-
HIST 102	Atatürk's Principles and Revolution History II	2	0	0	2	2	Turkish
TURK 102	Turkish Language II	2	0	0	2	2	Turkish
POLS 150	Academic Skills	3	0	0	3	4	English
POLS 154	Modern World History	3	0	0	3	6	English
POLS 156	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	0	0	3	6	English
POLS 160	Statistics for Social Sciences	3	0	0	3	4	English
POLS 132	Academic Reading and Writing	3	0	0	3	3	English

Semester 3

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
NAE 1000	University Elective Courses	0	0	0	0	3	-
POLS 251	History of Political Thought	3	0	0	3	6	English
POLS 253	Qualitative Data Analysis	3	1	0	4	6	English

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
POLS 255	Comparative Politics	3	0	0	3	6	English
POLS 257	Introduction to International Relations	3	0	0	3	6	English
POLS 221	Presentation Skills	3	0	0	3	3	English

Semester 4

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
NAE 1000	University Elective Courses	0	0	0	0	3	-
POLS 222	Communication Skills	3	0	0	3	3	English
POLS 252	Constitutional Law	3	0	0	3	6	English
POLS 254	Political Sociology	3	0	0	3	6	English
POLS 256	Diplomatic History	3	0	0	3	6	English
POLS 258	Quantitative Data Analysis	3	1	0	4	6	English

Semester 5

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
NAE 1000	University Elective Courses	0	0	0	0	3	-
POLS 351	Theories of International Relations	3	0	0	3	5	English
POLS 353	International Law	3	0	0	3	5	English
POLS 357	Comparative Democracy	3	0	0	3	5	English
CPL 101	Career Planning	1	0	0	1	2	English
POLS 3XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
POLS 3XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-

Semester 6

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
POLS 352	Political Economy	3	0	0	3	5	English
POLS 354	Global Governance and International Organizations	3	0	0	3	5	English
POLS 356	Foreign Policy Analysis	3	0	0	3	5	English
POLS 358	Jobs Skills	3	0	0	3	5	English

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
POLS 3XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
POLS 3XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-

Semester 7

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
POLS 4XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
POLS 4XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
POLS 4XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
POLS 4XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
FEL XX1	Faculty Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
FEL XX1	Faculty Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-

Semester 8

Code	Course Name	L	P	Lab	Credit	ECTS	Language
FEL XX2	Faculty Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
FEL XX2	Faculty Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
POLS 4XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
POLS 4XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
POLS 4XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-
POLS 4XX	Area Elective Course	0	0	0	0	5	-

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