



## AYDIN ADNAN MENDERES UNIVERSITY COURSE INFORMATION FORM

Course Title	Current Economic Issues								
Course Code	ECON408		Course Level		First Cycle (Bachelor's Degree)				
ECTS Credit	5	Workload	122 (Hours)	Theory	3	Practice	0	Laboratory	0
Objectives of the Course	The aim of this course is to teach students the causes and consequences of prominent economic problems in the world, especially in Turkey, from an economic perspective. Thus, with the contribution of this course, students will be able to comment on current economic problems and gain an economic perspective.								
Course Content	After the Second World War, a rapid and new development process began all over the world, especially in Europe. However, economic problems such as development, inflation, unemployment, growth, foreign trade, currency crises, exchange rates, economic protectionism, trade and exchange rate wars have not been resolved in the world. Especially the 2008 Crisis and the 2020 Covid-19 Crisis have caused serious economic problems around the world. In addition, economic differences between developed countries and developing countries have increased further. Although prosperity has increased rapidly in developed countries, basic human problems such as hunger, poverty, lack of access to energy and lack of access to food continue in underdeveloped countries. Moreover, although Turkey is a fast-growing country, chronic problems such as inflation, unemployment, middle income trap, exchange rate shocks and economic crisis continue. Therefore, in this course, the prominent economic problems both in Turkey and the world, their causes and consequences will be discussed from an economic perspective.								
Work Placement	N/A								
Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods	Discussion, Case Study, Individual Study								
Name of Lecturer(s)									

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

Recommended or Required Reading	
1	Uzunoğlu, S., Sönmezler, G., Gündüz, İ (2020). Güncel Ekonomik Sorunlar: Ticaret Savaşları. Literatür Yayıncılık
2	Kubar, Y. (2019). Seçme Konular ile Güncel Ekonomik Sorunlar. Gazi Kitabevi

Week	Weekly Detailed Course Contents & Teaching Methods	
1	Theoretical	Basic concepts and macroeconomic problems in economics
2	Theoretical	Turkish Economy after the Republic period
3	Theoretical	Transition to Liberal Economy in Turkey after 1980
4	Theoretical	Türkiye and EU Relationship
5	Theoretical	Main Problems and Crises in Turkish Economy
6	Theoretical	Foreign trade, manufacturing industry, basic problems in exports in Turkey,
7	Theoretical	Inflation and Current Account Deficit problem in Turkey
8	Theoretical	Central banking and exchange rate shocks in Turkey
9	Theoretical	Middle Income Trap in Turkey
10	Theoretical	Unemployment, education, gender-based employment and socio-economic problems in Turkey
11	Theoretical	Global Crises and Their Consequences
12	Theoretical	Inflation and unemployment problems in the world
13	Theoretical	Poverty, hunger, energy shortage, food shortage in developing countries
14	Theoretical	Trade and exchange rate wars in the world, economic competition, economic problems specific to developing countries

Workload Calculation				
Activity	Quantity	Preparation	Duration	Total Workload
Lecture - Theory	14	2	3	70
Midterm Examination	1	20	1	21



Final Examination	1	30	1	31
			Total Workload (Hours)	122
			[Total Workload (Hours) / 25*] = ECTS	5
*25 hour workload is accepted as 1 ECTS				

### Learning Outcomes

1	Students will be able to identify and describe the major economic issues currently affecting local, national, and global economies.
2	Students understand chronic economic problems in Turkey.
3	Students assess the effectiveness of various economic policies in addressing contemporary economic issues.
4	Students will be able to participate in discussions and debates on current economic issues.
5	Students will be able to interpret and analyze economic data, indicators, and trends related to current economic issues.

### Programme Outcomes (Economics)

1	Understands the fundamental concepts and theories of economics and analyzes economic events within microeconomic and macroeconomic frameworks.
2	Comprehends the historical development of economic theories and applies them to current economic issues.
3	Follows, analyzes, and evaluates international, national, regional and sectoral economic developments within the scope of economic policies.
4	Understands the connections between economics and related disciplines such as law, business, accounting, finance, and sociology for economic analysis.
5	Designs economic research, collects data using qualitative and quantitative methods, conducts analysis, and interprets results.
6	Tests economic theories using econometric methods and derives scientific and policy recommendations.
7	Uses basic computer programs and statistical software to process, visualize, and interpret economic data.
8	Communicates economic concepts and research findings clearly and effectively, both in writing and verbally, to experts and the general public.
9	Has basic level proficiency in English as a foreign language to follow developments in the field .
10	Works independently, takes initiative, and assumes responsibility in team settings.
11	Adopts a lifelong learning approach and continuously develops critical, analytical, and innovative thinking skills.
12	Conducts economic analyses on sustainable development, income equality, and social welfare while adhering to ethical values and demonstrating social responsibility.

### 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	5	5	4	5
P2	4	4	4	3	4
P3	5	5	5	4	5
P4	3	3	3	2	3
P5	3	3	4	3	5
P6	2	2	3	2	4
P7	2	2	2	2	3
P8	3	3	4	5	4
P9	2	2	2	2	2
P10	3	3	4	5	4
P11	4	4	5	5	5
P12	5	5	5	5	5

