



College of Europe
Collège d'Europe



Natolin

ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

Turkey in Europe: Identity, Politics, Security

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Specialist Course

MAJOR(S)

EUN

ECTS CREDITS

4

TEACHING HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

1

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course aims at familiarizing students with Turkey's transformation from an empire to a nation-state in the first half of the 20th century, from a one-party system to a managed democracy in the 1950s, from an inward-looking peripheral economy to an open and competitive market since the 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 and its foreign and security policies. It will contribute to students' understanding of Turkey, its ideational evolution, the underlying structures and agents of change in Turkey, and its extensive transformation in recent years.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students will acquire a general knowledge of Turkey's external relations and foreign policy and its political, social, economic, and ideational characteristics.
- Students will understand 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 evaluating alternative information sources.
- Students will be able to critically assess Turkey's economic, domestic, and international policies and 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 current foreign and security policies.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lecture, discussion.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The course will be assessed through:

- Literature Review (30%): A summary and critical assessment of a relevant book or a comparative analysis of three published academic articles. A list of books will be provided at the beginning of the lecture, but students can also suggest other books. The books or papers to be reviewed must be agreed upon beforehand with the course instructor. The length should be between 1500-2200 words. The Academic Assistant will communicate the deadline.
- Written 2 hours closed-book digital in-class exam (70%): 2 essay questions, 1250 words maximum for each essay question.

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Retake examinations, i.e., exams passed in the second examination session, will have the same format as those taken during the first. The only exception concerns oral exams, which will be replaced in the second exam session by written exams. When a student takes an examination during the second session, the final mark for the course is based solely on the result of the retake examination. No other element of evaluation which would have been taken into consideration in the calculation of the final mark during the first examination session will be considered in the second session.

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; the "Turkish Case"
- Turkish Foreign Policy; Determinants and Recent Developments
- Public Opinion in Turkey and its Relations to Turkey's Foreign and Security Policies

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Please refer to the course outline.