

**Antalya Bilim University**  
**Department of Political Science and International Relations**  
**POLS 151 Introduction to Political Science**  
**Fall 2023**

Class Time: Mondays 13:00-15:50  
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The objective of this course is to present students with the basic principles and concepts in political science. We will explore and discuss a range of topics such as political ideologies, issues of state and nationhood, political regimes, political institutions and processes, as well as political culture and behavior. The course is organized into two sections. The first half of the semester we will engage in theoretical and conceptual discussions on key topics such as political ideologies, the state, nations and nationalism and different political regimes. In the second half of the semester we then examine the workings of politics by studying its institutions and actors. We will look at assemblies, constitutions, electoral systems, voting, party systems, and leadership through comparative analysis. Throughout the semester we will support our discussions with real life examples of political events occurring in the world. It is key to follow world news so that we can understand how politics works and compare different political systems.

**Course Book**

Andrew Heywood, *Politics* (5<sup>th</sup> edition), London: Red Globe Press

**Required:**

You are expected to follow international media outlets such as: The Economist; The New York Times; The Washington Post; The Guardian; The Independent; The Financial Times, CNN, BBC, and Al-Jazeera.

**Academic Honesty and Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. You will be subject to disciplinary action and punishment if you are caught plagiarizing.

**Assessment Criteria:**

**1) Attendance & Participation (10%):** Attendance and participation make up 10% of your overall course grade. **Attendance is mandatory in this course.** You must attend 70% of the classes. Students who do not fulfill attendance requirements will receive an FX from this course. If you will miss class, please notify your professor beforehand whenever possible. Students are expected to actively participate in the course. Active participation means following the course carefully, asking questions, and making comments about the relevant topics/themes.

**2) Quizzes (20%):** You will have four quizzes throughout the semester. The quizzes are intended to encourage you to follow the class and to read the course material on a regular basis.

**3) Midterm Exam (30%):** You will have one mid-term exam and it will constitute 30% of your overall grade. The midterm will be based on all of the course material we will cover until the exam date.

**4) Final Exam (40%):** You will have a final exam at the end of the semester and it will make up 40% of your overall grade. The majority of the final exam questions will be based on the course material we will cover after the midterm exam.

**\*For department regulations and information concerning class conduct please read the *Student Handbook* for students in the Political Science and International Relations Department. You may access the Handbook at:**

**[https://admin.antalya.edu.tr/files/418/Student\\_Handbook- T\\_rk\\_e\\_24ekim\\_2018.pdf](https://admin.antalya.edu.tr/files/418/Student_Handbook- T_rk_e_24ekim_2018.pdf)**

## Course Schedule

### **Week 1: Introduction**

Introduction / Syllabus / Student Handbook / Expectations

### **Week 2: What is Politics?**

Heywood, Chapter 1

### **Week 3: Political Ideas and Ideologies 1**

Heywood, Chapter 2

### **Week 4: Political Ideas and Ideologies 2**

Heywood, Chapter 2

### **Week 5: Politics and the State**

Heywood, Chapter 3

#### **Quiz 1**

### **Week 6: Democracy and Legitimacy**

Heywood, Chapter 4

### **Week 7: Nations and Nationalism**

Heywood, Chapter 6

#### **Quiz 2**

### **Week 8: Mid-Term Week**

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### **Week 9: Representation, Elections, and Voting**

Heywood, Chapter 10

### **Week 10: Parties and Party Systems**

Heywood, Chapter 11

### **Week 11: Political Executives and Leadership**

Heywood, Chapter 14

#### **Quiz 3**

### **Week 12: Assemblies and Constitutions**

Heywood, Chapters 13 & 15

### **Week 13: Political Culture and the Media**

Heywood, Chapter 9

#### **Quiz 4**

### **Week 14: Review**