

Bologna Information Package for PhD in Political Science and International Relations

1. Program Information

1.1. Aim: Yeditepe University is part of a world-class city centrally located in a geopolitically strategic region with easy access to Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The Ph.D. Program in Political Science and International Relations aims to recruit students from the neighboring regions in addition to Turkish nationals and educate them in the fields of domestic and international politics with skills and abilities to be employed by universities, and public or private sectors at home or abroad since 2004. Only one fifth of the applicants at the doctoral level have been accepted to the programs, as a measure to increase the quality of the graduate studies.

1.2. Targets: The curriculum not only embraces an interdisciplinary approach but also allows room for specialization through elective courses with a focus on Turkish politics, international relations, political behavior, foreign policy, security and intelligence, and Middle Eastern studies. The courses are designed as seminars in which students must actively participate through presentations, discussions, projects and so forth. Besides, the curriculum is being reshaped in accordance with the responses we hear from the advisory board of the department, which was established as part of Bologna process and includes some prominent members of public and private sector in Turkey. The board has already begun to play a role of mediator between the department and the general public.

2. Program Learning Outcomes

Theoretical, Factual

PO1: The ability to analyze and critically evaluate basic research models, approaches and intellectual traditions in the field of political science, international relations, comparative politics, Turkish politics and foreign policy. To demonstrate the ability to create innovative and original contribution to the field by specializing and expanding on these models and approaches.

PO2: To demonstrate the ability to make original contributions to the field with an interdisciplinary approach.

Cognitive-Practical

PO3: A command of basic research models and approaches of political science and international relations discipline and the ability to apply them in academic research and project design.

PY4: Having the ability to compare, contrast and analyze societal and political systems with an interdisciplinary approach.

PY5: Having a command of qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis methods and abiding by the highest levels of academic and research ethics.

Proficiency in Independent Study and Taking Responsibility

PO6: The ability to contribute to the progress of the field of political science and international relations by conducting original and independent studies that produce original thought, methods, models, and applications to the field and/or utilize existing ideas, methods, models, and applications in another field of study.

PO7: The ability to contribute to the progress of the field of political science and international relations by publishing at least one academic article at a refereed journal and/or by producing or interpreting an original contribution.

Proficiency in Learning

PO8. To develop current and advanced level of data into original thought and research as a specialist. The ability to develop original ideas and methods in the field of political science and international relations.

Proficiency in Communication and Social Skills

PO9. The ability to debate and make presentations within an intellectual framework, and the ability to express oneself in a professional and academic manner. The ability to apply academic writing and presentation methods to dissertations, articles, and project design.

PO10: Having advanced reading, writing, comprehension and speaking skills in the English language.

PO11: Having the ability to apply knowledge of political science and international relations discipline to information technologies and traditional tools so as to produce sound solutions to problems.

Area Specific Proficiencies

PY12: Having the competency to work in the public sector, NGOs, research institutions and the academia.

PY13. Having empathy towards diverse and differing communities, which will facilitate conducting teamwork at local as well as global platforms.

PY14. Having competency of comprehending and interpreting local and global issues through information exchange with international academics and students.

3. Degree Awarded

Upon successful completion of coursework (190 ECTS) and research (120 ECTS) in order to write and defend a dissertation, graduates of this program are awarded with a Ph.D. in political science and international relations.

4. Admission

The Ph.D. Program in Political Science and International Relations is only open to candidates holding an M.A. from a Turkish or an international university, as approved by the Turkish Higher Education Board (YÖK). Prospective students are required to take the ALES (Graduate Education Test), a general requirement of YÖK, and achieve the ALES score of 55 EA (quantitative and verbal joint section). Candidates must also pass a written and oral examination given by the Department. In our institution, the medium of education is English and candidates must have taken the TOEFL with a minimum score of 213 in the computer-based system or 79 in the internet based system.

5. Employment Opportunities

Graduates of our program have been employed by universities, think-tanks, media and several other branches of public or private sectors at home or abroad since 2004.

6. Graduation Requirements

To complete the program, students will be required to take a total of 21 credits. After successful completion of the required course work, students will have to take a comprehensive exam upon

successful conclusion of which they will be allowed to conduct research and write a Ph.D. thesis which is expected to be an original contribution to scientific knowledge. Students generally finish their course work in two years, and they are recommended to conclude their research in the subsequent two years.

