

Regional Political Systems

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8.Course Objectives	
1. To provide a balanced scientific understanding of the foundations of political systems in both Turkey and Iran, in a simplified and comprehensible manner, covering most of the terms and topics of interest to students within the scope of undergraduate studies in faculties of political science. 2.To develop students’ skills in political analysis and enhance their understanding of the nature and characteristics of the ruling political systems in Turkey and Iran.	1. The course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the nature of the political system in both Turkey and Iran. 2. To broaden the perspectives of political science students in distinguishing between different political systems.

9.Teaching and Learning Strategies					
Strategy		1. Lectures accompanied by explanation and clarification. 2. Using illustrative examples to enrich the scientific material. 3. Conducting unannounced short quizzes. 4.Assigning students to prepare research papers (working papers). 5.Conducting monthly examinations.			
10.Course Structure					
Week	Hours	Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)	Unit/Topic Title	Learning Method	Assessment Method
First Semester	2 Hours	—————	The Political System in Iran	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
1.	2 Hours	To define the concept of geopolitical components; to identify Iran’s geographical location and economic resources; to understand demographic and cultural factors in Iran and their importance in international politics.	The Geopolitical Importance of Iran	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
2.	2 Hours	To understand the political, social, and economic situation in Iran before and after the Islamic Revolution, and how the political system	Historical Introduction: Iran Before and After the Islamic Revolution	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions

		changed from monarchy to republic.			
3.	2 Hours	To introduce Iran's political system and identify its unelected institutions.	Unelected Religious Institutions in Iran	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
4.	2 Hours	To explain the existence and importance of the Supreme Leader institution; the conditions for appointment and dismissal; and its main powers.	The Institution of the Supreme Leader (Velayat-e Faqih)	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
5.	2 Hours	To identify the nature and main functions of the Assembly of Experts and the conditions for electing its members.	Assembly of Experts & Expediency Council	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
6.	2 Hours	To introduce the elected political institutions in Iran and their electoral mechanisms.	Elected Political Institutions in Iran	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
7.	2 Hours	To identify the structure of the legislative authority in Iran (Islamic Consultative Assembly and Guardian Council); to explain the election	The Legislative Authority: The Islamic Consultative Assembly	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions

		process and functions of parliament members.			
8.	2 Hours	To explain the role, membership, election process, and functions of the Guardian Council.	The Legislative Authority: Guardian Council	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
9.	2 Hours	To identify the components of the executive authority, the election process of the president, candidate requirements, term length, and powers.	The Executive Authority: President and Council of Ministers	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
10.	2 Hours	To explain the constitutional structure, tasks, and election of members of the judiciary.	The Judiciary Authority in Iran	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
11.	2 Hours	To identify the structure, functions, and necessity of Iran's armed forces (Army and IRGC).	The Army and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
12.	2 Hours	To explain political legitimacy in the Iranian system, constitutional guarantees for opposition, and constitutional restrictions imposed on opposition.	Iranian Opposition and the Legitimacy Crisis	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions

13.	2 Hours	To introduce Iranian political parties and movements, and explain the mechanisms and conditions for party formation.	Iranian Political Parties and Movements	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
14.	2 Hours	To explain the conservative current in Iran, its ideological trends, and its political and economic positions.	The Conservative Current in Iran	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
15.	2 Hours	To explain the reformist current in Iran, its ideological trends, and its political and economic positions.	The Reformist Current in Iran	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
Second Semester	2 Hours	—	The Political System in Turkey	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
1.	2 Hours	To understand the history of the Ottoman Empire, its duration, reasons for its collapse, and the emergence of modern Turkey on its ruins.	Historical Introduction to Turkey	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
2.	2 Hours	To introduce the political stages that Turkey went through after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.	Political Stages in Turkey after the Ottoman Empire	Theoretical explanation with	Quizzes and oral questions

