



**DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE &
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

PROGRAMME HANDBOOK

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Department of Political Science and International Relations

The Department of Political Science and International Relations will accept its first students in the fall semester of the 2025-2026 academic year as one of the programmes currently offered in the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at **International University of Alasia (IUA)**.

The Department is recognized by the **Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation, and Coordination Council (YÖDAK)** of Northern Cyprus.

The Department offers formal education in English. An **academic year includes two semesters, Fall and Spring, each lasting at least 14 weeks**. The academic calendar to be used in conjunction with the program is determined every year by the University Senate's decision.

The Department of Political Science and International Relations offers a curriculum that includes both required and elective courses covering government policy, policy processes, political theory, legal studies, and international relations. The program has a strong research focus, designed to prepare students for graduate study across a range of disciplines, as well as for entry-level careers in various fields. This comprehensive program introduces students to the broader framework of political science and is ideal for those interested in politics, foreign relations, international law, immigration, environmental issues, or pursuing a solid academic foundation in public opinion research and political campaigns.

Courses in the department are largely theoretical. However, in some courses, assignments, presentations, and debates may be among the evaluation criteria. Some semesters have prerequisite courses that require registration or passing one or more courses taken in previous semesters. In the current credit system, for each course, the evaluation criteria for the semester (midterm exams, homework, presentation, course participation, final exam, make-up exam, re-sit exam) and their weights are determined and acknowledged by the lecturers.

Some classes may be reoffered in the so-called “Summer School”. The purpose of the Summer School is to offer classes for students who have taken and failed, or who are having to retake some courses, to raise their CGPA. Summer School has a compressed 7-week duration, where the weekly class hours have been doubled.

The university awards a 4-year **Bachelor of Arts (BA)** degree in **Political Science and International Relations** upon completion of the programme’s curriculum, which corresponds to 122 credits (240 ECTS). The diplomas explicitly state the length of the education (4 years) and the degree awarded.

Mission

The mission of the Political Science and International Relations Department is to provide quality education that helps build in undergraduates the characteristics of high intellect, academic integrity, enlightened citizenship, solidarity, and responsible leadership in the public and private sectors. The department is also committed to serving the community by enhancing awareness about local and global politics, democratic government, law, human rights, international law, peace, and other basic areas of politics and international relations; and by connecting it to the rest of the world through educational networks of cooperation and original research.

Vision

Our vision is to cultivate our students—who come from a wide range of countries—into the next generation of leaders, politicians, managers, and scholars with a deep understanding of political dynamics, ethical leadership principles, and the ability to navigate complex socio-political environments. We aim to empower our graduates to become catalysts for positive change, promote inclusive governance, uphold democratic values, and advance social justice and human rights.

Aim of the Programme

The aim of the Programme is to provide advanced knowledge in the field of Political Science, and in the sub-field of International Relations. The main aim is achieved through the following objectives:

- examination and explanation of the different perspectives, theoretical and methodological approaches of both Political Science and International Relations
- examination and explanation of the main domestic and international politics problems, and the ways of resolving or managing their implications
- examination and explanation of the policy formulation processes and implementation tools in local, regional and international levels
- examination and explanation of diachronic and contemporary questions of political theory
- examination and explanation of one international and/or political theoretical issue through the completion of a dissertation.

Curriculum

1st YEAR FALL TERM COURSES

ID	Code	Name of the Course	Prerequisite	Type of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS Credit
	ENL101	ENGLISH I	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	3
	HIS101	HISTORY * TURKISH LANGUAGE*	-	Compulsory	2+0	2	2
	TUR101				2+0	2	2
	COM151	COMPUTER I	-	Compulsory	2+0	2	2
	ECO101	INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS I	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	7
	LAW101	INTRODUCTION TO LAW	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	8
	POL101	HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION I	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	8
				Total Credit: 16		Total ECTS Credit: 30	

