

Subject (code, title, credits)	PSIR 110: Introduction to Political Science 3 KU / 6 ECTS; 15 weeks, 60 hours
Department	Political Science and Philosophy
Program	Undergraduate
Term	Fall 2025
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Prerequisites	None
Medium of instruction	Azerbaijani
Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory
Required textbooks and course materials	<p><i>Core textbooks: All materials will be provided.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Heywood, A. (2019). Politics. Bloomsbury Publishing. ❖ Shively, W.P. and Schultz, D. Power and Choice: An Introduction to Political Science, 16th edition (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2022) ❖ Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsibov; layihənin rəh. T. Bağiyev; red. R. Həsənov. Siyasət elminə giriş. TEAS Press, 2019.- 416 s. ❖ Teymurlu, M. (2014). Politologiya. CMZ – Poliqraf. <p><i>Suggested materials:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dahl, R. A. (1998). On Democracy. Yale University Press. ❖ Dahl, R. A. Demokratiya haqqında / R. Dahl; tərc.: N. Ə. Səfərov, H. Hacızadə; tərt.-red. H. Hacızadə.- II bur.- Bakı, 2005.- 248 s. <p>Note: Additional materials and articles not included in this list will be provided to students weekly by the instructor.</p>

Course outline	This course introduces students to the fundamental concepts, theories, and methods of political science. It covers the origins and development of political thought, the structures and functions of governments, political ideologies, comparative politics, international relations, and the role of citizens in political processes. Students will also analyze contemporary global political challenges.
Course objectives	<p>By the end of this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Develop an understanding of the main concepts and approaches in political science. ✓ Analyze political systems, institutions, and processes from a comparative perspective. ✓ Evaluate the role of political ideologies in shaping societies and governance. ✓ Strengthen critical thinking and analytical skills in examining political events and debates.
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Define and apply key concepts in political science (e.g., state, power, legitimacy, sovereignty). ✓ Explain the development and significance of major political ideologies (liberalism, conservatism, socialism, nationalism, etc.). ✓ Compare different forms of government and political systems (democracies, authoritarian regimes, hybrid systems). ✓ Analyze electoral systems, political parties, and interest groups in shaping policy outcomes. ✓ Discuss major theories of international relations and their application to current global issues.

Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	8th week	30
	Attendance	During the semester	5
	Active participation	During the semester	10
	Quizzes	One in each term	10
	Group work	Once, during the final weeks of the course	5
	Presentations	Will be set individually	10
	Final exam	At the end of the course	30
	Total		100

Assessment and Academic Policies

Attendance (5%) is determined based on students' participation in class. Students who miss more than 25% of the classes will not be allowed to take the final exam. In case of illness or other valid reasons, relevant documentation must be submitted to the faculty dean's office.

Participation (10%) is assessed based on students' active engagement in class discussions, Q&A sessions, and contributions to course-related debates through independent research.

Quizzes (10%): Two quizzes will be conducted throughout the semester to assess students' continuous understanding of the course material. Each quiz consists of 12 multiple-choice questions (0.5 points each) and two open-ended questions (2 points each). The total score for both quizzes is out of 10 points, and the final quiz grade will be calculated as the average of both quiz results.

Group Work (5%): Students will form small groups to simulate political systems (e.g., parliamentary democracy, presidential system, authoritarian regime). Each group will represent a government, opposition, media, and civil society, debating policy issues in a role-play exercise. Evaluation is based on realism, research, argumentation, and collaboration.

✚ *Creativity and originality in students' work will be particularly valued.*

Coursework (Presentation) (10%): Students must conduct research on a selected topic and deliver a 15-minute presentation. Assessment will be based on content quality, analytical approach, and presentation skills. Topics will be determined collectively with students during the fourth week of the course. Students are expected to demonstrate academic research skills and present their topics in a well-structured and substantiated manner.

Presentation Preparation Guidelines: The presentation should begin with a title slide that includes the presenter's name and topic. The introduction should briefly introduce the topic, state its purpose, and provide an overview of the presentation. The main content must be structured logically and divided into clear sections. The conclusion should summarize the key points discussed. A references slide must be included for proper citation.

!! Timely submission of assignments is a primary evaluation criterion. Late submissions will incur a penalty unless a valid reason is provided and approved in advance.

Examinations (60%): The course includes midterm and final examinations designed to assess students' understanding, analytical abilities, and critical thinking skills. The questions are open-ended, and the evaluation will consider the accuracy and depth of content rather than length. Review sessions or clarification opportunities will be provided before the exam to support student understanding.

