

**ÇAĞ UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF ART & SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

Code		Course Title		Credit	ECTS
PSY 314		Political Psychology		(3-0)3	6
Prerequisites					
Language of Instruction		English	Mode of Delivery	Face to face/Online	
Type and Level of Course		Elective/3.Year/Spring Semester			
Lecturers	Name(s)	Lecture Hours	Office Hours	Contacts	
Course Coordinator	Ayşe Şenay Koç, PhD			aysesenaykoc@cag.edu.tr	
Others					
Course Objective		The aim of this course is to introduce students the historical and contemporary perspectives in political psychology. As a sub-discipline linking political science and psychology, a comprehensive understanding of political psychology requires theoretical and methodological diversity. Most of the readings in this course will be from political science as well as social and cognitive psychology.			
Learning Outcomes of the Course		Students who have completed the course successfully should be able to	Relationship		
			Prog. Output	Net Effect	
	1	Learn the basic principles of political psychology	5	5	
	2	Learn more about research methods used in the field	2 & 3	3 & 5	
	3	Explain emotions and their effects on political behavior	2 & 3	3 & 5	
	4	Evaluate the influence of the media on political behavior	2 & 3 & 7	3 & 5 & 9	
	5	Learn the determinants of terrorism	5 & 11	3 & 5	
	6	Explain how social networks emerge and how they affect individual behavior.	7 & 11	5 & 9	
	7	Understand the individual and psychological underpinnings of current populist movements	5 & 9	3 & 5	
Course Description: Political psychology, with an interdisciplinary approach; combines political issues with psychological insights, as well as examining how political contexts affect people's behaviors.					
Course Contents:( Weekly Lecture Plan )					
Wee ks	Topics		Preparation		Teaching Methods
1	Examining the course content		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
2	Introduction to Political Psychology		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
3	Personality and Politics		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
4	Cognition, Social Identity, Emotions and Attitudes in Political Psychology		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
5	Political Psychology of Groups		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
6	Examining Political Leaders		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
7	Voting Behavior, the Role of the Media and Tolerance		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
8	MIDTERM				
9	Political Psychology of Races		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
10	From Ethnic Conflict to Genocide		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
11	The Political Psychology of Nationalism		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
12	The Political Psychology of Terrorism		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion
13	The Political Psychology of International Security and Conflict		Notes & Slides		Lecturing and discussion

## REFERENCES

<b>Recommended Reading</b>	<p>Martha L. Cottam, Beth Dietz-Uhler, Elena Mastors, Thomas Preston (2017). Introduction to Political Psychology, 3rd edition, Taylor &amp; Francis.</p> <p>David Patrick Houghton (2009), Political Psychology: Situations, Individuals, and Cases. Routledge.</p> <p>Travmaların Gölgesinde Politik Psikoloji (2020). Deniz Ülke Arıboğan (Ed.), İnkılap Kitabevi: İstanbul.</p>
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## ASSESSMENT METHODS

Activities	Number	Effect	Notes
Midterm Exam	1	40%	
Final Exam	1	60%	

## ECTS TABLE

Contents	Number	Hours	Total
Hours in Classroom	14	3	42
Hours out Classroom	14	5	70
Midterm Exam	1	30	30
Final Exam	1	30	30
Total			172
Total / 30			172/30=6
ECTS Credit			6

## RECENT PERFORMANCE