1st YEAR SPRING TERM COURSES

ID	Code	Name of the Course	Prerequisite	Type of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS Credit
	ENL102	ENGLISH II	ENL101	Compulsory	3+0	3	3
	COM152	COMPUTER II	COM151	Compulsory	2+0	2	2
	ECO102	INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS II	ECO101	Compulsory	3+0	3	6
	LAW104	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	LAW101	Compulsory	3+0	3	6
	POL104	SOCIOLOGY	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	6
	POL102	HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION II	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	7
				Total Credit: 17		Total ECTS Credit: 30	

2nd YEAR FALL TERM COURSES

ID	Code	Name of the Course	Prerequisite	Type of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS Credit
	POL201	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	8
	POL203	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS I	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	7
	POL205	POLITICAL HISTORY I (1648-1945)	POL101-102	Compulsory	3+0	3	7
	BUS212	RESEARCH METHODS	-	Elective	3+0	3	4
	POLXXX	DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE	-	Elective	2+0	3	4
				Total Credit: 15		Total ECTS Credit: 30	

2nd YEAR SPRING TERM COURSES

ID	Code	Name of the Course	Prerequisite	Type of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS Credit
	POL202	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT II	POL201	Compulsory	3+0	3	8
	POL204	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS II	POL203	Compulsory	3+0	3	7

	POL206	POLITICAL HISTORY II (1945-1990)	POL205	Compulsory	3+0	3	7
	POL208	POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY	POL104	Compulsory	2+0	3	4
	POLXXX	DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE	-	Elective	2+0	3	4
				Total Credit: 15	Total ECTS Credit: 30		

3rd YEAR FALL TERM COURSES

ID	Code	Name of the Course	Prerequisite	Type of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS Credit
	LAW301	INTERNATIONAL LAW I	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	8
	POL301	POLITICAL THEORY	POL201-204	Compulsory	3+0	3	8
	POL303	THEORIES OF THE STATE	POL202-206	Compulsory	3+0	3	6
	POL305	POST-COLD WAR WORLD	-	Compulsory	2+0	3	6
	IUAXXX	FREE ELECTIVE	-	Elective	2+0	2	2
				Total Credit: 14	Total ECTS Credit: 30		

3rd YEAR SPRING TERM COURSES

ID	Code	Name of the Course	Prerequisite	Type of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS Credit
	LAW302	INTERNATIONAL LAW II	LAW301	Compulsory	3+0	3	8
	POL306	POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES	POL301	Compulsory	3+0	3	6
	POL304	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY	POL301-303	Compulsory	3+0	3	8
	POLXXX	DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE	-	Elective	2+0	3	4
	POLXXX	DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE	-	Elective	2+0	3	4
				Total Credit: 15	Total ECTS Credit: 30		

4th YEAR FALL TERM COURSES

ID	Code	Name of the Course	Prerequisite	Type of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS Credit
	POL401	COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS	POL301-303	Compulsory	3+0	3	8
	POL403	IDENTITY, ETHNICITY, AND NATIONALISM	POL301	Compulsory	3+0	3	6
	LAW401	INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS	LAW302	Compulsory	3+0	3	4
	POLXXX	DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE	-	Elective	2+0	3	6
	POLXXX	DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE	-	Elective	2+0	3	6
				Total Credit: 15	Total ECTS Credit: 30		

4th YEAR SPRING TERM COURSES

ID	Code	Name of the Course	Prerequisite	Type of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS Credit
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	POL402	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	LAW302	Compulsory	3+0	3	6
	POL306	DIPLOMACY	POL206	Compulsory	3+0	3	6
	POL406	CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES	-	Compulsory	3+0	3	6
	POLXXX	DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE	-	Elective	2+0	3	6
	POLXXX	DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE	-	Elective	2+0	3	6

