

COURSE LIST Institute of Social Sciences

Field : Philosophy and Religious Sciences

(Please note that Erasmus students are allowed to take courses from lists of all faculties/schools according to their needs or interests.)

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credit	COMU Credit	Lecturer
ULP-19-041	Positive Psychology	3	8	Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ULP-19-042	Psychology of Religion I (for undergraduate)			Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ULP-19-043	Psychology of Religion II (for Master)			Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ULP-19-044	Modern Dünyada Din	3	6	Mahmut Salihoğlu
ULP-19-045	Kutsala ve Dinlere Hermönetik ve Fenomenolojik Yaklaşım	3	8	Assoc. Prof. Şevket YAVUZ
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ULP-19-050	Tarih,Din ve Mitoloji:Metot ve Metodoloji	3	8	Assoc. Prof. Şevket YAVUZ

ULP-19-051	Küreselleşme ve Postmodernite Bağlamında Dinler:Tarihi ve Teolojik Perspektif	3	8	Assoc. Prof. Şevket YAVUZ
ULP-19-052	Kültür,Medeniyet ve Din	3	8	Asc. Prof. Mustafa TEKIN
ULP-19-053	Etik	3	8	Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ULP-19-054	İs Ahlaki	3	8	Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ULP-19-055	Din Felsefesi	3	6	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhsin Akbaş
ULP-19-056	Eleştirel Düşünce	3	7,5	Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ULP-19-123	Problems of the Traditional Philosophy of Religion	6	3	Prof. Dr. Muhsin AKBAŞ
ULP-19-124	Evil and Theodicy	7,5	3	Prof. Dr. Muhsin AKBAŞ

Course Code	ULP – 19-041
Name of the course in English	Positive Psychology
Name of the course in Turkish	Pozitif Psikoloji
Language of the course	ENGLISH

Level of Course	(X) Bachelor's / Undergraduate () Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ECTS Credits	7,5
COMU Credits	3
Description	<p>Positive psychology is the scientific study of positive experience, positive individual traits, and the institutions and practices that facilitate their development. This course reviews the history of positive psychology and the contributions this new field has made to several traditional research areas in psychology. Areas of controversy (e.g.,</p> <p>what is happiness, how should we measure it, what determines it, can and should we deliberately increase it) will be critically examined with consideration given to conflicting viewpoints and their respective empirical support.</p>

Course Code	ULP – 19-042
Name of the course in English	Psychology of Religion I (for undergraduate) Psychology of Religion II (for Master)
Name of the course in Turkish	Din Psikolojisi
Language of the course	ENGLISH
Level of Course	(X) Bachelor's / Undergraduate (X) Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ECTS Credits	7,5

COMU Credits	3
Description	This course is a survey of psychological perspectives on religious experience. We will examine the psychological research concerning religion and human development, mystical experience, conversion, new religious movements (cults), and mental health. At the conclusion of the semester, students will understand the major research trends regarding religious experience, conversion, personality and religion, and religious behavior, and the theories on which that research is based.

Course Code	ULP – 19-043
Name of the course in English	Social Psychology
Name of the course in Turkish	Sosyal Psikolojiye Giriş
Language of the course	ENGLISH
Level of Course	(X) Bachelor's / Undergraduate () Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ECTS Credits	7,5
COMU Credits	3
Description	Social psychology is the study of human interaction and the way it affects behavior. To put it more formally, social psychology is the scientific study of the many ways in which interactions, interdependence, and influence among persons affect the individual's behavior and thought. As adolescents this is one of many perplexing questions we begin asking

ourselves about who we are and how we fit into the social world. Why do we act one way with one group of friends and differently in another context? Why are we persuaded by some arguments while other people form different views? Why are we attracted to some people and not others? Why are some people altruistic one moment and aggressive another?

