



Course Code IREL-685	Course Title Turkish Studies	ECTS Credits 7.5
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall, Spring, Summer	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Elective	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) To be Determined
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

Although there is no consensus as to Turkey's relative importance in the region after the collapse of the USSR and the end of the Cold War, it is a fact that she continues to be a significant player in the area. Analyzing Turkey's place in the evolving new international system will be a central theme of the course which will also examine and assess her relations with countries in the Eastern Mediterranean, the Middle East and Central Asia as well as with Russia, Europe and the US. The impact of Turkey's policies on relations with her neighbors will be another important theme in the course. Understanding the internal situation and developments in Turkey is also an important element in the course.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Analyze Turkey's place in the evolving new international system.
2. Examine and assess Turkey's relations with countries in the Eastern Mediterranean, the Middle East, Russia and Central Asia as well as with Europe and the US.
3. Examine the impact of Turkey's policies on relations with her neighbors, with special emphasis on Greco-Turkish relations and the Cyprus problem.
4. Illustrate a mature understanding of the internal developments in Turkey, and also assess Turkey as a military power: Membership of NATO and military cooperation with Israel.
5. Examine Turkey's relations with the European Union.

Course Contents:

1. The Decline of the Ottoman Empire
2. The Kemalist Reforms and the Modernization
3. Turkish Party System
4. Army in Turkish Politics
5. The Kurdish Question
6. Political Islam
7. The rise of AKP
8. EU-Turkey Relations

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussion, Presentation and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Participation, Review Essay, Project and Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

- B. Lewis (2001), *The Emergence of Modern Turkey*. Oxford University Press
B. Brian ed. (2002), *Turkish Transformation – New Century: New Challenges*. The Eothen Press
K. Kirisci and G. Winrow eds. (1997), *The Kurdish Question and Turkey*. Routledge