ELECTIVE COURSES							
	Code	Name of the Course		Type of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS Credit
	POL218	TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL216	MIDDLE EAST POLITICS		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL212	LAW AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE EU		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL214	POLITICS IN THE BALKANS		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL311	THEORIES OF DEMOCRACY		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL313	FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL315	FEMINIST POLITICAL THEORIES		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL317	INTERNATIONAL SECURITY		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL312	NGO's and CIVIL SOCIETY		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL314	ASIA-PACIFIC IN WORLD POLITICS		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL316	TERRORISM IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS		Elective	2+0	3	4
	POL413	SOCIAL POLICY		Elective	2+0	3	6
	LAW411	SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES and THE ICJ		Elective	2+0	3	6
	POL417	US POST-COLD WAR FOREIGN POLICY		Elective	2+0	3	6
	LAW412	INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW		Elective	2+0	3	6
	POL412	RUSSIAN POST-COLD WAR FOREIGN POLICY		Elective	2+0	3	6
	LAW414	INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW		Elective	2+0	3	6
	POL415	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION		Elective	2+0	3	6

Course Catalogue Descriptions

COMPULSORY COURSES

1st YEAR FALL TERM COURSES					
Code	Name of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS	Description
ENL101	ENGLISH I	3+0	3	3	English I is a first-semester academic English course. It is designed to help students improve their English level to the B1+ level. The course connects critical thinking with language skills and incorporates learning Technologies. The purpose of the course is to consolidate students' knowledge and awareness of academic discourse, language structures, and lexis.
HIS101	HISTORY*	2+0	2	2	This course aims to gain an understanding of the meaning and importance of the Turkish War of Independence and to acquire knowledge about the revolutions and reforms carried out by Atatürk towards the goal of bringing the Turkish nation to the level of contemporary civilization. Contents of the course include the fall of the Ottoman Empire, Tanzimat and Islahat Eras, Balkan Wars, World War I, the Armistice of Moudros, the Occupation of Anatolia and the National Reactions, the Birth of the Turkish Revolution, Turkish War of Independence, the Armistice of Mudanya, and the Treaty of Lausanne.
TUR101	TURKISH LANGUAGE*	2+0	2	2	Definition and characteristics of language. Relationship between language and thought. Relationship between language and culture. Concepts of mother language, cultural language, and international language. Writing a letter of application. Languages of the world. The place of the Turkish Language among the world's languages. Historical development of the Turkish language. Phonological, morphological, semantic, and syntactic structure of the Turkish Language. Types of clauses. Spelling rules. Punctuation marks.
COM151	COMPUTER I	2+0	2	2	Introduction to information technology and its significance for business, economics, and society. Understanding how computers work, introducing fundamental concepts relating to hardware, software, central processing unit, input and output, storage, networks, and the internet. Basic PC, Windows, and MS Office skills, and intermediate-level Word and PowerPoint skills.
ECO101	INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS I	3+0	3	7	The content of the course consists of the principles of economy, markets and ways of working, markets and welfare, public sector and economy, firm behavior, industrial organization, factor markets, and consumer preferences.
LAW101	INTRODUCTION TO LAW	3+0	3	8	This is an introductory course in which basic concepts and general principles of law, as well as issues concerning the legal system, are studied in order to provide an introduction to legal concepts and institutions that will serve as a foundation for other courses dealing with legal studies. The main topics to be studied are the concept of "law", the sources of law, the different branches of law, and the application of law.

