

**ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF SOCİOLOGY
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	ECTS Credits	Prerequisite Information	Date of Preparation
PSY124	Social Psychology	Compulsory	4	NB	January 2026
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Merve Çetinkaya mervecetinkaya@aybu.edu.tr				
Office Hours & Office Room	Monday& Tuesday 9:00-10:00				
Course Content and Objectives	The primary aim of this course is to provide students with familiarity for engaging with more advanced topics in later semesters by introducing the main fields of social psychology, its theoretical and conceptual approaches, and methodological debates. The course offers a detailed account of the development of social psychology as a science from its beginnings to the present, while also introducing its fundamental concepts.				
Textbook(s)	Social Psychology 11th edision Eliot Aronson, Thimothy Dvinson, Pearson				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	The teaching method consists of lectures and in-class discussion activities. Students are expected to complete the assigned reading materials beforehand and to participate actively in class.				
Course Learning Outcomes	1	To distinguish the characteristics that differentiate social psychology from other scientific disciplines.			
	2	To understand the research methods employed within the field of social psychology			
	3	To comprehend the origins of behavior and the mental processes that influence it, including the effects of learning and memory.			
	4	To understand the processes of human social development			
	5	To understand how culture and society influences social thinking			
	6	To develop a general understanding of social psychology			
	7	To understand the human being at the social levels.			
Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)				
		PO1			
		PO2			
		PO4			
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction	Contribution is that a general psychology perspective helps to understand individuals' mental processes and behaviors within the framework of basic psychological principles, thereby enabling a deeper analysis of social phenomena.				

Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	Introducing Social Psychology	
	2. Week	Methodology: How Social Psychologists Do Research	
	3. Week	Social Cognition: How We Think About the Social World	
	4. Week	Social Perception: How We Come to Understand Other People	
	5. Week	The Self: Understanding Ourselves in a Social Context	
	6. Week	Cognitive Dissonance and the Need to Protect Our Self-Esteem	
	7. Week	Attitudes and Attitude Change: Influencing Thoughts and Feelings	
	8. Week	Midterm Week	
	9. Week	Conformity and Obedience: Influencing Behavior	
	10. Week	Group Processes: Influence in Social Groups	
	11. Week	Attraction and Relationships: From Initial Impressions to Long-Term Intimacy	
	12. Week	Prosocial Behavior: Why Do People Help?	
	13. Week	Aggression: Why Do We Hurt Other People? Can We Prevent It?	
	14. Week	Prejudice: Causes, Consequences, and Cures	
	15. Week	Using Social Psychology to Achieve a Sustainable and Happy Future	
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms		%30
	Quizzes		%
	Assignments		%20
	Attendance		%
	Practice		%
	Project		%
	Final examination		%50
	Total		100%
Disability Policy	<p>If you have a documented disability (e.g., visual, hearing, or physical impairment, etc.) that may influence your performance in this course, it is recommended to meet with the Engelsiz AYBU (https://aybu.edu.tr/engelsiz/content_list-327-yildirim-beyazit-universitesi-engelsiz-universite-birimi-vonergesi.html) to arrange for reasonable conditions (such as accommodation, etc.) to ensure an equitable opportunity to meet all the requirements of this course. You may also contact the local authority of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. You should communicate your needs to the course instructor as soon as possible to ensure that any course needs concerning exams, lecture materials, etc. are met.</p>		

