

COURSE INFORMATION FORM	
Faculty / Institute	Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences
Department	Department of Political Science and International Relations
Course Code	SUI 251
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	Undergraduate
ECTS Credit	6
Prerequisites	None
Course Content	The contemporary international relations discipline relies on diverse set of methodological tools. This course introduces qualitative and quantitative techniques in political science and international relations discipline.
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.
Textbook and / or References	
Evaluation Criteria	Percentage
Attendance	10
Lab	
Application	
Field Study	
Homework	
Presentations	
Projects	
Seminar	
Midterm Exams	30
Quiz	15
Final	45
Total	100
Course Plan	Subjects to Be Discussed
1. Week	Introduction
2. Week	The scientific analysis of political science and international relations
3. Week	How to write essays? Reading: Stephen Van Evera. 1997. Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science. Cornell: Cornell University Press (Appendix: How to Write A Paper).
4. Week	How to do literature review? Reading: to be sent in relevant week
5. Week	Research question, Causality, Hypothesis. Reading: Halperin and Heath, Chapter 5.
6. Week	Variables, Operationalization and measurement. Reading: Çarkoğlu, Ünite 1.
7. Week	Research Design? Reading: Halperin and Heath, Chapter 7. Çarkoğlu, Ünite 2.
8. Week	Observation, data collection, sampling. Reading: Çarkoğlu, Ünite 3.
9. Week	Qualitative techniques-1. Reading: Çarkoğlu, Ünite 4.
10. Week	Qualitative research methods-2
11. Week	Quantitative research methods. Reading: Çarkoğlu, Ünite 6.
12. Week	