POL101	HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION I	3+0	3	8	This course explores and aims to understand the rich history of different world civilizations from their origins to early modern times. The aim is to also emphasize the interactions between civilizations and how they are connected.
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1st YEAR SPRING TERM COURSES					
Code	Name of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS	Description
ENL102	ENGLISH II	3+0	3	3	English II is the second semester, first-year English language course. It is designed to help students improve the level of their English to the A1 level, as specified in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This course introduces the students to the English language and aims to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in academic settings.
COM152	COMPUTER II	2+0	2	2	Introduction to business applications of information technology and related issues, including electronic commerce, computer security and privacy, database management systems, programming languages, systems analysis and design, and expert systems. Intermediate-level Windows and MS Office skills, and advanced-level Excel skills.
ECO102	INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS II	3+0	3	6	This is an introductory course in macroeconomics. The primary objective of this course is to enable students to appreciate the “economic way of thinking”. This course explains the forces that affect national economies, including variations in money and interest rates, income, productivity, employment, prices, and inflation. Explain the tools and models necessary for analysis. In addition examines monetary and fiscal theories and policies, explaining the role governments play in the national and international economies as a result of monetary and fiscal policies through the exercise of their regulatory power. Also, give an understanding of the performance and the structure of the economy, through analyzing GDP (GNP), balance of payments, and the sectoral structure of the economy.
LAW104	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	LAW101		6	The course provides students with the knowledge and values necessary to examine the constitutions, legal structures, and forms of government of different countries; to analyze and interpret the doctrines and values underlying the provisions and principles of various constitutional systems; and to cover important basic rights of the people. The course focuses mainly on the Constitutions of three countries: the USA, the UK, and Turkey. The approach of presenting these three countries allows students to compare the different legal systems and provides them with basic and general knowledge of constitutional law.
POL104	SOCIOLOGY	3+0	3	6	The course is designed to introduce students to the sociological study of society. Sociology focuses on the systematic understanding of social interaction, social organization, social

					institutions, and social change. Major themes in sociological thinking include the interplay between the individual and society, how society is both stable and changing, the causes and consequences of social inequality, and the social construction of human life. Understanding sociology helps discover and explain social patterns and see how such patterns change over time.
POL102	HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION II	3+0	3	7	This course explores and aims to understand the rich history of different world civilizations from their origins to early modern times. The aim is to also emphasize the interactions between civilizations and how they are connected.

2nd YEAR FALL TERM COURSES					
Code	Name of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS	Description
POL201	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I	3+0	3	8	The course aims to provide students with the key notions of the history of political doctrines, starting from some central figures of philosophical-political thought. The course also offers the opportunity to reflect on the history of political thought from the perspective of comparative political theory. To this end, as a special part of the program, the essential lines of Islamic, Chinese, and Indian political thought will be studied.
POL203	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS I	3+0	3	7	This course provides an introduction to the key concepts and methods to analyse politics. Topics will include politics and people, some of the basic concepts in the study of politics, the interplay between politics and economics, actors and the processes of governance, and international politics and challenges in the face of globalization. The content of the course includes the following headings: Terminology and methodology of political science; Government and administration; executive, legislative, and judiciary; governance, political participation, political actors, government structures, and processes.
POL205	POLITICAL HISTORY I (1648-1945)	3+0	3	7	This course aims to introduce undergraduate students to the development of world history as well as familiarize them with the international relations discipline and its shaping in the course of history with reference to diplomacy. In this regard, the attention will be focused on understanding international relations in the broadest sense from a general historical perspective and specific developments that had a direct impact on the shaping of world affairs.
BUS212	RESEARCH METHODS	3+0	3	4	Research Methods introduces students to foundational issues of social scientific research, research ethics, and academic integrity. Students will examine the strengths and weaknesses of major quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques as well as the processes involved in planning and executing such projects.

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2nd YEAR SPRING TERM COURSES

Code	Name of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	EC TS	Description
POL202	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT II	3+0	3	8	The course aims to provide students with the key notions of the history of political doctrines, starting from some central figures of philosophical-political thought. The course also offers the opportunity to reflect on the history of political thought from the perspective of comparative political theory. To this end, as a special part of the program, the essential lines of Islamic, Chinese, and Indian political thought will be studied.
POL204	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS II	3+0	3	7	This course will survey the different ways in which political scientists study the phenomena of politics and will deepen your understanding of political life as both a thinker and a citizen. The goal of this course is to introduce the students to the discipline's concepts, terminology, and methods and to explore instances of applied political science through real-world examples.
POL206	POLITICAL HISTORY II (1945-1990)	3+0	3	7	This course aims to introduce undergraduate students to the development of world history as well as familiarize them with the international relations discipline and its shaping in the course of history with reference to diplomacy. In this regard, the attention will be focused on understanding international relations in the broadest sense from a general historical perspective and specific developments that had a direct impact on the shaping of world affairs.
POL208	POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY	2+0	3	4	In this course, the conceptual framework and analytic tools will be used to examine concepts of political sociology.. Major themes of the course include the nation-state and its challengers, capitalism, democracy, and globalization. Abstract, theoretical works are explored with practical applications and illustrations in specific national/historical contexts. Students will also become aware of criticisms and debates in political sociology, as well as its limitations. The course focuses on five major themes: Foundations; the Nation-State and its Challengers; Capitalism; Democracy; the Global Processes.

