



**AYDIN ADNAN MENDERES UNIVERSITY**  
**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MASTER'S WITHOUT**  
**THESIS**  
**COURSE INFORMATION FORM**

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| Course Title                                     | Local Governments in Turkey and Their Problems   |          |              |        |                                |          |   |            |   |
| Course Code                                      | KYL547   |          | Course Level |        | Second Cycle (Master's Degree) |          |   |            |   |
| ECTS Credit                                      | 5  | Workload | 130 (Hours)  | Theory | 3                              | Practice | 0 | Laboratory | 0 |
| Objectives of the Course                         | The aim of the course is to familiarise students with the basic concepts related to local government such as decentralization, delegation, devolution, local democracy, autonomy, tutelage and subsidiarity, and to examine history, units, structure, functions, operation and problems of the Turkish local government system  |          |              |        |                                |          |   |            |   |
| Course Content                                   | Basic concepts related to local government such as decentralization, autonomy, local government theories, central-local government relations, development of Turkish local government, local governments in Constitutions, units of local government (municipalities, villages and Special Provincial administrations), metropolitan municipalities, local government finance, functions of local government, reorganization of local government |          |              |        |                                |          |   |            |   |
| Work Placement                                   | N/A  |          |              |        |                                |          |   |            |   |
| Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods | Explanation (Presentation)   |          |              |        |                                |          |   |            |   |
| Name of Lecturer(s)                              |  |          |              |        |                                |          |   |            |   |

| Assessment Methods and Criteria |          |                |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Method                          | Quantity | Percentage (%) |
| Midterm Examination             | 1        | 40             |
| Final Examination               | 1        | 60             |

#### Recommended or Required Reading

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| 1 | Toprak, Z. (2006). Yerel yönetimler. (6. Baskı). Ankara: Nobel Yayınları. |
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| Week | Weekly Detailed Course Contents |  |
|------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1    | Theoretical                     | Lesson plan description on the introduction and methods.   |
| 2    | Theoretical                     | Social needs and public services, needs, services, special goods / services, public goods, public service concepts.  |
| 3    | Theoretical                     | The need to organize, the main purpose of organizational / priority, how a public / government, the principles of organization: Central government, deconcentration and decentralization, deconcentration comparison with the principle of decentralization. |
| 4    | Theoretical                     | The units are created to identify areas of Authority and Responsibility: Service Sharing / Sharing Authority. To consider the distribution of the service principles, influence the division of political and social factors                                 |
| 5    | Theoretical                     | Decentralization, local governance: a conceptual and institutional boyut.Yerinden management concept and the local yönetimler.Types: Political and administrative decentralization, geographical decentralization, a type of local governance: Federalism    |
| 6    | Theoretical                     | Local governance: a conceptual and institutional dimension   |
| 7    | Theoretical                     | Revision for midterm exam  |
| 8    | Intermediate Exam               | Midterm exam   |
| 9    | Theoretical                     | Local autonomy   |
| 10   | Theoretical                     | Local Governments in Turkey: History, Overview and Introduction  |
| 11   | Theoretical                     | Establishment and Mergers  |
| 12   | Theoretical                     | Problem of scale and integrity   |
| 13   | Theoretical                     | Metropolitan, Metropolitan Municipalities and Associations   |
| 14   | Theoretical                     | Powers and responsibilities of local governments   |
| 15   | Theoretical                     | Powers and responsibilities of local governments   |

#### Workload Calculation

| Activity            | Quantity | Preparation | Duration | Total Workload |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------------|
| Lecture - Theory    | 14       | 4           | 3        | 98             |
| Midterm Examination | 1        | 10          | 1        | 11             |



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|---|---|----|---|-----|
| Final Examination                       | 1 | 20 | 1 | 21  |
| Total Workload (Hours)                  |   |    |   | 130 |
| [Total Workload (Hours) / 25*] = ECTS   |   |    |   | 5   |
| *25 hour workload is accepted as 1 ECTS |   |    |   |     |

### Learning Outcomes

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| 1 | To be able to have a depth insight into theoretical and practical issues pertinent to the local government system in Turkey |
| 2 | To be able to establish the relationship between democratization and decentralization of state administration.              |
| 3 | To be able to absorb the public administration system in Turkey.  |
| 4 | To be able to observe of the process of alignment with global policies in Turkey.   |
| 5 | To be able to comprehend local organizations in Turkey.   |

### Programme Outcomes (*Political Science and Public Administration Master's Without Thesis*)

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| 1 | To be able to get proficiency in academic expertise   |
| 2 | To be able to interpret and propose solutions by perceiving the current issues in the field of public administration.             |
| 3 | To be able to increase the overall vision of political life and public administration.  |
| 4 | To be able to define local, regional and national developments and increase the capacity to relate them with global developments. |
| 5 | To be able to become conscious of social, vocational and scientific principles of ethical behavior.                               |
| 6 | To be able to acquire the skill of thinking critically and finding solutions.   |
| 7 | To be able to internalize the democratic, legal and universal human values  |
| 8 | To be able to acquire professional vision on public and private organizations   |

### 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 | 2  |    |    | 4  | 3  |
| P2 |    | 2  |    | 2  | 3  |
| P3 |    | 2  | 1  |    | 4  |
| P4 | 3  |    |    |    | 3  |
| P5 |    |    | 2  | 1  | 4  |
| P6 | 2  | 2  |    | 4  |    |
| P7 | 4  | 4  |    | 3  |    |
| P8 | 4  |    | 1  |    | 4  |

