

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Economics,
Administrative and Social Sciences**



"The process of globalization also brings intense competition. To cope with this competition, it is essential to train human resources that are equipped with knowledge and skills, are inquisitive, and can understand and interpret the world."



**Prof. Dr. Kenan AYDIN
Dean of the Faculty of Economics,
Administrative and Social Sciences**

Shaping Global Futures

The Department of Political Science and International Relations has been established within the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences of Istanbul Gelisim University for the purpose of internationalization in education, with the aim of raising professionals with high awareness skills by providing an innovative, competitive and quality education approach.

The program provides students with the opportunity to develop scientific research, apply critical approaches and create a theoretical framework, as well as to develop themselves for long term studies for their personal studies. Additionally, it is equipped with theoretical and practical knowledge supported by current and technological resources in the fields of politics, economy and diplomacy. This program helps students gain national and international outlook, knowledge and related skills.



Purpose of the Department

The Department of Political Science and International Relations, within the Faculty of Economics, Administrative, and Social Sciences at Istanbul Gelisim University, is established with the aim of fostering awareness through a high-quality, innovative, and competitive educational approach. The department aims to cultivate professionals who are capable of making a difference, with a focus on internationalization in education.

“*Graduates gain valuable knowledge and skills, positioning them to make significant contributions both nationally and internationally.*”

Future of the Department

In today's world, where the phenomenon of globalization has come to the forefront and the World politics has changed dramatically with the advancement of technology and digitalization, there will be a need for Political Science and International Relations experts equipped with the 21st century knowledge and skills who can comprehend new political developments and produce analytical solutions to problems.



Program and Curriculum Information

In order to graduate from Istanbul Gelisim University, Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Political Science and International Relations, it is necessary to complete a total course load of 132 credits and 240 ECTS.

Our curriculum emphasizes global and regional dynamics, including state and non-state international actors, institutional structures, political actors, economic and social relations, and major international organizations such as the EU and the United Nations. Special attention is given to regions like Eurasia and the Middle East, as well as the internal dynamics and foreign policies of major powers like the United States of America and Russia.

“ Our curriculum integrates sustainability principles into various courses, allowing students to explore the intersection of politics, international relations, and sustainable development.

Assoc. Prof.
Emine Akçadağ ALAGÖZ

Department Accreditation

Attaching great importance to internationalization in education, Istanbul Gelisim University offers education opportunities to its students and graduates through international accreditation and protocols signed with foreign universities.

IGU has made significant investments in its physical capacity, human resources and the opportunities. It provides to its students on its way to becoming a “*Respected World University*”, started a very ambitious breakthrough process in 2017.

The departments of the Faculty of Economics, Administrative, and Social Sciences, which began their activities in 2017, have been found eligible for accreditation by the AQAS organization, a member of the European Quality Assurance Association, and have received their accreditation certificates. AQAS, founded in Germany in 2002 and a member of the European Quality Assurance Association, has evaluated more than 5000 programs worldwide. It has accredited education programs of over 90 German universities. Its accreditation certifies that the accredited program complies with European standards and principles.

The Department of Political Science and International Relations is also an accredited program and has been certified to meet European standards. The department is accredited until 2024.





Learning Outcomes

The learning outcomes of the department are as follows:

Students will be able to;

- Define the basic theoretical, political, economic and administrative theories used in the field of Political Science and International Relations.
- Explain the political history, political ideas, intellectual accumulation of understanding international relations and the way that the history of diplomacy has passed from past to present.
- List the norms of universal law and human rights, the principles of the modern legal system, the names of modern bureaucratic and administrative structures.
- Explain the Turkish state tradition, the influence of Islam, the accumulation of political thought and its historical background, and compare this accumulation with the current approaches.
- Evaluate the chronological development of relations between political and diplomatic developments and political / diplomatic facts / events / ideas / actors from past to present.
- Analyze the structure and functioning of actors, organizations and organizations that determine international relations.

Opportunity to Practice in Laboratories and Workshops

- Computer Laboratories
- Clinical Psychology Laboratory
- Clinical Interview and Observation Laboratory
- Experimental Psychology Laboratory
- EEG Laboratory
- Keyboard Spss Computer Laboratory
- Pocket Cinema
- Radio, Television and Cinema Studio
- Workshops Hall
- Advertising Workshop (Block A)
- Design Workshop



More than a Diploma!

Education Strengthened by Work Experience:

Our department's application courses help students prepare for their post-graduation careers by combining their theoretical knowledge with real-world experience. In this way, students take an important step in their journey of specialization by adapting to the expectations in the sector.

Practical and Theoretical, Integrated Approach:

Our students graduate with the skills of using the program that they need to master in today's world and theoretical knowledge about the profession. This allows our students to stand out in their professional lives.



