AYDIN ADNAN MENDERES UNIVERSITY
COURSE INFORMATION FORM

Course Title		Current Political Concepts						
Course Code		SOS152		Couse Level		First Cycle (Bachelor's Degree)		
ECTS Credit	2	Workload	54 (Hours)	Theory	2	Practice	0	Laboratory	0
Objectives of the Course		In this course we will be investigating basic concepts of political science. Main objective of the course is to grasp main concepts of political science, the relationship between organizations and the main tasks of certain political institutions.						
Course Content		In this course we shall consider the concept of politics, the main methodology of political science, political systems governments and regimes, democracy, state, power, political parties, political representation, political culture and finally bureaucracy. In this course, we will focus on the definitions and functions of some important concepts and institutions such as state, government, types of governments, regimes and regime types, constitution, legal systems, ideology, political parties, democracy and nation state.						
Work Placement		N/A						
Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods			Explanation (Presentation), Discussion, Case Study					
Name of Lecturer(s)		Lec. Serdar ÜNAL						

Assessment Methods and Criteria

Method	Quantity	Percentage (%)
Final Examination	1	70
Assignment	1	40

Recommended or Required Reading

1	Davut Dursun (2002) Siyaset Bilimi, Beta Yayıncılık, İstanbul.
2	Esat Çam (2002) Siyaset Bilimi, (8. Baskı), Der Yayınları, İstanbul.
3	Ersin Kalaycıoğlu ve A. Yaşar Sarıbay, Türkiye de Siyaset : Süreklilik ve Değişim, Der Yayınları, Ist.
4	Barrie Axford, Gary K. Browning ve Diğer., (2002) Politics: An Introduction, Routledge, London
5	Marsh A, 1990 Political Action in Europe and the USA (Macmillan Press, Hong Kong)
6	Marsh D and Stoker G, 1995 Theory and Methods in Political Science (Macmillan Press)
7	Milbrath L W and Goel M L, 1977 Political Participation (Rand McNally College Publishing Company, Chicago)

Week	Weekly Detailed Course Contents	
1	Theoretical	Introduction to Politics: What is Politics? Discussing Concept of Politics: Political life and its Environment
2	Theoretical	Methodological Problem in Political Science Basic Approaches in Political Science
3	Theoretical	Political Systems, Government and Regimes Why Do We Need Classification?
4	Theoretical	Concept of Power
5	Theoretical	Political Power, Authority and Legitimacy Basic concepts; What is Political Authority?
6	Theoretical	What is State How State Emerged: Political and Economic Conditions
7	Theoretical	Globalisation and Nation State Globalisation in General Terms Political Implications of Globalisation
8	Intermediate Exam	MIDTERM EXAM
9	Theoretical	Political and Ideology Etymologic Roots What Is Political Ideology?
10	Theoretical	Political Parties and Party Systems What is Political Party? The Functions of Political Party
11	Theoretical	Political Representation Elections and Voting Theories of Representation
12	Theoretical	Party Systems Organisational Structures of Parties The Role of Party Activists
13	Theoretical	Party Systems Organisational Structures of Parties The Role of Party Activists
14	Theoretical	Elections Election Systems Voting and Voting Behaviour
15	Theoretical	Functions of Elections Election Systems Voting Behavior
16	Final Exam	FINAL EXAM

Workload Calculation

Activity	Quantity	Preparation	Duration	Total Workload
Lecture - Theory	14	1	2	42

Midterm Examination	1	5	1	6
Final Examination	1	5	1	6
			Total Workload (Hours)	54
			[Total Workload (Hours) / 25*] = **ECTS**	2

25 hour workload is accepted as 1 ECTS

Learning Outcomes

1	To enable students to conceptually define important political institutions such as the state, political parties, bureaucracy, pressure groups.
2	To contribute to the knowledge of students by examining current social and political conditions with a historical perspective.
3	Students' knowledge of electoral systems, concepts such as ideology, power, authority and legitimacy.
4	To enable students to understand and explain daily political debates and events.
5	To develop a scientific approach to the field.

Programme Outcomes *(Turkish Language and Literature)*

1	The students can combine acquisitions of Turkish Language and Literature program with information belonging to other disciplines,
2	Students can make the scientific study by himself, develop and implement new approaches to solving problems in the field.
3	The students have the background required for understanding historical texts of Turkish, follow recent studies about Turkish Language and Literature
4	Students use communication technologies as required by the Turkish Language and Literature program, share accumulation in the field with society.
5	The student evaluate theoretical and practical knowledge and skills with critical approach.

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

	L1	L2	L3	L4
P1	2			
P2		3	2	1