

SYLLABUS

All Faculties

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS Value	
OSD 213	Critical Thinking and Social Sciences	2 (2-0-0)	3	
Prerequisite Courses:	None			
Course Language:	Turkish/English	Course Delivery Mode:	Face to Face	
Course Type and Level:	Elective/2.Year/Fall Semester EQF- Level 3			
Instructor's Title, Name, and Surname	Course Hours	Office Hours	Contact	
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Course Coordinator:	Dr. Canol Kandemir			
Course Objective				
This course aims at introducing the critical theory and thought within the framework of functionalist, interpretive, humanist and structuralist paradigms within the general context of all social sciences.				
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 focuses on criticising the paradigms, assumptions and methods used for explaining and predicting the physical reality and to introduce new paradigms, assumptions and methods used for explaining and predicting social reality within their own specific contexts and comparing mainstream and alternative thoughts with the social and physical reality.			

Course Schedule (Weekly Plan)

Week	Topic	Preparation	Teaching Methods and Techniques
1	Assumptions about Social Sciences	Part 1.1	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
2	Assumptions about Society	Part 1.2	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
3	Two Dimentions:Subjective/Objective Axis	Part 1.1	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions

4	Two Dimensions:Order/Conflict Axis	Part 1.2	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
5	Four Paradigms: A Macro Outlook	Part 1.3	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
6	Functionalist Paradigm	Part 2.4	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
7	Functionalist Paradigm	Part 2.4	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
8	Midterm Exam	Previous Chapters	-
9	Midterm Exam	Previous Chapters	-
10	Interpretive Paradigm	Part 2.6	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
11	Interpretive Paradigm	Part 2.6	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
12	Radical Humanist Paradigm	Part 2.8	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
13	Radical Humanist Paradigm	Part 2.8	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
14	Radical Structuralist Paradigm	Part 2.10	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
15	Radical Structuralist Paradigm	Part 2.10	Instructor Presentation and Group Discussions
16	Critical Theory and Thinking	Part 2.8-10	Instructor Presentation and Group 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:	“Büyük Dönüşüm: Çağımızın Siyasal ve Ekonomik Kökenleri”, Polanyi, Karl, İletişim Yayınları, 2000.

Course Assessment and Evaluation

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

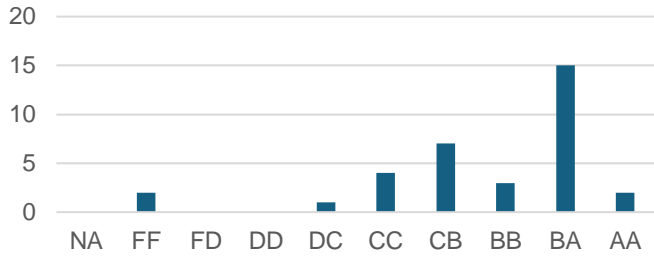
ECTS Table

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

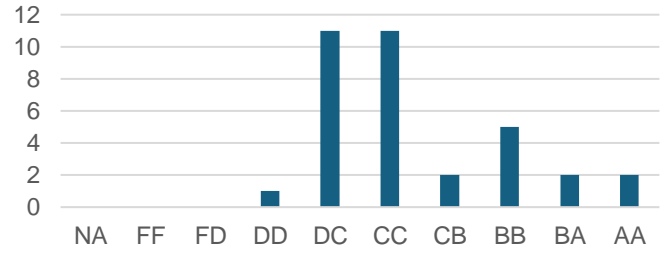
Presentation	-	-	-
Project	-	-	-
Midterm Exam (Midterm Exam Duration + Midterm Exam Preparation)	1	15	15
Final Exam (Final Exam Duration + Final Exam Preparation)	1	20	20
Total:			93
Total / 30:			93/30=3,10
ECTS Credit:			3

Past Term Achievements

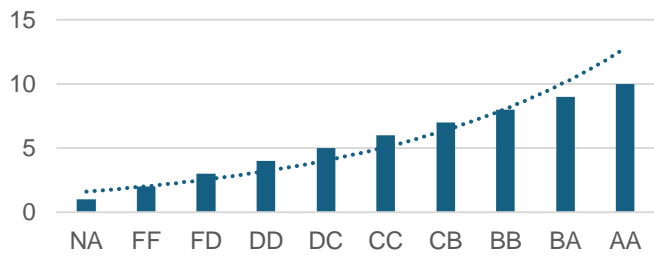
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