				Q&A and discussion	
3.	2 Hours	To explain how Turkish leaders, led by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, dealt with the critical stage following the collapse of the empire in the face of attempts by major powers to divide Turkey.	Turkey after the Fall of the Caliphate	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
4.	2 Hours	To explain how the political system of the Republic of Turkey was formed after the declaration of the constitution, and how Turkey gradually transformed toward democracy.	The Establishment of the Republic and the Move toward Democracy	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
5.	2 Hours	To identify the major military coups in Turkey, their causes, and their outcomes (1960, 1971, 1980).	The Era of Military Coups (1960, 1971, 1980)	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
6.	2 Hours	To understand the rise of the Islamic current in Turkey, its conflict with secularists, and the main political parties that emerged during this period.	The Rise of the Islamic Movement in Turkey	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions

7.	2 Hours	To analyze Turkey's political trajectory after the Justice and Development Party came to power in 2002, and the principles and objectives it pursued.	The Justice and Development Party Era (2002–2024)	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
8.	2 Hours	To introduce Turkey's main strategic components, its geographic advantages, economic resources, and demographic and cultural factors used in foreign policy.	The Geopolitical Components of Turkey	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
9.	2 Hours	To introduce the political system and institutions established under the 1980 Constitution of Turkey.	The Political System and Institutions in Turkey	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
10.	2 Hours	To explain the constitutional structure of the legislative authority in Turkey (Grand National Assembly), its election process, candidate requirements, term length, and main functions.	The Legislative Authority: The Grand National Assembly	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
11.	2 Hours	To explain the constitutional powers of the President of Turkey, his election process, term	The Executive Authority: President and	Theoretical explanation with	Quizzes and oral questions

		of office, and amendments that expanded presidential authority.	Council of Ministers	Q&A and discussion	
12.	2 Hours	To introduce the National Security Council, its necessity, constitutional formation, and functions.	The Executive Authority: National Security Council	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
13.	2 Hours	To introduce the organizational structure of the judiciary in Turkey under the constitution.	The Judiciary Authority in Turkey	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
14.	2 Hours	To explain the role of the military institution in preserving Atatürk's principles, its direct and indirect involvement in politics, and the government's response.	The Military Institution and its Role in Turkish Politics	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions
15.	2 Hours	To explain Turkey's electoral system, the main political parties and movements, their orientations, and political positions.	The Electoral System, Political Parties, and Movements in Turkey	Theoretical explanation with Q&A and discussion	Quizzes and oral questions

12.Course Evaluation

Distribution of 100 marks is based on the tasks assigned to the student, such as daily preparation, daily, oral, and monthly exams, written tests, and reports, etc.

In our college, the grades are distributed according to the following system:

- 30% Mid-term exam
 - 10% Attendance, participation, daily and oral tests
 - 60% Final exam
- Total = 100 Marks

13.Learning Resources

Required Textbook	The Political System in Turkey and Iran – Dr. Ahmed Nouri Al-Na’imi
Main References	The Iranian Experience: The Supreme Leader and the Political System – Dr. Sattar Jabbar Alai Iranian Foreign Policy: Constants and Variables – Dr. Ahmed Nouri Al-Na’imi Political Currents in Iran – Fatima Al-Samadi The Iranian Experience: From Revolution to State – Amal Hamada The Political System in Turkey – Dr. Ahmed Nouri Al-Na’imi Change in the Turkish Political System and its Impact on Regional Role in the Middle East (2002–2010) – Dr. Jamal Khaled Al-Fadhi The Turkish Political System under the Justice and Development Party (2002–2014) – Rana Abdulaziz Khammash
Supplementary References (Journals/Reports)	Iraqi Academic Scientific Journals (IASJ): https://www.iasj.net/ Iranian Studies Journal: https://democraticac.de/?page_id=50933 Turkish Vision Journal: https://rouyaturkiyyah.com/issues/2016/18/2
Online Resources	Arab Democratic Center: https://democraticac.de/?p=70034 Al Jazeera Net: https://www.aljazeera.net/politics