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FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SYLLABUS

Course Code / Name	CIR211 Turkish Politics
Course Date	Thursday, 10:00-13:00
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Aim of the Course

One semester course designed to

- 1) demonstrate the historical evolution of Turkish politics,
- 2) teach political life, institutions, and processes in Turkey.
- Requirements: Attendance, participation, applicable homeworks, midterm exam, final exam

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand historical evolution of Turkish politics,
- Explain the emergence of the modern Turkish state,
- Understand the key institutions and their role during major political events,
- Compare different election systems and their outcomes,
- Explain the evolution of Turkish political thought
- Discuss issues like democracy, civil society, socioeconomic changes in Turkey,
- Explain secularism, nationalism, and the rise of Islam in Turkish politics.

Weekly Course Schedule

Week	Topic
1	Introduction
2	Ottoman Legacy
3	Ideas of Young Turks and Second Constitutional Period
4	From empire to republic: armistice and national struggle period
5	The new Turkey: politics (1923-1945)
6	The new Turkey: society and economy (1923-1945)
7	Transition to multi-party politics, and the Democrat Party Rule
8	MID-TERM EXAM
9	Political, institutional and social restructuring of the 1960s
10	Justice Party Rule
11	Politics, social democracy, rise of Islam, and national front governments of the 1970s
12	Political and economic restructuring after 1980
13	Evaluation and Historical Comparison of Turkish Elections and Models
14	General Evaluation
	FINAL EXAM

Evaluation Methods and Tools

Examinations will cover materials presented in the class such as classroom discussions, assignments, group projects, case studies, lectures, Power Point presentations, student experiences/ responses, Additional information provided and mentioned by the instructor during the courses can also be asked in examinations.

Unless announced otherwise, there will be a Midterm Exam, and a Final Exam. The grading will be:

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- Midterm: %40
- Final Exam: %60

Course Materials

- Teaching procedures for this course will basically include Power Point presentations, exercises, case studies, class discussions, reading assignments and examinations.
- Power Point presentations in soft form will be given to students.
- Students are strongly advised to take notes during the course.

Main Textbooks:

Feroz Ahmad, The Making of Modern Turkey. Routledge. 1993.
Eric Jan Zürcher, Turkey: A Modern History. I.B. Tauris, 1993.

Recommended Readings:

Çağlar Keyder, State and Classes in Turkey: a study in capitalist development, London and New York: Verso, 1987.
İlber Ortaylı, İmparatorluğun En Uzun Yüzyılı (The empire's longest century), İstanbul: Hil, 1987.
Niyazi Berkes, The Development of Secularism in Turkey, Montreal: McGill University Press, 1964.
Şerif Mardin, Jön Türklerin Siyasi Fikirleri 1895-1908 (Political ideas of the Young Turks), Ankara: Türkiye İş Bankası, 1964.
Şerif Mardin, Türkiye'de Devlet ve Toplum (State and society in Turkey), İstanbul: İletişim, 1990.
*Other recommended readings will be provided before every weekly course by the instructor.

Method

The instructor may use studies, lectures, questions and exercises from textbooks and articles. The course is taught in English.

Class Participation

- Students will improve their learning process by asking questions to better understand the concepts.
- Brainstorming, discussing with the instructor and classmates as a part of class participation are also ideal for effective learning. By the help of these activities, students will have a much better grasp of theories, principles and topics.

Attendance Procedures

- According to regulations, course attendance is obligatory. Students have to attend 70% of theoretical courses, 80% of practice, laboratory, workshop and studio works.
- Attendance is a significant and serious indicator of success in the course. Students are responsible for arriving class on time, following the flow of courses carefully and remaining in the class until the end of session.
- Course contents are tightly related, and sessions continue progressively. Thus, missing courses will negatively affect the overall achievement of students.

Note: In case you miss a class, please contact your instructor via e-mail and learn the contents mentioned in class. Also check if you have any assignments due for the Financial Institutions and Instruments course. Even if you miss a class because of unexpected and involuntary reasons, make sure to cover the topics and catch up with your classmates. Late assignments are not accepted in general. The instructor will only accept late assignments if you have a special case.

Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstance and no excuse will be accepted. If you ever use a source, cite it properly as seen above. Those quotation marks make a huge difference. Cheating (in Turkish “aldatmak”, “sahtekarlık”, “hile”) known as “kopya” is a serious and punishable act. We strongly recommend that you keep your benign reputation as IR student.

Course Adjustments and Changes

The course syllabus is an overall guide for the Turkish Politics class. Instructor reserves the right to make periodic and specific changes-adjustments to the syllabus, which can cover assignments, group projects, case studies, schedule, examinations, etc.