In this class, we will learn what science can tell us about feelings, thoughts, and behaviors in social situations. For first-year graduate students, this course offers a broad survey of Social Psychology. We divide our semester into three intrinsically connected themes. First, we will explore the power of the situation and how even the mere presence of another can change who we are. Second, we examine what we bring to situations and how our attitudes color our perceptions and thoughts. Finally, we will study culture by looking for variation across cultures and cross-cultural universals. Do all peoples feel emotion, experience gender, express prejudice, behave aggressively, or understand fairness in the same way? The cannon of classic research and theory provide most assigned readings while much class discussion will examine contemporary „cutting-edge“ perspectives.

Course Code	ULP – 19-044
Name of the course in English	Religion in Modern World
Name of the course in Turkish	Modern Dünyada Din
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	() Bachelor's / Undergraduate (X) Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Mahmut Salihoğlu
ECTS Credits	6
COMU Credits	3
Description	This course unit will discuss the challenges to religious traditions posed by modern world and their respective responses to these

challenges.

Course Code	ULP – 19-45
Name of the course in English	Hermeneutical and Phenomenological Approaches to the Sacred & Religions
Name of the course in Turkish	Kutsal ve Dinlere Hermönetik ve Fenomenolojik Yaklaşım
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	() Bachelor's / Undergraduate (x) Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Assoc. Prof. Şevket YAVUZ
ECTS Credits	7.5
COMU Credits	3
Description	This course aims to impart students how to look at sacred and religion which is shaped around the sacred and how to actualize in real life through the phenomenological method. What is more, this course concentrates on the essence, sources, ramification, border, and telos of the sacred and religious phenomenon; and from these features, it seeks to teach how to approach and analyze the structure, function, relations, and codifications of the sacred by using hermeneutical theory. With this course, students are expected to get main features of religions and sacred, to find out their commonalities, and the possibilities of living all together in the global village within the context of local demands and global necessities.

Course Code	ULP -19-046
Name of the course in English	Introduction to the Bible
Name of the course in Turkish	Kitab-ı Mukaddes'e Giriş
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	() Bachelor's / Undergraduate (X) Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Mahmut Salihoğlu
ECTS Credits	6
COMU Credits	3
Description	This course unit will study the Bible from both Jewish and Christian perspectives. The main focus of the course will be the contents of biblical books and their canonisation process. The evolution of the Bible starting from revelation to Moses at Sinai to the formation of biblical canon will be examined. The course specifically emphasises traditional Jewish and Christian perceptions of the Bible and the development of critical approach. In this context, textual sources from Jewish and Christian traditions and modern critical studies will be extensively utilised.

Course Code	ULP – 19-047
Name of the course in English	Classical Religious Texts
Name of the course in Turkish	Klasik Dini Metinler
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	() Bachelor's / Undergraduate (X) Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Mahmut Salihoğlu

ECTS Credits	6
COMU Credits	3
Description	<p>This course unit consists of close reading of selected religious texts from Jewish, Christian and Islamic traditions. First of all, historical context of the text will be examined. Then the contribution of the text to the formation or interpretation of tradition in theological level will be discussed in detail.</p> <p>Jewish texts are selected from Tanakh, Mishnah, Talmud, Midrash and similar religious sources. Christian texts on the other hand mainly come from New Testament literature (like Gospels and Apostolic letters) and from the works of Church Fathers. The texts of Islamic tradition are selected from the Qur'an and the Hadith collections as well as various early sources.</p>

Course Code	ULP – 19-048
Name of the course in English	Introduction to Jewish Law
Name of the course in Turkish	Yahudi Hukukuna Giriş
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's / Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
Lecturer	Mahmut Salihoğlu
ECTS Credits	6
COMU Credits	3
Description	<p>Course aims:</p> <p>To give information about historical developments of Jewish law and its main sources.</p> <p>To introduce basic principles of Jewish law.</p>

	<p>To read selected parts from important works of Jewish law.</p> <p>To discuss main contemporary problems of Jewish law.</p> <p>By the end of the course, students are expected to be familiar with basics of Jewish law, including eminent personalities and important works.</p>
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Course Code	ULP – 19-049
Name of the course in English	Methodological Foundations in the History of Religions
Name of the course in Turkish	Dinler Tarihi'nin Metodolojik Temelleri
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's / Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
Lecturer	Assoc. Prof. Şevket YAVUZ
ECTS Credits	7.5
COMU Credits	3
Description	This course aims to explore the methods used in the History of Religions; how to approach the religious and the religious sphere; the mechanisms of meaning, understanding, and hermeneutics in religions as a whole; how to analyze the content, characteristics, and dimensions of the sacred (text, person, episode-event, etc.) by referring to the samples in both the East and West and make it possible for students to get acquainted with these methods and methodologies.

