YAŞAR UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND LETTERS
SCIENCE CULTURE DEPARTMENT
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title	Course Code	Semester	Course Hour/Week		Yaşar Credit	ECTS
			Theory	Practice		
Environment and Development	UFND 6320	SPRING	2	0	2	2

Course Type	
1. Compulsory Courses	
1.1. Programme Compulsory Courses	
1.2. University Compulsory Courses (UFND)	**x**
1.3. YÖK (Higher Education Council) Compulsory Courses	
2. Elective Courses	
2.1. Program Elective Courses	
2.2. University Elective Courses	
3. Prerequisites Courses	
3.1. Compulsory Prerequisites Courses	
3.2. Elective Prerequisites Courses	

Language of Instruction	English
Level of Course	Associate Degree (Short Cycle) X Undergraduate (First Cycle) Graduate (Second Cycle) Doctoral Course (Third Cycle)
(compulsory)	
Special Pre-Conditions of the Course (recommended)	

Course Coordinator		
Course Instructor(s)		
Course Assistant(s)/Tutor (s)		
Aim(s) of the Course	This course aims to equip students with a foundational and critical understanding of the key debates surrounding environment and development, approached from both theoretical frameworks and practical applications.	
Learning Outcomes of the Course	● Analyze the interaction between ecological, economic, and social systems. ● Explain the environmental impacts of unsustainable production and consumption patterns. ● Describe key social science theories related to the concept of sustainable development. ● Apply fundamental social science methods to examine environmental change. ● Evaluate environmental sustainability issues in a local context.	
Course Content	The course examines the interdependencies between ecological, economic, and social systems, with an emphasis on contemporary environmental challenges. Students explore how current patterns of production and consumption shape environmental outcomes, using interdisciplinary tools and concepts from the social sciences to critically analyze sustainability and environmental justice issues.	

COURSE OUTLINE/SCHEDULE (Weekly)

Week	Topics	Preliminary Preparation	Methodology and Implementation (theory,practice, assignment etc)
1	Sustainable Development: Conceptual Framework	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory
2	Sustainable Development: History	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory
3	Environment and Economy: Growth	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory
4	Environment and Economy: Trade	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory
5	Theories and Concepts of Environmental Protection: Planetary Boundaries and Ecological Footprints	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory
6	Theories and Concepts of Environmental Protection: Environmental Justice and Ecological Debt	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory
7	Mid-Term Exam	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Exam Week
8	Climate Change	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory (Applied perspective)
9	Climate Change	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory (Applied perspective)
10	Waste	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory (Applied perspective)
11	Waste	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory (Applied perspective)
12	Gender and Environment	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory (Applied perspective)
13	Gender and Environment	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Theory (Applied perspective)
14	Sustainable Development Goals	Reading the recommended resources and monitoring of the suggested videos	Assignment
15	Final Project: Environmental Protection through your lenses		
16	Final Evaluation		

Required Course Material (s) /Reading(s)/Text Book (s)	
Recommended Course Material (s)/Reading(s)/Other	

ASSESSMENT		
Semester Activities/ Studies	**NUMBER**	**WEIGHT in %**
Mid- Term	1	40
Attendance		
Quiz		
Assignment (s)		
Project		

Laboratory		
Field Studies (Technical Visits)		
Presentation/ Seminar		
Practice (Laboratory, Virtual Court, Studio Studies etc.)		
Final Examination/ Final Project/ Dissertation and Preparation	1	60
Other (Placement/Internship etc.)		
TOTAL		**100**
Contribution of Semester Activities/Studies to the Final Grade		40
Contribution of Final Examination/Final Project/ Dissertation to the Final Grade		60
TOTAL	.	**100**

CONTRIBUTION OF LEARNING OUTCOMES TO PROGRAMME OUTCOMES						
No	Programme Outcomes	Level of Contribution (1- lowest/ 5- highest)				
		1	2	3	4	5
1	To identify changes in the surrounding world and compare, question and interpret data during the formation and advocacy of thought and decisions.					X
2	To demonstrate skills in learning, critical thinking and reasoning about human behavior and experiences.					X
3	To show ability of gathering information from many sources to present a conclusive argument.					X
4	To demonstrate competence in reading and evaluating original scientific papers				X	
5	To recognize the significance of lifelong learning and use the learning skills and competences that developed in this program in other areas of life				X	
6	To demonstrate informational competence and the ability to use computers and other information technologies for many purposes				X	
7	To conduct a study/project independently or take charge in a teamwork and to take responsibility to formulate solutions for unpredictable, complex problems in the study/project					X
8	To conduct efficient communication in oral and written forms within multi-cultural business environments					X
9	To formulate distinctive strategies through project management and innovative problem solving skills				X	
10	To be sensitive to social and individual problems with high consciousness of social responsibility					X

ECTS /STUDENT WORKLOAD				
ACTIVITIES	**NUMBER**	**UNIT**	**HOUR**	**TOTAL (WORKLOAD)**
Course Teaching Hour (14 weeks* total course hours)	14	Week	2	28
Preliminary Preparation and finalizing of course notes, further self- study		Week		
Assignment (s)		Number		
Presentation/ Seminars		Number		
Quiz and Preparation for the Quiz		Number		
Mid- Term(s)	1	Number	10	10
Project (s)		Number		
Field Studies (Technical Visits, Investigate Visit etc.)		Number		
Practice (Laboratory, Virtual Court, Studio Studies etc.)		Number		
Final Examination/ Final Project/ Dissertation and Preparation	1	Number	12	12
Other (Placement/Internship etc.)		Number		
Total Workload				50
Total Workload/ 25				2
ECTS				**2**

ETHICAL RULES WITH REGARD TO THE COURSE (IF AVAILABLE)
The student meets assignment deadlines and follows through to completion of responsibilities.

STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES OR SPECIAL NEEDS
Students with disabilities or special needs are encouraged to contact the instructor and the Unit for Student with Disabilities (http://eob.yasar.edu.tr/) for academic adaptations.

ASSESSMENT and EVALUATION METHODS:	
Final Grades will be determined according to the Yaşar University Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree and Graduate Degree Education and Examination Regulation.	
PREPARED BY	
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