3rd YEAR FALL TERM COURSES

Code	Name of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	EC TS	Description
LAW301	INTERNATIONAL LAW I	3+0	3	8	This course is designed to cover the main aspects of public international law and the international legal system. A range of topics will be discussed to learn how international law, norms, and processes interact with states, organizations, and individuals. Subjects include the sources of international law, how it is created and applied, who are the main actors in

					international legal processes and how these are changing in today's globalized world, the interaction of international law and domestic law, the growing area of individual rights and obligations in the international arena affecting human rights, the conduct of states and officials in war and conflict situations, and how international law and institutions relate to development, the environment, trade and peace and security.
POL301	POLITICAL THEORY	3+0	3	8	This course considers key questions at the foundation of political thought. What is justice? How do we justify the coercive power of states? Do we have an obligation to obey the government? Who should make and enforce the law? What basic rights and liberties should governments protect? How should our economic system produce and divide wealth and material resources? Students explore these questions through the works of several classical and contemporary political thinkers. A major goal of the course is to practice the skills needed to understand a political thinker's arguments and to construct one's own.
POL303	THEORIES OF THE STATE	3+0	3	6	This course will set the ambitious agenda of examining the sources in history and political philosophy of the concept of the state, the major theoretical approaches to studying the state, the changing status of the state over time within the discipline of political science, and the nature of the process of state formation. The aim is to appeal to the interests and extend the intellectual preparation of students from across the discipline.
POL305	POST-COLD WAR WORLD	2+0	3	6	This course examines major trends and developments in world politics since the end of the Cold War. It will focus on political events, wars, and economic crises to interpret the new landscape of world politics following the collapse of the USSR.

3rd YEAR SPRING TERM COURSES					
Code	Name of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	EC TS	Description
LAW302	INTERNATIONAL LAW II	3+0	3	8	This course is designed to cover the main aspects of public international law and the international legal system. A range of topics will be discussed to learn how international law, norms, and processes interact with states, organizations, and individuals. Subjects include the sources of international law, how it is created and applied, who are the main actors in international legal processes and how these are changing in today's globalized world, the interaction of international law and domestic law, the growing area of individual rights and obligations in the international arena affecting human rights, the conduct of states and officials in war and conflict situations, and how international law and institutions relate to development, the environment, trade and peace and security.
POL306	POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES	3+0	3	6	The course provides students with the concept of political ideology and its development. After completing the course, students will be able to analyse major political ideologies,

					recognize their elements in the programs of political parties, political rhetoric, to evaluate ideological aspects of political action.
POL304	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY	3+0	3	8	This course is designed as an introduction to contemporary theories, debates, and major scholarly traditions in international relations. As a core course offered in this field, the intention is to provide students with a general, but not elementary, overview. The course explores major traditions in international relations scholarship, including classical and modern rationalist approaches based in realist and liberal traditions, as well as psychological and constructivist contributions.

4th YEAR FALL TERM COURSES

Code	Name of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	EC TS	Description
POL401	COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS	3+0	3	8	Introductory analysis of comparative governmental systems and politics emphasizing a variety of political forms; theory of political differentiation and development; and patterns, processes, and regularities among political systems in the developing and developed world.
POL403	IDENTITY, ETHNICITY and NATIONALISM,	3+0	3	6	This course explores the concepts of identity, ethnicity, and nationalism from a comparative perspective. Drawing upon theories from political science, anthropology, sociology, and economics, we will examine how identity is defined and how societies use these constructions for, among other things, nation-building, war, and party competition. Theoretical readings will be supplemented with empirical studies from developed and developing countries across different periods
LAW401	INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS	3+0	3	4	Human rights in international relations; creation of international human rights law; general and specific norms of international human rights law; universal and regional institutions and procedures of protection; NGOs' role; relationship between international criminal law and international human rights law.