Course Code	ULP – 19-050
Name of the course in English	History, Religion, and Mythology
Name of the course in Turkish	Tarih, Din, Mitoloji

Language of the course	English
Level of Course	() Bachelor's / Undergraduate (x) Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Assoc. Prof. Şevket YAVUZ
ECTS Credits	7.5
COMU Credits	3
Description	This course aims to explore the analysis of religions and methods and means of religious manifestations by using general approaches of religion and mythology; to explain the role of history and mythology in the epistemic expression of religion per se; to try to ascertain the relativity of the history-mythology mode appropriated through the individual and social perception of the truth; to make it sense of these three concepts within the context of Modernity and to expedite for the students to use these methods in their religio-historical analysis.

Course Code	ULP – 19-051
Name of the course in English	Religions within the Context of Globalism and Postmodernity: Religious and Historical Perspective
Name of the course in Turkish	Küreselleşme ve Postmodernite Bağlamında Dinler: Tarihi ve Teolojik Perspektif
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	() Bachelor's / Undergraduate (x) Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Assoc. Prof. Şevket YAVUZ
ECTS Credits	7.5

COMU Credits	3
Description	<p>This course aims to explore the analysis of religion and history within the context of Globalism and Postmodernism. The contemporary positions, reappropriations and manifestations of religion will be analyzed in relation with politico-economic modes (Globalism) and socio-cultural codes (Postmodernism) of the contemporary world. The “price” and/or “value” of religion within these frames will be also the subject of analysis. Moreover, fundamental features of religions, i.e., creed, cult, community, and code, will be contextualized along the lines of these two contemporary conceptual frames. As for history, the problem of how history is “in” and “along with” lived reality in relation with Postmodernism and Globalism will be investigated in this course. To what degree would history is “under the sun” in such stultifying mode of thinking as Postmodernism? Students will be expected to get acquainted with these two frames of reference and to communicate their religio-historical consciousness with the contemporary world. .</p>

Course Code	ULP-19-052
Name of the course in English	Culture, Civilization and Religion
Name of the course in Turkish	Kültür, Medeniyet ve Din
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor’s / Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
Lecturer	Asc. Prof. Mustafa TEKIN
ECTS Credits	3
COMU Credits	7.5
Description	After concepts of religion, culture and civilization was

	<p>defined with their characteristics, relation between religion, culture and civilization will be taken in hand with their appearances. Culture is important for analyzing societies. Specially daily life is important data. There are new theories rotate concept of civilization and they are discussed in a global process.</p> <p>This course aims to learn all of them in large scale. Besides sociological process of these concepts that appeared in relations with religion will be discussed in this course.</p>
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Course Code	ULP – 19-053
Name of the course in English	Ethics
Name of the course in Turkish	Etik
Language of the course	ENGLISH
Level of Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's / Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
Lecturer	Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ECTS Credits	7,5
COMU Credits	3
Description	<p>Course Description</p> <p>The primary goals of this course are to promote students' (1) awareness of ethical questions and knowledge of their historical contexts from antiquity to the present; and (2) ability to critically interpret and evaluate philosophical texts, positions, and arguments. In particular, we will</p>

examine a variety of ethical issues by focusing on forms or ideals of life (How should one/I live? What is the good life?), and models for relating to others (Why should I care about or be just toward others? Do we need friendship, love, community, and justice? What are just social relations?).

