



AYDIN ADNAN MENDERES UNIVERSITY COURSE INFORMATION FORM

Course Title		Scientific Research Methods And Scientific Ethics							
Course Code		UYL539		Couse Level		Second Cycle (Master's Degree)			
ECTS Credit	5	Workload	127 (<i>Hours</i>)	Theory	3	Practice	0	Laboratory	0
Objectives of the Course		This compulsory course offers a methodological framework to the understanding of social sciences, particularly to the understanding of political science and international relations. The goal is to provide a comprehensive account of basic concepts, approaches and techniques frequently used in social sciences, as well as the indispensable steps to conduct research.							
Course Content		The first half of the semester comprises diverse lectures given by the instructor on how to read and write in academic terms. The second half however, is dedicated to the presentations of the students							
Work Placement		N/A							
Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods				Explanation (Presentation), Discussion, Individual Study					
Name of Lecturer(s)		Lec. Taner BULUT							

Assessment Methods and Criteria

Method	Quantity	Percentage (%)
Midterm Examination	1	40
Final Examination	1	60

Recommended or Required Reading

1	Gregory M. Scott, Stephen M. Garrison, The Political Science Student: Writer's Manual, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2002.
2	Kate L. Turabian, A Manual for Writers of Theses, Term Papers and Dissertations. Chicago: The Univ. Of Chicago Press, 1996.

Week	Weekly Detailed Course Contents	
1	Theoretical	An introduction to Research Workshop with basic concepts: What is Epistemology? Ontology? Methodology? Hypothesis?
2	Theoretical	Understanding Social Science and Social Science Research + What is Positivism, Interpretivism and Critical Approaches?
3	Theoretical	The Language and the Logic of the Social Research
4	Theoretical	Ethical Issues of Social Research + How to write a book review, an article critique and an issue reaction paper?
5	Theoretical	Research Process 1 (Planning) + Discussion on the article critiques prepared by the students.
6	Theoretical	Research Process 2 (Literature Review and Research Proposal) + Discussion on the example of research proposal
7	Theoretical	Research Process 3&4 (Evaluating Sources and Writing & Organizing and Writing Sources) + Discussion on the technical readings of the week.
8	Intermediate Exam	Midterm Examination
9	Preparation Work	Preparation Week for the presentations
10	Practice	Presentations
11	Practice	Presentations
12	Practice	Presentations
13	Practice	Presentations
14	Practice	Presentations
15	Final Exam	Final Examination

Workload Calculation

Activity	Quantity	Preparation	Duration	Total Workload
Lecture - Theory	14	3	3	84
Assignment	1	15	1	16
Midterm Examination	1	10	1	11



Final Examination	1	15	1	16
Total Workload (Hours)				127
[Total Workload (Hours) / 25*] = ECTS				5
*25 hour workload is accepted as 1 ECTS				

Learning Outcomes

1	Learning diverse research methodologies in social sciences
2	Getting familiarized with diverse concepts
3	Being able to write article critique and book review
4	Being able to write essay
5	Being able to conduct research

Programme Outcomes (*International Relations Master*)

1	To be able to extend further the knowledge in a determined expertise field based upon the competencies gained in the first cycle.
2	To be able to work interdisciplinarily, interpret international relations by combining the present knowledge with the new knowledge from various disciplines.
3	To be able to conduct a study independently requiring expertise in international relations.
4	To be able to develop new strategic approaches to the issues regarding the discipline
5	To be able to take a systemic verbal or visual presentation of current developments in international relations or his/her own studies with the support of qualitative and quantitative data.
6	To be able to follow scientific studies on international relations in Turkish and other languages, prepare and present articles, essays, thesis and reports.
7	To be able to work both as a team leader and team member; gain experience both in team and individual work.
8	To be able to regard social, scientific, cultural and moral values while gathering, interpreting and applying and declaring relevant data.
9	To be able to work with extended IT skills.

Contribution of Learning Outcomes to Programme Outcomes 1:Very Low, 2:Low, 3:Medium, 4:High, 5:Very High

	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
P1	5	4	4	4	4
P2	4	5	4	4	4
P3	4	5	5	5	5
P4	4	5	5	5	5
P5	4	4	5	5	3
P6	4	4	5	5	4
P7	4	4	4	5	4
P8	4	4	4	4	5
P9	5	5	5	4	5

