



College of Europe
Collège d'Europe



ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2020-2021

COURSE TITLE

Turkey in Europe: Identity, Politics, Security

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Compact Seminar

MAJOR(S)

EUW, EUN, EHC

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

CONTACT HOURS

8

INDIVIDUAL STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This compact seminar aims at familiarizing students with Turkey's transformation from an empire to a nation state in the first half of the 20th century, from one-party system to a managed-democracy since 1950s, from an inward-looking peripheral economy to an open and competitive market since 1980s, and from an isolated middle power to an ambitious country in its foreign and security policies since the end of the Cold War. It also aims to provide students with a general framework to analyze Turkey's socio-political and economic development, as well as its foreign and security policies. It will contribute to students' understanding of Turkey and its ideational evolution and the underlying structures and agents of change in Turkey as well as its extensive transformation in recent years.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students will acquire general knowledge of Turkey's external relations and foreign policy as well as its political, social, economic, and ideational characteristics.
- Students will develop an understanding of the functioning of institutions, decision-making processes, and principal policy bodies of Turkey.
- Students will be able to analyze complex social, economic, and political processes in modern Turkey, together with their causes, and formulate their own opinions based on evaluation of alternative information sources.
- Students will be able to critically assess Turkey's economic, domestic, and international policies as well as security concerns.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

- Consult the following books listed in the Course Outline: Stone (2010), Zürcher (2010), and Özerdem and Whiting (2019).

- Download and consult a map of Turkey with its environs including the Middle East, Caucasus, Black Sea, Mediterranean, and Europe.
- Prepare three discussion questions on Turkey's contemporary foreign and security policies.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lecture, discussion.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The compact seminar will be assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis through:

- an online multiple-choice test (80% of the mark) at the end of the final course session - 15 minutes to answer 7 questions, and
- overall attendance (20% of the mark).

The weighted average of both assessment elements needs be equal or greater than 50% for a student to pass the compact seminar.

Each student is entitled to re-taking the test once. The re-take test would account for 80% of the mark whilst overall attendance would account for the remaining 20%.

Since compact seminars carry no ECTS credits, the final result will be present on the transcript, but will have no impact on the student's final average, nor on the overall grade, nor on attaining the diploma.

COURSE CONTENTS

- From a Multi-national and Multi-faith Empire to a Unitary Nation State
- Minorities in Turkey and Turks Outside Turkey
- Evolution of Democracy and Challenges of Modernization in Turkey
- Security Conceptualization in Turkey and its impacts on Societal Challenges
- Fighting Against Terrorism; Turkish Case
- Turkish Foreign Policy from Periphery to the Center Stage

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Please refer to the course outline.