

POLS 101.02
Introduction to Political Science
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Office Hours: by appointment through email (office hours will be carried out over Zoom)

Textbook: Andrew Heywood, Politics, 4th or 5th editions.

Weekly Plan for the course: Please follow the plan to make sure you get the most out of this course.



Read the relevant chapter and watch the lecture videos and any relevant material before the live zoom session we will have on Monday at 16.00.

Once you watched the lecture, post your questions and comments on Discussion forum on Moodle. You can also answer others' questions and engage in a discussion.

Check out the learning activity for the week and carry it out and post the visual on Instagram.

Monday – live zoom session with the instructor (16.00-17.00).

Wednesday – live zoom session with the teaching assistant (13.00-14.00).

Evaluation (details of these assignments will be explained later):

Watching the **lecture video** prior to the online zoom session on Monday – 15%

Post **questions/comments/answers** on the Discussion Forum – 10%

Carry out your **learning activity** and post it on Instagram – 20%

5 **self-assessment quizzes** that you would need to take in your own time. You will need to keep on repeating each set until you achieve 100% in each set – 5%

Pop quizzes or short essays in live zoom sessions – 10%

Podcast 10%

Final exam 30%

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is a serious problem and refers to dishonestly representing someone else's ideas as your own. Plagiarism is punished by disciplinary council and usually results in an F as course grade and heavier penalties. All students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences (please consult (<http://www.buowl.boun.edu.tr/students/favoidingplagiarism.htm>)).

The Department of Political Science and International Relations has the following rules and regulations regarding academic honesty.

1. Copying work from others or giving and receiving answers/information during exams either in written or oral form constitutes cheating.
2. Submitting take-home exams and papers of others as your own, using sentences or paragraphs from another author without the proper acknowledgement of the original author, insufficient acknowledgement of the consulted works in the bibliography, all constitute plagiarism. For further guidelines, you can consult: http://www.gc.cuny.edu/CUNY_GC/media/CUNY-Graduate-Center/PDF/Publications/AvoidingPlagiarism.pdf
3. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and will result in:
 - a) an automatic F in the assignment or the exam,
 - b) an oral explanation before the Departmental Ethics Committee,
 - c) losing the opportunity to request and receive any references from the entire faculty,
 - d) losing the opportunity to apply in exchange programs,
 - e) losing the prospects of becoming a student assistant or a graduate assistant in the department.

The students may further be sent to the University Ethics committee for disciplinary action.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Week 1

Introduction to the course and course logistics.

No assigned reading. Watch the course trailer. Examine the course syllabus and the course page on Moodle.

You can also watch the first 2 minutes of the video: <https://youtu.be/1WJATyDI1G4>

Week 2

What is politics

Heywood Chapter 1, pp. 1-12.

Week 3

Studying politics

Heywood Chapter 1, pp. 12-26.

Week 4

Political Ideas and Ideologies + Liberalism and Conservatism

Heywood Chapter 2, pp. 27-38.

Week 5

Ideologies: Socialism, Fascism, Anarchism, Feminism, Ecologism

Heywood Chapter 2, pp. 38-51.

Week 6

Politics and the State

Heywood Chapter 3, pp. 56-79.

Week 7

Governments, Systems and Regimes

Heywood Chapter 12, pp. 265-283.

Week 8

Democracy and Legitimacy

Heywood Chapter 4, pp. 80-107.

Week 9

Assemblies

Heywood Chapter 14, pp. 309-330.

Week 10

Parties and Party Systems

Heywood Chapter 10, pp. 221-243.

Week 11

Representation, Elections & Voting

Heywood Chapter 9, pp. 196-220.

Week 12

Groups, Interests and Movements

Heywood Chapter 11, pp. 244-264.

Week 13

Nations and Nationalism

Heywood Chapter 5, pp. 108-127.

BONUS (not compulsory)

Political Economy & Globalization

Heywood Chapter 6.