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Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	ECTS Credits	Prerequisite Information	Date of Preparation
SOC 102	Introduction to Sociology II	Compulsory	6	None	28.01.2026
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Prof. Dr. Halime ÜNAL REŞİTOĞLU unalresitogluhalime@aybu.edu.tr				
Office Hours & Office Room	Wednesday & Thursday: 1:00- 2:00pm				
Course Content and Objectives	This course is a continuation of Introduction to Sociology I. It explores the structural and institutional dimensions of social life in more depth. We look at how social inequalities are constructed, maintained, and challenged on both local and global scales. The course focuses mainly on how society is divided in to different level, the basic social institutions and how society changes in a post-industrial world. Combining theory and everyday human experience helps students understand the hidden social forces that shape both individual lives and history.				
Textbook(s)	Henslin, James M. (2017) Sociology – A Down to Earth Approach (13 th . Edition) Pearson				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	The teaching methods and techniques used in the course are lecture, class discussions, quizzes and presentations should be listed here. The course will be assessed via two examinations: a midterm and a final				
Course Learning Outcomes	1	Understanding the basic concepts of sociology and major sociological theories			
	2	Relate sociological concepts to concrete events in the context of global context			
	3	Understanding how social structures influence human behaviors			
	4	Being able to connect sociological theory to empirical research			
	5	Thinking critically about different inequalities in modern societies			
	6	Presenting ideas and arguments in different formats			
	7	Expressing ideas in a clear and logical way			
Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)				
	PO2	Examines and evaluates concepts, ideas and data related to the discipline of sociology using social science research methods, diagnoses, analyzes, discusses and presents future projections on issues with past and current connections.			
	PO3	Can actively expresses knowledge acquired in the discipline of sociology and related fields through written and oral means, and presents research and reports to individuals and institutions in need in these areas.			
	PO4	Using sociological methods, possesses critical and creative thinking, interpretation, synthesis, and evaluation skills.			
	PO5	Can critically approach current sociological conceptualizations, movements, and debates.			
	PO7	Assuages responsibility in field-related work, producing solutions independently or through teamwork.			
	PO8	Aims to have sufficient knowledge of a foreign language to be able to understand and communicate with colleagues by following current research in the field of sociology (“European Language Portfolio Global Scale”, Level B1).			
PO12	Strives to develop knowledge and develop new perspectives in the field, and is open to innovation.				

Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction	This course is essential for understanding and continuing the study of sociology. It is not just an entry point for students. It is a fundamental building block for entire field. This course presents the main ideas and theories helping students to understand different points of view and apply them. These frameworks become tools for looking more closely at specific areas of sociology.		
Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	Welcome & Introduction- Global Stratification Chapter 9 pp. 228-260	
	2. Week	Global Stratification Chapter 9 pp. 228-260	
	3. Week	Social Class Chapter 10 pp. 261-294	
	4. Week	Gender Chapter 11 pp. 294-324	
	5. Week	Deviance and Social Control Chapter 8 pp. 196-226	
	6. Week	No class, Due to Religious Holiday, the official holiday begins after 1 p.m.	
	7. Week	The Elderly Chapter 13 pp. 365-391	
	8. Week	Midterm Week	
	9. Week	The Economy Chapter 14 pp. 394-423	
	10. Week	Marriage and Family Chapter 16 pp.459-491	
	11. Week	No class, Due to Official Holiday	
	12. Week	Medicine and Health Chapter 19 pp.555-582	
	13. Week	Urbanization Chapter 20 pp. 587-619	
	14. Week	Education Chapter 17 pp. 493-520 - Presentation as a group	
	15. Week	Religion Chapter 18 pp.520-551-Presentation as a group	
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms	1	% 25
	Quizzes	5	% 20
	Assignments		
	Discussions	Through the semesters	% 10
	Practices (presentation)	1	%10
	Project		
	Final examination	1	% 35
	Total		100%
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Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	ECTS Credits	Prerequisite Information	Date of Preparation
SOC104	Research design and methods in social sciences II	Compulsory	6		January 2025
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Merve Çetinkaya mervecetinkaya@aybu.edu.tr				
Office Hours & Office Room	Monday & Tuesday 9:00-10:00				
Course Content and Objectives	The course covers the methodological approaches, methods, and techniques required for the design and implementation of sociological research, presented in a comparative framework of qualitative and quantitative orientations. It aims to provide sociology students with knowledge of fundamental research methods and techniques, contextualized within the paradigmatic and epistemological background of social science research. In doing so, the course seeks to equip students with the competencies and skills necessary for designing and conducting sociological research.				
Textbook(s)	Neuman, W. L. (2006). Social research methods qualitative and quantitative approach (6th ed.). Upper Saddle River: Pearson.				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	(The teaching methods and techniques used in the course, such as homework, class discussions, and reading materials, should be listed here.)				
Course Learning Outcomes	1	To acquire knowledge and skills regarding the basic concepts, approaches, and stages of the social research process, as well as research methods and techniques			
	2	To develop knowledge and skills in applying quantitative and qualitative research methods.			
	3	To foster methodological skills and enhance the capacity to apply these skills			
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Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)				
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		PO3			
		PO4			
		PO6			
		PO9			
		PO10			
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction	This course contributes to the teaching of the field by equipping students with fundamental knowledge and skills related to methods and research techniques in the social sciences.				

Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	Course Introduction and Expectations		Compar Orientat
	2. Week	Why Do Research?		
	3. Week	Theory and Research		
	4. Week	The Meanings of Methodology		
	5. Week	How to Review the Literature and Conduct Ethical Studies		
	6. Week	Strategies of Research Design		
	7. Week	Qualitative and Quantitative Measurement		
	8. Week	Midterm Week		
	9. Week	Qualitative and Quantitative Sampling		
	10. Week	Experimental Research		
	11. Week	Survey Research		
	12. Week	Analysis of Quantitative Data		
	13. Week	Field Research and Focus Group Research		
	14. Week	Analysis of Qualitative Data		
	15. Week	Writing the Research Report and the Politics of Social Research		
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %	
	Mid-terms		%30	
	Quizzes		%	
	Assignments		%20	
	Attendance		%	
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SOC108	Introduction to Political Science	Compulsory	5		02.02.2026
Instructor of the Course & E-Mail Address	Hatem Ete, etehatem@aybu.edu.tr				
Office Hours & Office Room	Friday, 13.00-14.00, Instructor's Department Office				
Course Content and Objectives	<p>The aim of this course is to provide students with an introductory-level understanding of politics, political science, and fundamental political processes and institutions. The course familiarizes students with the core concepts, theories, and approaches of political science, with particular emphasis on key political ideologies, the state, democracy, legitimacy, political economy, globalization, representation, elections, and identity.</p> <p>Through assigned readings, lectures, and classroom discussions, students are encouraged to develop an analytical perspective on political phenomena and to gain familiarity with the basic concepts and practices of political analysis.</p>				
Textbook(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Heywood, Politics 				
Teaching Methods and Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quiz Mid-term Exam Final Exam 				
Course Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Define and explain the fundamental concepts of political science, such as politics, power, state, democracy, and legitimacy. Comparatively evaluate the core principles of major political ideologies, particularly liberalism, conservatism, and socialism. Interpret analytically the relationships between political institutions, political processes, and social structures. Critically discuss contemporary political phenomena using basic theoretical approaches in political science. 				
Program Outcomes Contributed by the Course	Program Outcomes (PO)				
	1	Ability to analyze social and political phenomena using fundamental concepts and approaches of the social sciences.			
	2	Ability to evaluate social processes multidimensionally, taking into account their political, economic, and ideological dimensions.			
	3	Ability to understand academic texts, construct conceptual frameworks, and engage in basic scholarly discussion.			
	4	Development of analytical awareness regarding social differences, inequalities, and identities.			
Contribution of the Course to Field Instruction	<p>This course contributes to field-specific education in sociology by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabling students to understand political structures and processes within their social contexts, thereby strengthening sociological perspectives. Conceptually grounding the relationship between politics and society through core topics such as political ideologies, the state, democracy, and identity. Providing sociology students with essential conceptual tools and terminology for political analysis. Serving as a foundational course for advanced sociology courses such as political sociology, ideology, the state, and social movements. 				

Topics Covered in the Course	1. Week	Introduction and Course Overview	
	2. Week	What Is Politics?	
	3. Week	Ideology	
	4. Week	Political Ideas and Ideologies: Liberalism	
	5. Week	Political Ideas and Ideologies: Conservatism	
	6. Week	Ramadan Bayram Holiday	
	7. Week	Political Ideas and Ideologies: Socialism	
	8. Week	Politics and the State	
	9. Week	Midterm Examination Week	
	10. Week	Democracy and Legitimacy	
	11. Week	Nations and Nationalism	
	12. Week	May 1-Public Holiday	
	13. Week	Political Economy and Globalization	
	14. Week	Politics, Society, and Identity	
	15. Week	Representation, Elections, and Voting	
Course Evaluation Criteria	In-Term Studies	Quantity	Percentage %
	Mid-terms	1	% 30
	Quizzes	10	% 30
	Assignments	-	%
	Attendance		% 10
	Practice	-	%
	Project	-	%
	Final examination	1	% 30
	Total		100%
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