

Boğaziçi University
Department of Political Science and International Relations
Fall 2016
POLS 101.01: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE
Prof. Dr. Hakan Yılmaz

Office:
South Campus: IB 507B
North Campus: K-Park 118

Email: yilmazh@boun.edu.tr
Personal web site : <http://www.hakanyilmaz.info>
Department web site: <http://www.pols.boun.edu.tr>

Senior Assistant: Levent Önen (M.A.; Ph.D. Student) (Room IB 208, Tel: (212) 359 6805, Email: onenlevent@gmail.com)

Student Assistant: TBA

Assessment: A midterm exam (50%) and a final exam (50%).

Textbook: Andrew Heywood, *Politics* (Hampshire and New York: Palgrave, 3rd and later editions)

Lecture Hours:

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
5-6 (13:00-15:00) NH 101	5 (13:00-14:00) IB 102

ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Department of Political Science and International Relations has the following rules and regulations regarding academic honesty.

1. Copying work from others or giving and receiving answers/information during exams either in written or oral form constitutes cheating.
 2. Submitting take-home exams and papers of others as your own, using sentences or paragraphs from another author without the proper acknowledgement of the original author, insufficient acknowledgement of the consulted works in the bibliography, all constitute plagiarism.
 3. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and will result in:
 - a) an automatic "F" in the assignment or the exam
 - b) an oral explanation before the Departmental Ethics Committee
 - c) losing the opportunity to request and receive any references from the entire faculty
 - d) losing the opportunity to apply in exchange programs
 - e) losing the prospects of becoming a student assistant or a graduate assistant in the department
- The students may further be sent to the University Ethics committee or be subject to disciplinary action.

LECTURE TOPICS

A) INTRODUCTION

Introducing the content of and the requirements for the course. A discussion of some conceptual and methodological issues regarding social science in general and political science in particular. An overview of the historical development of political science in relation to the other social sciences. Please note that **the midterm exam** will cover all the issues in Sections A, B and C. The day of the midterm exam will be announced on the week we will have finished discussing the last chapter in Section B. The questions to be asked in **the final exam**, on the other hand, will be based on all the Sections from A to D, with a much greater emphasis on Section D (approximately 75% of the questions in the final exam will be drawn from the chapters in Section D).

B) IDEOLOGY AND THE STATE

"Political Ideas and Ideologies", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

"Politics and the State", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

C) POLITICAL REGIMES

"Governments, Systems and Regimes", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

"Political Culture and the Media", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

"Groups, Interests, and Movements", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

D) DEMOCRATIC REGIMES – FINAL EXAM TOPICS

"Democracy and Legitimacy", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

"Parties and Party Systems", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

"Representation, Elections and Voting", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

"Constitutions, Law and Judges", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

"Assemblies", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

"Political Executives and Leadership", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*

IMPORTANT POLITICAL SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

IPSA: International Political Science Association

<http://www.ipsa.org/site/>

<http://ipsaportal.unina.it/>

ECPR: European Consortium for Political Research

<http://www.ecpr.eu/>

APSA: AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

<http://www.apsanet.org/>

SİYASİ İLİMLER TÜRK DERNEĞİ-TURKISH POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

<http://www.siyasiilimler.org.tr/>

Türk Sosyal Bilimler Derneği- TURKISH SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

<http://www.tsbd.org.tr/>

Select English Language Academic Journals Covering Turkish Politics

New Perspectives on Turkey

http://www.newperspectivesonturkey.net/eng/NPT_homepage.asp

SSCI

Turkish Studies

<http://www.turkishstudies.net/>

European Journal of Turkish Studies

<http://ejts.revues.org/>

Turkish Studies Association Journal

<http://www.h-net.org/~thetsa/journals/>

International Journal of Turkish Studies

(Back issues are available at the Library. Now published irregularly)

METU Studies in Development (ODTÜ Gelişme Dergisi)

<http://www.feas.metu.edu.tr/metusd/ojs/index.php/metusd>

South European Society and Politics

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13608746.asp>

SSCI

Southeast European and Black Sea Studies

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/14683857.asp>

SSCI

TOP JOURNALS IN THE FIELD OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Journal Title	5-Year Impact Factor
1 AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW	6.341
2 POLITICAL ANALYSIS	6.098
3 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	5.424
4 ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	4.288
5 JOURNAL OF PEACE RESEARCH	3.283
6 PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS	3.257
7 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY	3.020
8 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS	2.977
9 JOURNAL OF POLITICS	2.903
10 GOVERNANCE	2.866
11 COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STUDIES	2.834
12 BRITISH JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	2.831
13 PUBLIC OPINION QUARTERLY	2.825
14 SOCIO-ECONOMIC REVIEW	2.820
15 EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL RESEARCH	2.692
16 POLITICAL BEHAVIOR	2.604
17 POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY	2.571
18 JOURNAL OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION	2.571
19 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY	2.545
20 PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS	2.491
21 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PRESS/POLITICS	2.427
22 EUROPEAN UNION POLITICS	2.410
23 REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	2.395
24 POLITICAL COMMUNICATION	2.374
25 POLICY STUDIES JOURNAL	2.331