Curriculum That Directs the Current

Our curriculum is updated to address today's problems and approaches in the field. In this way, our students not only master today's topics but also have the capacity to offer suggestions with their own approaches.

Solution-Focused Approach:

The student-instructor relationship in our department is solution-oriented and inclusive. With this approach, mentoring, individual guidance and academic counseling methods are used to increase students' success.

Elective Courses

The Department of Political Science and International Relations in Istanbul Gelisim University, as a young department in a young university of Türkiye, has been continuing its academic activities since 2011.

Prof. Neziha MUSAOĞLU

The program curriculum includes compulsory and elective courses to promote studies related to the department's theme (regional studies). In line with contemporary educational approaches and considering the constant change and development, as well as national and international dynamics, the curriculum content of the department is designed to provide students with education opportunities at international standards. Some of the elective courses offered by the department are listed below:

- Balkans and Turkey
- Ethnicity and Nationalism
- Central Asia and Caucasus in World Politics
- Foreign Policy Analysis



Academic Staff

Prof.

**Neziha
MUSAOĞLU**

Head of Department of Political
Science and International Relations



**Prof. Yavuz
ÇİLLİLER**

Graduates gain valuable knowledge and skills, positioning them to make significant contributions both nationally and internationally.

**Assoc. Prof.
Emine Akçadağ
ALAGÖZ**



**Asst. Prof.
Ayşe KÜÇÜK**

Our faculty members provide students with a rich education by bringing expertise from various fields. With instructors specializing in disciplines such as political science, international relations, public administration, diplomacy, and more, students gain a broad perspective and find opportunities for in-depth study in their areas of interest.

**Assoc. Prof.
Ahmet SAPMAZ**



**Asst. Prof.
Sibel ZENGİN**

**Asst. Prof.
Keisuke
WAKIZAKA**



**Res. Asst.
Elif ŞAHİN**

Charting the Course of Global Governance

Graduates of Political Science and International Relations have wide career opportunities in various departments of public and private sectors in Türkiye and abroad. Graduates can be employed as diplomats, consultants, middle and senior managers, auditors and experts. They can be employed at Ministries, Undersecretariats and Embassies, as well as international organizations, think tanks and research centers, foreign trade companies, banks and tourism enterprises, and foreign news services of the media. Students who prefer academic life can pursue postgraduate and doctorate programs in line with their interests.

The activities carried out in our department are as follows:

- Symposiums and Seminars
- Academic Events and Talks
- Student Club Activities



Career Opportunities

Graduates can have careers at:

- Government Agencies
- International Organizations
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Think Tanks and Research Institutions
- Diplomatic Services
- Multinational Corporations

Who Should Choose?

Students who are;

- Passionate about politics
- Critical thinkers
- Interested in social and cultural issues
- Effective communicators
- Interested in research

can apply to this department.

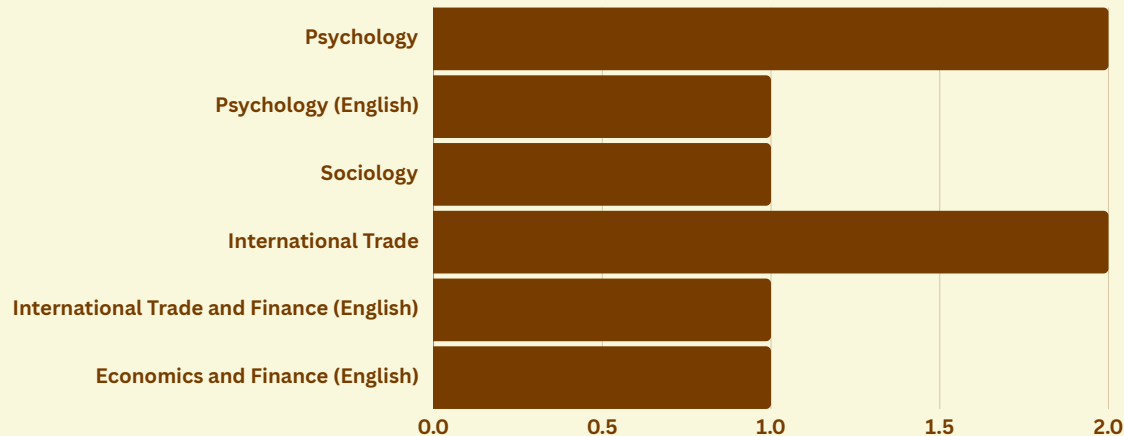
Politics shapes the fabric of societies, while international relations is the key to the game on the world stage. The Department of Political Science and International Relations aims to shape not only institutions and political systems, but also human life and the future of societies.