7. Contact Information

Head of Department

Prof. Dr. Cengiz Erişen

cengiz.erisen@yeditepe.edu.tr

Tel: +90 0216 5780655

Fax: +90 216 578 0797

Bologna Coordinator

Dr. Melih Görgün

melihgorgun@yeditepe.edu.tr

Tel: +90 0216 5780000-3713

Fax: +90 216 578 0797

8. Teaching Methods

Teaching Methods	Main learning activities	Tools utilized
Lecture	Listening and making sense	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers
Discussion based lecture	Listening and making sense, observation, critical thinking, questioning	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers
Case study	Predesigned special skills	
Small group work	Listening and making sense, observation, critical thinking, questioning	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers
Seminar	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading, using Information technologies, listening and making sense, management skills	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers, seminar room equipment
Group work	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading, using Information technologies, listening and making sense, management skills, group work, critical thinking, questioning	Databases, scientific databases in the library, e-mailing, chat rooms and web based forums
Research paper	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading, using Information technologies	Databases, scientific databases in the library, e-mailing
Oral presentation/exam	Research-lifelong learning, questioning, interpretation, presentation	
Survey	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading	
Panel	Listening, making sense, observation	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers, seminar room equipment
Guest speaker	Listening, making sense, observation	Standard classroom technological equipment, PowerPoint presentations, computers, seminar room equipment
Activities within a Student Body or Research Project	Research-lifelong learning, writing, reading, making sense, group work, critical thinking, questioning, management skills	

9. Course Categories

PhD in Political Science and International Relations

*SCIENTIFIC PREPARATION- FIRST SEMESTER			T	U	L	Y	E
POLS	517	History of International Relations	3	0	0	3	8
POLS	518	Introduction to Political Science	3	0	0	3	8
		Extra Elective (All Courses)					
						6	16

*SCIENTIFIC PREPARATION- SECOND SEMESTER			T	U	L	Y	E
POLS	552	History of Political Thought	3	0	0	3	8
POLS	555	Introduction to International Relations	3	0	0	3	8
		Extra Elective (All Courses)					
						6	16

FIRST SEMESTER			T	U	L	Y	E
POLS	613	Seminar in Turkish Politics	3	0	0	3	25
POLS	616	Seminar in Theories of International Relations	3	0	0	3	25
FEAS	601	Research Methodology and Ethics	3	0	0	3	10
POLS		Specialization Elective (All Courses)	3	0	0	3	15
		Extra Elective (All Courses)					
						12	75

SECOND SEMESTER			T	U	L	Y	E
POLS	614	Seminar in Foreign Policy Analysis	3	0	0	3	25
POLS	615	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3	0	0	3	25
POLS		Specialization Elective 2 (All Courses)	3	0	0	3	15
FEAS	698	Seminar	0	0	0	0	50
		Extra Elective (All Courses)					
						9	115

THIRD SEMESTER			T	U	L	Y	E
POLS	699	PhD Thesis					120
							120

Number of Courses and Credits to be Completed	
Credits:	21
ECTS:	310
Total Courses:	7+Seminar+Thesis

ELECTIVE COURSES			T	U	L	Y	E
POLS	612	Seminar in Political Theory	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	617	Seminar in Political History	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	618	Seminar in International Law	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	619	Seminar in Political Sociology	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	620	Seminar in International Politics	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	655	Seminar in Turkish Political Thought	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	653	Seminar in Society and Politics in India	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	647	Seminar in Political Parties and Elections	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	635	Social Structure and Religion in Turkey	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	637	Central Issues in International Politics	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	638	International Security in a Changing World	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	640	Modernization Theories and International Relations	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	652	War and Peace Studies	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	656	Seminar in Democracy and Practices	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	627	Identity Issues in Global World	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	662	Seminar in American Foreign Policy	3	0	0	3	15

POLS	624	Quantitative Methods and Statistics	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	623	Qualitative Research Methods	3	0	0	3	15
POLS	630	Political Psychology	3	0	0	3	15