!! Any attempt to disrupt the exam process, engage in cheating, or use unauthorized materials is strictly prohibited. Violation of these rules will result in the exam being invalidated and a grade of "0" being recorded.

Passing Requirements: To successfully complete the course, students must achieve an overall grade of at least 60%. Those who fail must retake the course

		in the following semester or academic year.	
		Academic Integrity The following violations constitute serious breaches of academic conduct and will result in disciplinary actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plagiarism – Using others’ ideas or research without proper citation.• Unauthorized Collaboration – Failing to complete individual assignments or exams independently.• Fabrication or Misrepresentation – Submitting falsified work or presenting another person’s work as one’s own.	
Tentative Schedule			
Week	Date	Topics	Textbook/Assignments
1.	18.09	Siyasət elminə giriş və əsas anlayışlar	<i>Heywood, A. (2019). Politics. Bloomsbury Publishing. Chapter 1 (What is Politics?)</i> Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsimov. Siyasət elminə giriş. TEAS Press. I fəsil.
2.	25.09	Siyasi İdeologiyalar <i>Liberalizm, Konservatizm, Sosializm, Kommunizm, Anarxizm, Faşizm, Feminizm, Yaşıl İdeologiya və Populizm</i>	<i>Chapter 2 (Political Ideas and Ideologies)</i> Shively, W.P. and Schultz, D. <i>Power and Choice: An Introduction to Political Science</i> , 16 th edition (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2022). Chapter 3 Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsimov. Siyasət elminə giriş. TEAS Press. II fəsil.
3.	02.10	Dövlət və onun siyasətdə rolu.	<i>Chapter 3 (Politics and the State)</i> Teymurlu, M. (2014). Politologiya. VII fəsil. Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsimov. Siyasət elminə giriş. TEAS Press. III fəsil.
4.	09.10	Demokratiya və Legitimlik	<i>Chapter 4 (Democracy and Legitimacy)</i> Teymurlu, M. (2014). Politologiya. X fəsil

5.	16.10	Siyasi rejimlər	<p>Chapter 5 (Regimes of the Modern World)</p> <p>Shively, W.P. and Schultz, D. <i>Power and Choice: An Introduction to Political Science</i>, 16th edition (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2022). Chapter 7</p> <p>Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsimov. Siyasət elminə giriş. TEAS Press. V fəsil.</p>
6.	23.10	Millət və millətçilik Quiz 1.	Chapter 6 (Nations and Nationalism)
7.	30.10	Siyasi iqtisadiyyat və qloballaşma	<p>Chapter 7 (Political Economy and Globalization)</p> <p>Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsimov. Siyasət elminə giriş. TEAS Press. XV fəsil.</p>
8.	06.11	Midterm week	
9.	13.11	Seçkilər	<p>Chapter 10 (Representation, Elections and Voting)</p> <p>Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsimov. Siyasət elminə giriş. TEAS Press. XI fəsil.</p>
10.	20.11	Partiyalar	<p>Chapters 11 (Parties and Party Systems)</p> <p>Shively, W.P. and Schultz, D. <i>Power and Choice: An Introduction to Political Science</i>, 16th edition (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2022). Chapter 12</p> <p>Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsimov. Siyasət elminə giriş. TEAS Press. X fəsil.</p>
11.	27.11	Qanunverici orqanlar	<p>Chapter 15 (Constitutions, Law and Judges)</p> <p>Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsimov. Siyasət</p>

			elminə giriş.TEAS Press. XII fəsil.
12.	04.12	İcraedici orqanlar və bürokratiya	Chapter 14 Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsibov. Siyasət elminə giriş.TEAS Press. XIII fəsil.
13.	11.12	Məhkəmə Quiz 2.	Chapter 13 Rozkin, M., Kord, R. L., Mideyros, C. A., & Cons, V. S. (2019). ing. dilindən tərc. M. Nəsibov. Siyasət elminə giriş.TEAS Press. XIV fəsil.
14.	18.12	Qlobal idarəetmə və siyasətin gələcəyi	Chapter 19 (World Order and Global Governance)
15.	25.12	Tənqidi siyasət Müasir siyasi proseslərin təhlili	Chapter 20 (Is Politics Broken?)
		Final exam	

This syllabus is a guide for the course and any updates or changes to it will be announced in advance.
Best of luck!