Prof. Neziha MUSAOĞLU
Head of Department of Political
Science and International Relations

Double Major Opportunity

The purpose of the double major program is to enable students who have successfully completed their major programs to study in a second major program free of charge. Students, who have a cumulative grade point average of 2.90 out of 4.00 in their major program and who are in the top 20% of their undergraduate/graduate program, can start the second major diploma program free of charge.

In which departments do students of the Department of Political Science and International Relations double major?



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The double major programme offers me the opportunity to be versatile in my career by gaining in-depth knowledge and skills in two different fields.

Yeliz ABYA 4th Year DMP Student in the Department of Political Science and International Relations

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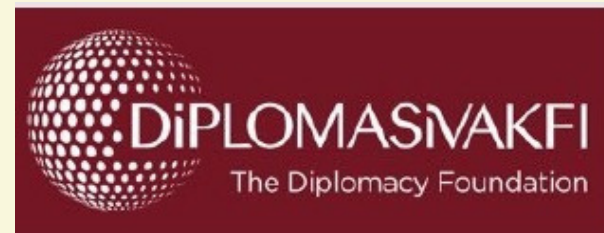
Collaboration for a Strong Future

Our university places great importance on collaborating with public, private sector, and civil society organizations in pursuit of excellence in education and research. These partnerships allow us to share knowledge and resources, work together towards common goals, and build a stronger future by collectively contributing to shared objectives.

Embark on the Journey of Internship and Shape Your Future!

Until the end of their educational period, our students are not obligated to undertake internships at institutions and organizations. However, students who wish to do voluntary internships have the opportunity to do so through our university.

Some of the institutions we cooperate with as stakeholders are as follows:



TÜBİTAK 2209-A Projects

TÜBİTAK 2209-A University Students Research Projects Support Program is a program that aims to provide financial support for research projects carried out by undergraduate and associate degree students. Here is the list of projects carried out within the scope of TÜBİTAK 2209-A projects which have been successfully accepted to be granted financial support:

PROJECT NAME: Social and Cultural Challenges Experienced by Arab National University Students Studying in Turkey: The Case of Istanbul Gelisim University

PROJECT COORDINATOR AND TEAM:
Halilcan ERÇIKAN (Coordinator)

Academic Supervisor: Asst. Prof. Rahmat ULLAH

PROJECT NAME: Evaluating the Integration of Drone Logistics into the Earthquake Site

PROJECT COORDINATOR AND TEAM:
Hümeysra Güneysu (Coordinator)

Academic Supervisor: Asst. Prof. Sibel ZENGİN

PROJECT NAME: A Research on the Satisfaction of Cooks in the Food and Beverage Sector: The Case of Big Chefs

PROJECT COORDINATOR AND TEAM:
Sinem ÇAY (Coordinator)

Academic Supervisor: Asst. Prof. Sibel ZENGİN

PROJECT NAME: 100 Years of Aviation History of the Republic of Turkey: A Holistic Analysis with the Time Strip Method

PROJECT COORDINATOR AND TEAM:
Fatmagül Ceyda Dinç (Coordinator)

Academic Supervisor: Asst. Prof. Sibel ZENGİN

Aleyna Mazlumcu

Political Science and International
Relations Department Graduate

Hello, I am Zühre Aleyna Mazlumcu, a graduate of the Department of Political Science and International Relations between 2017-2021.

Getting a university education is not just about filling oneself with knowledge from an institution, it is a process of learning how to learn, gaining a new vision and mission for oneself, and obtaining experiences and knowledge that will impact both professional and personal life.

During my time at Istanbul Gelisim University, the international symposiums organized by our department and university, the trips and meetings organized by our clubs, and the expertise and guidance provided by our academics were based on experiences that prepared us for our future.

Therefore, I extend my infinite respect and gratitude to our esteemed Rector, Vice-Rectors, and Dean for the four-year-long education journey I have had.

Future students of this department, a long and enjoyable journey awaits you with Istanbul Gelisim University, because the future is waiting for you to grow and develop.

Halil Can Erçikan

Political Science and
International Relations
Department Graduate

Hello, I am Halil Can Erçikan. I graduated from the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Istanbul Gelisim University in 2023.

Academically, I didn't settle for the qualified faculty members and rich course offerings at our faculty alone; I also had the opportunity to enhance my knowledge by participating in conferences, symposiums, webinars, and many other events organized by our department. These events, featuring renowned experts in the field, helped me graduate academically and professionally more equipped. Additionally, the national projects we developed under the guidance of our department professors significantly contributed to my academic development.

The experiences gained during this process provided me with values that I can use not only in my professional life but throughout my lifetime. Although I have graduated, my connection with my department, classmates, and professors remains strong. I am grateful to my faculty and my supportive professors who have been with me every step of the way.

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Let's Learn
Together

Let's Explore
Together!

Let's Connect to
the World!

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