

SYLLABUS
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS Value	
IRE432	United States & World Politics	3 (3-0-3)	6	
Prerequisite Courses:	None			
Course Language:	English	Course Delivery Mode:	Face-to-Face	
Course Type and Level:	Compulsory / 4th Year / Spring Semester			
Instructor's Title, Name, and Surname		Course Hours	Office Hours	
Assist. Prof. Sinem Uca		Thursday 10:15-12:35	Wednesday 10:00-15:00	
Course Coordinator:		Assist. Prof. Sinem Uca		
Course Objectives				
Course Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to;		Relations	
			Program Outcomes	Net Contribution
	1	Be able to not only grasp a depth into the several states' foreign policy; but also develop an understanding toward the study of several states' foreign policy making.	3, 4, 7, 8	5, 5, 4, 4
	2	Be able to examine different theories of foreign policy decision-making and help you to understand how and why foreign policy is made.	7, 8	5, 5
	3	Be able to improve their skills in critical thinking and writing.	3	4
	4	Be able to use evidence from current and historical foreign policy making of the US and some other states.	3, 7	5, 4
	5	Be able to obtain the knowledge of the major policy issues facing U.S. foreign and national security policy.	3, 7, 8	5, 4, 4
	6	Be able to discuss in detail the major institutions and policy processes involved in foreign and national security policy-making.	7, 8	4, 4
7	Be able to see the broad-based repercussions of the American Policy in different portions of the past and present world.	7, 8	4, 4	
Course Content:	This course explores U.S. foreign policy and its interactions with major global powers, including China, Iran, Russia, and the European Union. It begins with an overview of the history of American foreign policy to illustrate how U.S. priorities and capabilities have evolved over time. The course then addresses contemporary global challenges such as security, economic globalization, human rights, and environmental issues. Students will develop an understanding of the key concepts, theories, and institutions that shape foreign policy decision-making and explore how these dynamic relationships contribute to the construction of the global order.			
Course Schedule (Weekly Plan)				
Week	Topic	Preparation	Teaching Methods and Techniques	
1	Introduction	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer	
2	How U.S. Foreign Policy is made: Institutional Power Game	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer	
3	Historical Trajectory: American Exceptionalism, Monroe Doctrine, and Wilson Principles	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer	
4	World War II and the Rise to Global Leadership	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer	
5	Post-1945 Order: The creation of UN, NATO,	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation,	

	Bretton Woods		Question & Answer
6	Cold War: Nuclear Rivalry and Deterrence	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer
7	After 1991: Unipolar moment? New threats and challenges	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer
8	Midterm Exam		
9	Midterm Exam		
10	The U.S. and the Western Actors	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer
11	The U.S. and China	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer
12	The U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer
13	The U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer
14	The U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa	Textbook	Lecture, Presentation, Question & Answer
15	Ukraine, Venezuela	Selected Articles and News	Case Study and Group Discussion
16	Greenland, Iran	Selected Articles and News	Case Study and Group Discussion
17	Final Exam		
18	Final Exam		

Course Resources

Textbook:	Cox, M. & Stakes, D. (2012). <i>“US Foreign Policy”</i> , Oxford University Press, 2nd Edition.
Recommended References:	Hogan, M. J. & Paterson, T. G. (eds., 2004). <i>“Explaining the History of American Foreign Relations”</i> . New York: Cambridge University Press, 2nd Edition. Nevins, A. & Commager, H. S. (2015). <i>“ABD Tarihi”</i> (Trans. Halil İnalçık), Doğu Batı Yayınları.

Course Assessment and Evaluation

Activities	Number	Percentile	Notes
Midterm Exam	1	%30	Exam
Project	-	-	
Assignment	-	-	
Presentation	1	%20	Class Participation and Discussions
Portfolio	-	-	
Final	1	%50	Exam

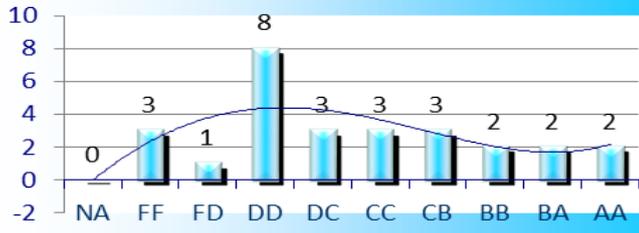
ECTS Table

Content	Number	Hours	Total
Course Duration	14	3	42
Out-of-Class Study	14	5	70
Assignment			
Presentation	4	6	24
Project			
Midterm Exam (Midterm Exam Duration + Midterm Exam Preparation)	1	22	22
Final Exam (Final Exam Duration + Final Exam Preparation)	1	22	22

Total:	180
Total / 30:	180/30
ECTS Credit:	6

Past Term Achievements

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