

COURSE INFORMATION FORM	
Faculty / Institute	Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences
Department	Department of Political Science and International Relations
Course Code	ULU 503
Course title	Research Methods
Instructional Language	Turkish
Programs that can take the course	Must course for Department of Political Science and International Relations
Course Type	Must course
Course Level	Graduate
ECTS Credit	6
Prerequisites	None
Course Content	This course includes qualitative and quantitative techniques, case study analysis, process tracing, and quantitative methods (mainly survey technique)
The Aim of the Course	This course aims to provide introductory knowledge on the philosophical basis and purposes of social research and to examine the qualitative and quantitative methods. Accordingly, data collection, categorization and operationalization techniques will be focused on. A related purpose of this course is to develop writing skills of the students and their ability to use several methods in academic papers including masters thesis.
Course outcomes	Students are expected to gain the following abilities at the end of this course: (1) The course is designed to assist students in preparing their assignments. (2) Improve theory-oriented thinking skills. (3) Improve critical thinking skills through asking proper questions and collecting systematic data.
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	Daniel Kahneman, Thinking Fast and Slow, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013.
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	Stephen van Evera, Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science, Cornell University Press, New York, 1997, chapters 1-2.
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	Andrew Bennett, "Case Study Methods: Design, Use, and Comparative Advantages," in Detlef F. Sprinz and Yael Wolinsky-Nahmias (eds), <i>Models, Numbers & Cases: Methods for Studying International Relations</i> , University of Michigan Press 2007: 19-52.
	Alexander George and Andrew Bennett, <i>Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences</i> , MIT Press, Cambridge, 2004, chapter 10.
	Darren G. Lilleker, "Interviewing the Political Elite: Navigating a Potential Minefield," <i>Politics</i> 23, no. 3 (2003).
	Joel D. Aberbach and Bert A. Rockman. "Conducting and Coding Elite Interviews." <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> vol. 35, no. 4 (2002): 673-676.
	Paul Pierson, "Not Just What, but When: Timing and Sequence in Political Processes," <i>Studies in American Political Development</i> , vol. 14 (2000): 72-92.
	Sandra Halperin and Oliver Heath, "Textual Analysis," chapter 13, in <i>Political Research: Methods and Practical Skills</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
	Harry E. Brady, "Contributions of Survey Research to Political Science", <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> , vol. 33, no.1 (2000): 47-57.
Evaluation Criteria	
Attendance	
Lab	
Application	
Field Study	
Homework	100
Presentations	
Projects	
Seminar	
Midterm Exams	
Quiz	
Final	
Total	100
Course Plan	Subjects to Be Discussed
1. Week	International relations as a scientific discipline
2. Week	Philosophy science-I
3. Week	Philosophy of science-II
4. Week	How to write an academic paper
5. Week	Literature review
6. Week	Research design
7. Week	Causal mechanisms and inference
8. Week	Metot-I: Case selection techniques
9. Week	Metot-II: process tracing ve interview techniques
10. Week	Metot-III: content analysis and survey research
11. Week	
12. Week	