

SYLLABUS
Faculty of Law

Course Code	Course Title		Credits	ECTS Value
LAW 146	Critical Thinking		2 (2-0-0)	3
Prerequisite Courses:	None			
Course Language:	English	Course Delivery Mode:	Face to Face	
Course Type and Level:	Elective/1.Year/Fall Semester EQF- Level 3			
Instructor's Title, Name, and Surname		Course Hours	Office Hours	Contact
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Course Objective				
This course aims at introducing the traditional and mainstream functionalist paradigm and alternative interpretive, humanist and structuralist paradigms which are partial or complete critiques of this paradigm within the specific context of the notion and practice of law.				
Course Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to;		Relations	
			Program Outcomes	Net Contribution
	1	recognise functionalist, interpretive, humanist and structuralist paradigms.	5	5
	2	compare the meta assumptions of four paradigms.	5	5
	3	compare various theories belonging to four paradigms.	5	5
	4	analyzes the science and society from the viewpoints of four paradigms.	5 & 11 & 4	5 & 4 & 4
	5	position the critical theory within the framework of four paradigms.	5 & 4	5 & 4
	6	relate the critical theory with critical thinking and thought.	5	5 & 4 & 3
	7	write in a short essay for original viewpoints by synthesising different paradigms viewpoints	5 & 11 & 4	5 & 4 & 4
	8	write a short essay within the context of his/her own arguments and counter arguments.	5 & 4 & 11	5 & 5 & 4
Course Content:	This course comparatively analyses the assumptions and methods of the functionalist paradigm used for explaining and predicting the physical and social world and all other paradigms criticising them and comparing mainstream and alternative notions of law with the social, political, economic and legal reality.			
Course Schedule (Weekly Plan)				
Week	Topic	Preparation		Teaching Methods and Techniques
1	Meta-Assumptions about Social Sciences	Part 1.1		Intructor Presentation and Group Discussions
2	Meta-Assumptions about Society	Part 1.2		Intructor Presentation and Group Discussions
3	Two Dimentions:Subjective/Objective Axis	Part 1.1		Intructor Presentation and Group Discussions

4	Two Dimensions: Order/Conflict Axis	Part 1.2	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
5	Four Paradigms: A Macro Approach	Part 1.3	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
6	The Subject of Critique: Functionalist Paradigm	Part 2.4	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
7	The Subject of Critique: Functionalist Paradigm	Part 2.4	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
8	Midterm Exam	Previous Chapters	-
9	Midterm Exam	Previous Chapters	-
10	The Subject of Critique: Functionalist Paradigm	Part 2.4	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
11	The Subject of Critique: Functionalist Paradigm	Part 2.4	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
12	A Critique of Functionalism: Interpretive Paradigm	Part 2.6	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
13	A Critique of Functionalism: Radical Humanist Paradigm	Part 2.8	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
14	A Critique of Functionalism: Radical Structuralist Paradigm	Part 2.10	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
15	Critical Theory	Part 2.10	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
16	Dogmatic Biases in the Mainstream Scientific Research	Feature Articles	Presentation and Discussions
17	Final Exam	Previous Chapters	-
18	Final Exam	Previous Chapters	-

Course Resources

Textbook:	"Sociological Paradigms and Organisational Analysis: Elements of the Sociology of Corporate Life", Gibson Burrell & Garreth Morgan, Routledge, 2019.
Recommended References:	"The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time", Polanyi, Karl, Beacon Press, Boston, Massachusetts.

Course Assessment and Evaluation

Activities	Number	Percentile	Notes
Midterm Exam	1	25%	
Quizzes	2	25%	
Project	-	-	
Assignment	-	-	
Presentation	-	-	
Portfolio	-	-	
Final	1	50%	

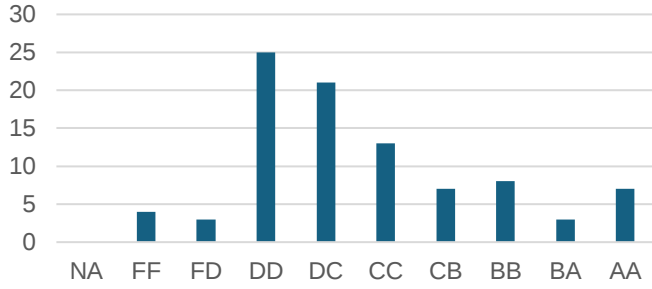
ECTS Table

Content	Number	Hours	Total
Course Duration	14	2	28
Out-of-Class Study	10	1	10
Quizzes	2	10	20
Assignment	-	-	-

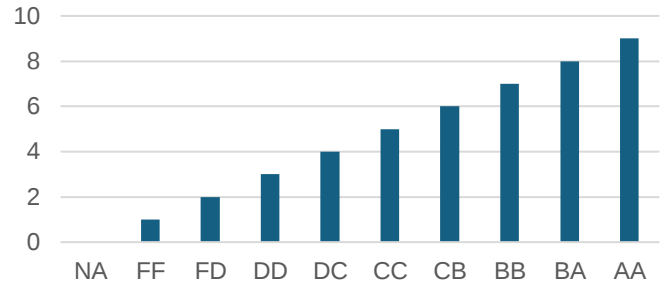
Presentation	-	-	-
Project	-	-	-
Midterm Exam (Midterm Exam Duration + Midterm Exam Preparation)	1	15	15
Final Exam (Final Exam Duration + Final Exam Preparation)	1	20	20
Total:			93
Total / 30:			93/30=3,10
ECTS Credit:			3

Past Term Achievements

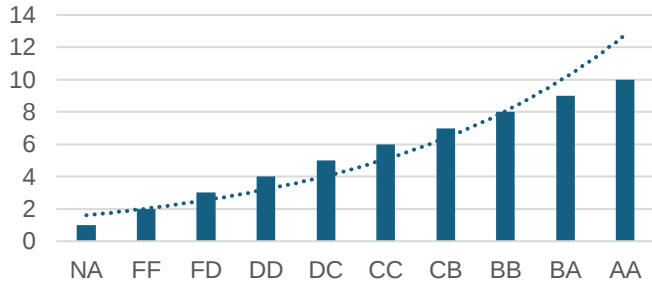
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