

STUDY PLAN
MASTER IN (Middle Eastern Studies)
(Thesis Track)

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First : General Rules and Conditions :

1. This plan conforms to the valid regulations of the programs of graduate studies.
2. Areas of specialty of admission in this program:
 - A. Holders of the Bachelor's degree in any area of discipline humanities.
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Second : Special Conditions:

1. English will be the programme teaching language.
2. An Interview: 10% of the grade.

Third : The Study Plans: Studying (39) Credit Hours as follows :

1. Obligatory Courses: (21) Credit Hours :

Course No.	Course Title	Credit	Theory	Prac.	Pre-request
3002701	Research Methods in International Studies	3	3	-	-
3001701	Theories of International Relations	3	3	-	-
3003720	Turkish Foreign Policy	3	3	-	-
3003721	Turkish Political System	3	3	-	-
3003722	Israel's Foreign Policy	3	3	-	-
3003723	Iran's Foreign Policy	3	3	-	-
3003724	Political Systems in the Arab World	3	3	-	-

1. Elective Courses: Studying (9) Credit Hours from the following :

Course No.	Course Title	Credit	Theory	Prac.	Pre-request
3003725	Arabs in the International Relations	3	3	-	-
3003726	Turkey: Society & Culture	3	3	-	-
3003727	Israel's Political System	3	3	-	-
3003728	Iran's Political System	3	3	-	-
3001707	Theories of Comparative Politics	3	3	-	-
3003729	Iran: Society & Culture	3	3	-	-
3003730	Israel :Society & Culture	3	3	-	-
3003731	Special Topics in Middle Eastern Studies	3	3	-	-

3. A thesis (3003799) : (9)Credit Hours.

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3002701	Research Methods in International Studies	3	3	-	-
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3001707	Theories of Comparative Politics	3	3	-	-
3003720	Turkish Foreign Policy	3	3	-	-
3003721	Turkish Political System	3	3	-	-
3003722	Israel's Foreign Policy	3	3	-	-
3003723	Iran's Foreign Policy	3	3	-	-
3003724	Political Systems in the Arab World	3	3	-	-

2. Elective Courses: Studying (15) Credit Hours from the following :

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3003725	Arabs in the International Relations	3	3	-	-
3003726	Turkey: Society & Culture	3	3	-	-
3003727	Israel's Political System	3	3	-	-
3003728	Iran's Political System	3	3	-	-
3003729	Iran: Society & Culture	3	3	-	-
3003730	Israel :Society & Culture	3	3	-	-
3003731	Special Topics in Middle Eastern Studies	3	3	-	-

3. Comprehensive Exam (3003798).

Course Descriptions

(3002701) Research Methods in International Studies

(3cr)

This is an advanced course in methodological, theoretical and technical issues in international studies. The course focuses on philosophy of social sciences and research ethics, comparative methods in international studies, and on combining qualitative and quantitative methods. Students will study research design, techniques of data collection, sampling and measurement, report and proposal writings, statistical analysis with computer application game theory in addition to different methods and techniques of futuristic studies in politic science and international relations.

(3001701) Theories of International Relations

(3cr)

This course focuses on different perspectives of international relations such as liberalism and neo-liberalism, realism and neo-realism, international society theory, postmodernism, international critical theory, feminism and green politics. moreover, it provides students with a sold ground in international relations and its different aspects in addition to theories of foreign policy.

(3003720) Turkish Foreign Policy

(3cr)

This course investigates the determinants, mechanisms, and dynamics of Turkish foreign policy. It combines three main elements: an investigation of the linkage between domestic factors – particularly competing conceptions of Turkish identity – and foreign policy; a chronological survey of Turkish security policy; and in-depth analyses of Turkey's relations with its primary interlocutors on the regional and global levels.

(3003721) Turkish Political System

(3cr)

This course surveys the developments in the Turkish political system chronologically since the late-1930. The major objective is to understand the forces of change and continuity in Turkish politics by tracing its turning points in democratization. The course focuses on the process of democratization, political party system, state-society relations, and role of the military in politics, the evolution of the major political parties, political leaders, and ideological and constitutional developments drawing on various sources.

(3003722) Israel's Foreign Policy

(3cr)

This course will introduce students to the domestic politics and foreign policy of Israel where it will investigate the determinants, mechanisms, and dynamics of Israel foreign policy. It combines three main elements: an investigation of the linkage between domestic factors – particularly competing conceptions of Israel identity – and foreign policy; a chronological survey of Israel security policy; and in-depth analyses of Israel's relations with its primary interlocutors on the regional and global levels.

(3003723) Iran's Foreign Policy

(3cr)

The course exposes the students to the Foreign Policy of Islamic Republic of Iran. The lectures and discussions will highlight bilateral, multilateral and international relations of Iran's Foreign Policy in the context of International Relations (IR).

(3003724) Political Systems in the Arab World

(3cr)

This course focuses on the Political system of the Arab World, the Economic factor, in addition to the Social factor. This course investigates the changes that are taking place in the Arab System in many aspects including the joint Arab action institutions.

(3003725) Arabs in the International Relations

(3cr)

The aim of this course is to study the situation of the Arab world in international politics and relations with Arab countries and a number of major entities, and the role of the Arab League on the international scene as well as issues affecting the Arab relations with other powers.

(3003726) Turkey: Society & Culture

(3cr)

This course aims to focus on Turkish culture and society, and their interaction with other civilizations in addition to the changes that occur in society and the Turkish culture and its impact on other communities

(3003727) Israel's Political System

(3cr)

This course will introduce the students to Israel's political system: its institutional and constitutional framework, the electoral system and various patterns of political participation. During the course we will also examine the way the Israeli political system reflects the structure and dynamic of the Israeli society. By becoming familiar with the inner forces of domestic politics in Israel, we will be able to analyze the challenges which the Israeli political system faces and its unresolved major dilemmas: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the relations between the "Jewishness" of the state and its democratic asp.

(3001707) Theories of Comparative Politics

(3cr)

This is an advanced and through course in comparative politics, focusing on different theories and methods in the field of comparative politics including the rational choice, cultural and institutional approaches. The course offers a comprehensive and focused analyses to issues and problems in comparative politics, including comparing political systems, political development, democracy and democratization, system and state, political culture and political economy, class and elite. In addition, the courses analyze in depth theories of modernization and post - modernization and globalization. Parties and parties are systems, election and electoral systems, political leadership, public policies and policy making.

(3003728)Iran's Political System

(3cr)

The political system of Iran is quite a complex one and combines elements of a modern Islamic ideology with democracy. This course will introduce students to the elements of the Iran's political system which is the democracy, religion, institutions and how these elements affect the decision-making and the foreign policy at the regional and international level.

(3003729) Iran : Society & Culture

(3cr)

This course aims to focus on Iranian society and culture, and their interaction with other civilizations in addition to the changes that occur in society and the Iranian culture and its impact on other communities.

(3003730) Israel : Society & Culture

(3cr)

This course aims to focus on Israeli culture and society, and their interaction with other civilizations in addition to the changes that occur in society and Israeli culture and its impact on other communities.

(3003731) Special Topics in Middle Eastern Studies

(3cr)

This is a variable topic course designed to allow students to concentrate on a special topic not offered in the regular list of compulsory and elective courses: such as political Islam and the role of Islamic movements, poverty and development issues – environment issues radicalization and political violence - issues of political development and democracy as well as ethnic diversity in the Middle East.