4th YEAR SPRING TERM COURSES

Code	Name of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	EC TS	Description
POL402	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	3+0	3	6	Drawing on mainstream and critical theoretical approaches, the course offers a comprehensive examination of international organizations' political and structural role in world politics. It details the types and activities of international organizations and provides students with the conceptual tools needed to evaluate their effectiveness. Present and future possibilities for global governance from a broad range of perspectives will be discussed.

POL306	DIPLOMACY	3+0	3	6	This course provides an introductory overview of diplomacy with an emphasis on current practices and future directions. It examines the many challenges and opportunities that diplomats and other foreign workers face when they represent their governments abroad. Students will gain a more thorough understanding of diplomacy and learn about its Western origins, current practices, future directions, and practical applications.
POL406	CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES	3+0	3	6	The course attempts to bridge the gap between the IR theoretical comprehension and the political practice of the current world affairs. The course aims to explore selected topical issues in global politics from two perspectives. The first one uncovers the inner logic of the actors involved, their foreign policy making and diplomacy, and their underlying assumptions. The other line attempts to achieve a more detached view by the confrontation of diverse academic interpretations stemming a.o. from various theoretical standpoints.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Code	Name of the Course	In-Class Hours (T+P)	Credit	ECTS	Description
POL211	TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY	2+0	3	4	This course introduces students to conceptual and theoretical explanations of the changes in Turkish Foreign Policy after the Cold War and also provides information about the dynamics and motivations behind changes in Turkish Foreign Policy.
POL213	MIDDLE EAST POLITICS	2+0	3	4	The Middle East in world affairs, international relations, and domestic policies of contemporary states in the Middle East: policies and strategy of major powers; supranational movements, regional political and security organizations. The area comprises Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel, and the Arab countries.
POL212	LAW AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE EU	2+0	3	4	The course is an introduction to European Union Law. The course considers a legal and political system that has become the most formidable system of transnational government in modern times. It is also a system that has become, in recent years, a source of continual political conflict: both over the content of its measures and the presence of its involvement in many spheres of activity. Discussions on the democratic nature of the EU, the relationship between the welfare state and EU law, and its very existence, for example, will be covered in this course.
POL214	POLITICS IN THE BALKANS	2+0	3	4	The topics covered in the course are: History of the Balkans. the territorial settlement of 1919-1923. revisionism in the Balkans. Characteristics of the regimes during the period between the two World Wars. The establishment of communist regimes in the 1940s and their subsequent collapse in the 1989-1990 period. International and domestic problems faced by the

