

**SYLLABUS**  
**Social Sciences Institutes**

Course Code	Course Title		Credits	ECTS Value
LAW 583	Seminar (Thesis)		(2-1-3)	8
Prerequisite Courses:	None			
Course Language:	Turkish	Course Delivery Mode:	Face to Face	
Course Type and Level:	Compulsory / Fall Semester / Master's Level			
Instructor's Title, Name, and Surname		Course Hours	Office Hours	Contact
Prof. Dr. Murat KOÇ		Wednesday 17:30–20:30	Wednesday 16:00–17:00	<a href="mailto:muratkoc@cag.edu.tr">muratkoc@cag.edu.tr</a>
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Course Objectives				
Course Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to;		Relations	
			Program Outcomes	Net Contribution
	1	Discuss the theoretical knowledge acquired at undergraduate level in law at an advanced level and create new conceptual frameworks.	1	5
	2	Analyze legal disputes using scientific research methods.	2	5
	3	Design original and strategic approaches to private law problems considering interdisciplinary interactions.	3	5
	4	Evaluate positive law rules with a critical perspective and propose legislative developments in line with societal needs.	8	5
	5	Integrate current doctrinal debates and national/international court decisions in private law into academic and practical studies.	5	5
	6	Evaluate data obtained during academic research in the light of ethical, scientific and social values, and present it in written and oral form.	7	5
	7	Review legal literature in at least one foreign language and reflect the acquired knowledge into seminar work by using information and communication technologies.	6	5
Course Content:	Within the scope of this course, students are expected to conduct an academic study using their theoretical and practical knowledge in law. During the semester, emphasis is placed on identifying the research problem, selecting scientific research methods, literature review and bibliography techniques, evaluating national and international court decisions, analyzing data obtained, interpreting results, and reporting in accordance with academic ethical principles. Students prepare their seminar studies considering interdisciplinary approaches and conduct critical evaluation.			
Course Schedule (Weekly Plan)				
Week	Topic	Preparation		Teaching Method & Techniques
1	Introduction to the Course, Meeting, Sharing Course Expectations. Scope of Seminar	Syllabus; students write expectations and prepare		Lecture, Padlet app

	Study, Principles of Scientific Research Ethics and Academic Integrity	a short paragraph introducing themselves	
2	Determining Project Topics, Evaluating Current Issues in Law	Find and propose a current, interesting topic in the field of law before class	<b>Lecture, Discussion panels</b>
3	Defining the Research Problem and Sub-problems	Write a problem statement for the selected topic in class	<b>Lecture, Problem-based learning</b>
4	Scientific Research Methods	Review a qualitative/quantitative method article before class	<b>Flipped classroom, Reflective discussion, Q&amp;A session</b>
5	Literature Search Strategies	Conduct a preliminary search in library/online databases before class	<b>Lecture, In-class text review</b>
6	Bibliography and Footnote Techniques	Create a sample bibliography and footnoted references at the end of class	<b>Lecture, In-class case study</b>
7	Midterm Evaluation	Present literature summary	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>
8	Midterm Exam		
9	Data Collection Techniques	Choose a data collection technique and prepare a sample situation	<b>Lecture, Storytelling</b>
10	Data Analysis, Comparative Law	Examine a sample decision	<b>Case analysis and solution</b>
11	Reporting Findings	Prepare a short schema on key points for report writing before class	<b>Flipped classroom, Reflective discussion, Q&amp;A session</b>
12	Academic Writing Techniques (Law Article, Thesis/Project Format)	Find and bring a reference article	<b>Scenario analysis, Q&amp;A session</b>
13	Methodological Problems in Legal Research	Identify deficiencies in the scenario provided in class	<b>Scenario completion</b>
14	Academic Ethics and Plagiarism	Review examples of ethical violations	<b>Lecture, In-class text review</b>
15	Final Report and General Evaluation	Prepare final report and receive feedback	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>
16	Final Exam		

#### Course Resources

<b>Textbook:</b>	Rona Serozan, 2024, Method and Logic in Law. On İki Levha Publishing.
<b>Recommended References:</b>	Halil Kalabalık & Doğa E. Doğanç, 2024, Legal Theory and Methodology. Seçkin Publishing.

#### Course Assessment and Evaluation

Activities	Number	Percentile	Notes
Midterm Exam	1	%30	Individual project
In-class Activities / Participation	14	%20	Active participation in discussions, group work and in-class activities
Final	1	%50	Individual project

#### ECTS Table

Content	Number	Hours	Total
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Course Duration	14	3	42
Out-of-Class Study	14	3	42
In-class Activities / Participation	14	1	14
Midterm Exam (Midterm Exam Duration + Midterm Exam Preparation)	1	60	60
Final Exam (Final Exam Duration + Final Exam Preparation)	1	75	75
<b>Total:</b>			233
<b>Total / 30:</b>			233/30=7.7
<b>ECTS Credit:</b>			8