

SYLLABUS

Course Code		Course Title		Credits	ECTS Value	
OSD-207		Sustainability and Our Seas: Blue Homeland		(2-0-2)	3	
Prerequisite Courses:		No				
Language of Instruction:		Turkish	Lesson Teaching Style:	Online Class		
Course Type and Level:		Elective/Fall Semester/Undergraduate				
Instructor's Title, Name, and Surname			Course Hours	Office Hours		Contact
Asst.Prof. Dr. Sami Doğru			18.30-19.50	Mon.:10.00-12.00 Fri:10.00-12.00		samidogru@cag.edu.tr
Course Coordinator:		Asst.Prof. Dr. Sami Doğru				
Course Objectives						
Course Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:				Relations	
					Program Outcomes	Net Contribution
	1	Enumerate the emergence of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), their objectives, and explain the conceptual framework of the “14. Life-Below Water”, analyze and relate it in the light of the SDGs.			1, 5, 8	4
	2	Can state the importance, function and resources of the seas			1, 4, 9	3
	3	List international conventions on the order of the seas and interpret their provisions			2, 5, 6	3
	4	Blue Homeland can express the meaning of the Doctrine			3, 4, 9	3
	5	Classify Turkey's maritime jurisdictional sea areas			1, 2, 4	4
	6	Discuss the relationship between Turkey's maritime jurisdictional sea areas and the maritime jurisdictional areas of neighboring states			2, 4, 5	5
	7	Can make suggestions on Turkey's regulations regarding the seas			2, 3, 6, 8	5
Course Content:		The emergence of the UN Sustainability goals and their Life Below Water issues; the importance and order of the seas and the international conventions that ensure this order; Turkey's maritime jurisdictional sea areas and related legislation; definition and meaning of the Blue Homeland doctrine; Turkey's maritime spatial planning and meaning.				
Course Schedule (Weekly Plan)						
Week	Topic		Preparation		Teaching Methods and Techniques	
1	Meeting, sharing expectations about the course		Students' writing of their course expectations in a paragraph		Lecture, question-answer	
2	Summary on the emergence of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)		Reading the relevant web pages and the shared information note		Lecture, discussion	
3	Information on the scope of Life Below Water, the 14th SDG		Reading the relevant web pages and the shared information		Lecture, discussion	

		note	
4	The importance of the seas and the development of maritime law rules	Reading the Law of the Sea chapter of the International Law book	Lecture, discussion
5	Maritime jurisdictions: Inland waters, territorial waters	Reading the Law of the Sea chapter of the International Law book	Lectures, discussions and brainstorming among students
6	Maritime jurisdiction areas: contiguous zone, EEZ and continental shelf	Reading the Law of the Sea chapter of the International Law book	Lecture, discussion
7	High seas and freedom of the high seas	Reading the Law of the Sea chapter of the International Law book	Lecture, discussion
8	Midterm Exam	-	
9	Midterm Exam	-	
10	Definition and scope of blue homeland	Reading Cihat Yaycı's book	Lecture, discussion
11	Turkey's marine spatial planning	Examination of Turkey's marine spatial plan web page on DEHUKAM Web page	Lecture, discussion
12	Straits, Turkish Straits and their status: Montreux Convention	Sami Doğru's article will be read	Inside out classroom, discussion
13	Aegean Sea and Its Problems: Territorial Waters	The relevant chapter of the book Aegean Problems will be read	Inside out classroom, discussion
14	Aegean Continental shelf problem	The relevant chapter of the book Aegean Problems will be read	Inside out classroom, discussion
15	Eastern Mediterranean	5. Numbered publication will be read	Inside out classroom, discussion
16	Black Sea	Publication numbered 6 will be read	Inside out classroom, discussion
17	Final Exam		
18	Final Exam		

Course Resources

Textbook:

There is no textbook specific to this course. The information to be given to the students within the scope of the course will be shared with the student via web/moodle by the relevant instructor. Students will be responsible for the shared information note and the content of the legislation and the activities carried out in the course. However, the following books/articles will be used.

1. Cihat Yaycı, **Blue Homeland: A Map and a Book of Doctrine, Turkey's National Pact in the Seas**, Istanbul University Press, Istanbul 2022.

<https://iupress.istanbul.edu.tr/tr/book/mavi-vatan/home>

2. Hüseyin Pazarcı and Erdem Denk, **International Law**, Yetkin Publishing House, Ankara, 2025.

3. Sami Doğru, "Legal Status of the Turkish Straits: Transition from Sèvres and Lausanne to Montreux". **Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Law Journal**, 15, p. 2 (December 2013): 123-69.
<https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/deuhfd/issue/46830/587193>

4. Sertaç Hami Başeren, **Aegean Problems**, TUDAV Publications No: 25, Ankara 2006. https://tudav.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Ege_Sorunlari_2006.pdf

5. Sertaç Hami Başeren, Eastern Mediterranean Maritime Jurisdiction Dispute,

TUDAV Publications No: 31, Ankara 2010. https://tudav.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Dogu_Akdeni_-yetki-_alanlari_uyusmazligi.pdf

6. Mustafa Üren, "Evaluation of the Role of the Turkish Straits in Ensuring Security in the Black Sea", **Journal of Van Yüzüncü Yıl University Institute of Social Sciences**, Year 2023, pp. 61, 273-296. https://dergipark.org.tr/en/download/article-file/3253605?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Recommended References:

<https://dmpturkiye.dehukam.org/>
<https://turkiye.un.org/tr/sdgs>
<http://www.surdurulebilirlikalkinma.gov.tr/>
 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources - Our World in Data

Course Assessment and Evaluation

Activities	Number	Percentile	Notes
Midterm Exam	1	%20	
Presentation	1	%15	
Participation in the course (theoretical and practical)	12	%15	Active participation in discussions, group work, and classroom activities
Final	1	%50	

ECTS Table

Content	Number	Hours	Total
Course duration	14	2	28
Out-of-Class Work	14	2	28
Presentation	1	10	10
Midterm Exam (Midterm Exam Duration + Midterm Exam Preparation)	1	15	15
Final Exam (Final Exam Duration + Final Exam Preparation)	1	20	20
Total:			101
Total / 30:			101÷30= 3,36
ECTS Credit:			3

Past Achievements