					Balkan states during the transitional period are examined. with emphasis on current 'hot' issues in the Balkans.
POL311	THEORIES OF DEMOCRACY	2+0	3	4	This course explores the concept and theories of democracy, with a focus on the "People"—who constitute the people, how popular will is embodied, and how it may be expressed. The course explores debates about different models of democracy and examines how alternatives to democracy, such as dictatorship, autocracy, and tyranny, have been conceptualized. Also studies democracy and its "others" with a constellation of concepts including power, equality, participation, accountability, resistance, legitimacy, and the rule of law.
POL313	FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS	2+0	3	4	This course covers the literature, research topics, and current issues in the area of foreign policy analysis. The course is organized in a basic "levels of analysis" framework that roughly corresponds to the historical development of the study of foreign policy analysis. Particular attention will be paid to current decision-making approaches to foreign policy. The emphasis in the course is on theories of foreign policy, although students will also be exposed to the process of the foreign policies of various countries.
POL315	FEMINIST POLITICAL THEORIES	2+0	3	4	This course covers some of the central debates in contemporary feminist political theory, with a particular emphasis on the legacy and usefulness of liberalism. Among the problems raised are conceptions of the individual and individual autonomy; the relative invisibility of gender issues in mainstream literature on justice and equality; the tendency to conceive of equality in sex-blind terms; and the tendency to presume a universally applicable set of norms.
POL317	INTERNATIONAL SECURITY	2+0	3	4	This course provides a comprehensive overview of key concepts, theories, and practices in international security within the context of international relations. The students will explore the fundamental principles of international security, including the role of international organizations, such as the UN, OSCE, and NATO. The course will cover topics such as arms control, conflict prevention, mediation, and peacebuilding, offering insights into the complex dynamics of global security.
POL312	NGO's and CIVIL SOCIETY	2+0	3	4	In this course, the students will cover theoretical and practical insights concerning the role of civil society and NGOs and will learn about different types of organizations (and their strategies, activities, and approaches. The students will also explore the interfaces of these organizations and institutions with culture, gender, human rights, indigenous rights, and dominant ideologies. Finally, the students will explore the links between civil society, NGOs, and other development actors.
POL314	ASIA-PACIFIC IN WORLD POLITICS	2+0	3	4	Comparative analysis of political change and rapid economic development in East and Southeast Asia, with particular focus on Japan, China, and the East Asian NICs.
POL316	TERRORISM IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	2+0	3	4	This course explores the influence of political violence broadly defined within contemporary international relations. The course traces the rise of existential threats to the state from non-state actors, it considers the spectrum of state and transnational initiatives and responses to ameliorate those threats, and reflects on how prevailing global political conflicts are refracted through the prism(s) of counter-terrorism.

POL413	SOCIAL POLICY	2+0	3	6	The course explores how welfare issues are constructed and debated in contemporary society. It revolves around three main themes: social needs, social problems and social rights, and how different debates about welfare have been influenced by these themes. It focuses on the implications of social change for debates about welfare, considering some of the major contemporary issues in social policy. This half course is complementary to Politics of the Welfare State.
LAW411	SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES and THE ICJ	2+0	3	6	The objective of this course is to provide students with an in-depth knowledge of the different mechanisms available in international law for the settlement of disputes, of the scope of jurisdiction of international courts and tribunals, and of the procedural rules applicable to cases brought before them
POL417	US POST-COLD WAR FOREIGN POLICY	2+0	3	6	This course examines the sources of American foreign policy. It reviews how Realism and Liberalism's approaches to international relations explain U.S. foreign policy. It also uses these approaches to examine pivotal events, actors, and developments in U.S. foreign policy since World War II, and address current issues in U.S. foreign policy.
LAW412	INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW	2+0	3	6	The purpose of this course is to provide students with the core principles of the public maritime law and the law of the sea. Students will be familiarised with the relevant international organisations that regulate public maritime affairs. They will provide an analysis of the maritime zones, the nationality of ships, as well as the rules and regulations on maritime safety, maritime safety and marine pollution.
POL412	RUSSIAN POST-COLD WAR FOREIGN POLICY	2+0	3	6	The course is aimed at understanding sources of continuity and discontinuity in contemporary Russian Foreign Policy, after the end of the Cold War and dissolution of the USSR. Specificity and general patterns of the subject are studied with specific theoretical instruments and a necessary empirical background. The course focuses on theoretical instruments of the Russian Foreign Policy analyses, factors of internal and external nature that shape Russian Foreign policy, its evolution since the early 1990s, as well as Russian Foreign Policy towards the major centres of power, key regions and international organizations.
LAW414	INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW	2+0	3	6	This course introduces students to international criminal law, broadly defined to include substantive and procedural rules applicable to core international crimes (e.g., war crimes, genocide, crimes against humanity) and transnational crime (e.g., piracy, migrant smuggling). Using case studies, students analyse the field's historical origins, evolution, and present-day implementation. Among others, post-WWII tribunals, the international tribunals of Yugoslavia and Rwanda, hybrid tribunals, and the International Criminal Court are studied.
POL415	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION	2+0	3	6	This course examines the application of conflict resolution theories to interstate crises and civil wars by international organizations like the UN and NATO, states, and ad hoc coalitions of states and non-government entities. The focus will be on the post-Cold War conflicts.