Prerequisites for the course: None

Students for whom course is intended: All levels

Course Goals and Objectives

1. The goals of this course are to promote:

(a) Familiarity with a wide-range of ethical positions and arguments from antiquity to today, and from diverse cultural and social-political contexts, and

(b) Critical reasoning and ethical reflection through considering a variety of moral issues and approaches to ethical questions.

2. The objectives of this course are for students to develop their ability and skills in:

(a) Interpreting texts by accurately and fully describing concepts and arguments

(b) Reasoning about ideas by (i) evaluating the content, structure, and strategies of ethical works and (ii) applying concepts and arguments to contemporary issues and their own lives, and

(c) Collaborating with other students, and presenting and supporting their ideas in public through class participation

Course Code	ULP – 19-054
Name of the course in English	Business Ethics
Name of the course in Turkish	Is Ahlaki
Language of the course	ENGLISH

Level of Course	() Bachelor's / Undergraduate (X) Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Assitant Professor Hasan KAPLAN
ECTS Credits	7,5
COMU Credits	3
Description	<p>Course Description</p> <p>Recent scandals such as those at Enron and Worldcom show us that even in business there's a lot more at stake than the bottom line. Some sense of ethical behavior is needed as well. In this course, we'll investigate some of the ethical issues facing businesses including acceptable risk, intellectual property, worker's rights, whistle-blowing, outsourcing, and ethical issues in marketing. We will explore the question, "How can I be a good person and a good businessperson?" as well as the dark side of business ethics made famous by Gordon Gecko in Wall Street when he proclaimed that "Greed is good."</p> <p>We will take on this task using philosophical methods. Far from being abstract and useless tools, philosophical methods are powerful, practical skills that—if you let them—can decrease the learning curve and sharpen your focus in physics, business, and any other pursuit to which you dedicate yourself.</p> <p>Course Objectives</p> <p>At the end of the course, you should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify possible ethical problems in business contexts. • Generate ideas for programs and practices to solve ethical problems. • Understand several ethical issues facing businesses and business people in today's world and as well as the context surrounding them.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critically assess ethical arguments relevant to such issues. • Define leadership and begin to develop thoughts on ethical leadership.
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Course Code	ULP – 19-055
Name of the course in English	Philosophy of Religion
Name of the course in Turkish	Din Felsefesi
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's / Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
Lecturer	Doç. Dr. Muhsin Akbaş
ECTS Credits	6
COMU Credits	3
Description	<p>This course aims at dealing with the contemporary problems of religious belief. Among these problems are the arguments for the existence of God in the light of modern scientific findings, the relations between reason and faith, philosophy of religion, science and religion, the problem of the plurality of religions, Wittgensteinian philosophy of religion, postmodern philosophies of religion. The course is expected to help the student develop necessary skills to understand and analyse some of the contemporary problems of philosophy of religion.</p>

Course Code	ULP – 19-123
Name of the course in English	Problems of the Traditional Philosophy of Religion

Name of the course in Turkish	Geleneksel Din Felsefesinin Problemleri
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	() Bachelor's / Undergraduate (×) Master () Doctorate
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Muhsin AKBAŞ
ECTS Credits	6
COMU Credits	3
Description	This course deals with the classical problems of the Western philosophy of religion such as religious language, possibility of God-talk, arguments for and against the existence of God, miracle, revelation, atheism, death and immortality.

Course Code	ULP – 19-124
Name of the course in English	Evil and Theodicy
Name of the course in Turkish	Kotuluk ve Teodise
Language of the course	English
Level of Course	() Bachelor's / Undergraduate () Master (X) Doctorate
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Muhsin AKBAŞ
ECTS Credits	7,5
COMU Credits	3
Description	The student is expected to comprehend one of the major issues of Western philosophy of religion and an essential argument put forward in support of atheism, namely the problem of evil; and examine the leading theodicies offered by the theist thinkers as responses to the problem in

question.

The course focuses on such issues as true nature and reality of what is called evil, logical and evidential problems of evil, free will defence, person-making theodicy, process theodicy, the future of the problem of evil.