

Antalya Bilim University
Department of Political Science and International Relations,
POLS 207&153
Introduction to Law
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Class time & Place: Online – Monday, 09:00-12:00

Office hours: Mondays, 12:30-15:00 and Fridays, 09:30-12:30

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Course Description

Law determines and enforces one's rights within a political legal set up. It is not possible to press rights into service against their sources. This is to say that the laws can be protested or can be challenged within the framework of law. Laws are the dictates by which the State governs its subjects but are also binding on the State. By enacting the Law, the State also undertakes to obey them. But Laws are not enacted for their own sake. There has to be a clear purpose behind each piece of enacted Law because all Laws by their very nature have the tendency to impose some restrictions or mount some obligation on someone or other. Hence, introducing 'Law' shall equip learners with basic information in legal domain that affects them daily.

- The purpose of this module is to acquaint the learners with the meaning of Law, the Legal Systems that prevail in the globe and the various classifications of legal systems. Therefore, this module is designed for the purpose of making the students aware of the various sources and classification of law.
- The course would sensitise the learners to the socio-economic, political legal, ethical and moral values emerging from national and global concerns from a legal perspective.
- Law is omnipotent and accordingly it has many and varied functions. This module is designed to familiarise the students with the functions and techniques of law which would enable them to understand the application of law. The course introduces the legal institutions and organs of State through which the power is structured and exercised.

Course book

Phil Harris, 'An Introduction to Law', 7th Edition, Cambridge University Press, 2007

Recommended readings:

Additional reading material will be provided by the lecturer.

Developing Graduate Attributes

- The course provides brief ideas on the underlying legal philosophy and also different types of legal system.
- The course will create interest among the students to learn the basic theory and principles of law.
- The course provides the meaning and significance of legal phenomena and social infrastructure.
- The course will aim for the student to understand various aspects of “We the People” and their impact on the development of the Nation.

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. Although plagiarism is well established in Turkish educational system, you will be punished heavily if you are caught do it.

Assessment Criteria:

- 1) **Midterm (50%):** Students are responsible for all class material covered until the midterm exam.
- 2) **Final exam (50%):** This exam is cumulative and will focus on all units and topics studied throughout the course, but emphasis will be after midterm.

Course Schedule

WEEK 1 – General Introduction

WEEK 2 – Foundations of Law

WEEK 3 – Sources of Law

WEEK 4 – Basic Concepts of Law

WEEK 5 – The Law of Contract

WEEK 6 – The Law of Property

WEEK 7 – The Law of Tort

WEEK 8 (4-8 Nov) Midterm Exam

WEEK 9 – Criminal Law

WEEK 10 – Constitutional Law

WEEK 11 – Administrative Law

WEEK 12 – The Law of Europe

WEEK 13 – International Law

WEEK 14 – Human Rights

