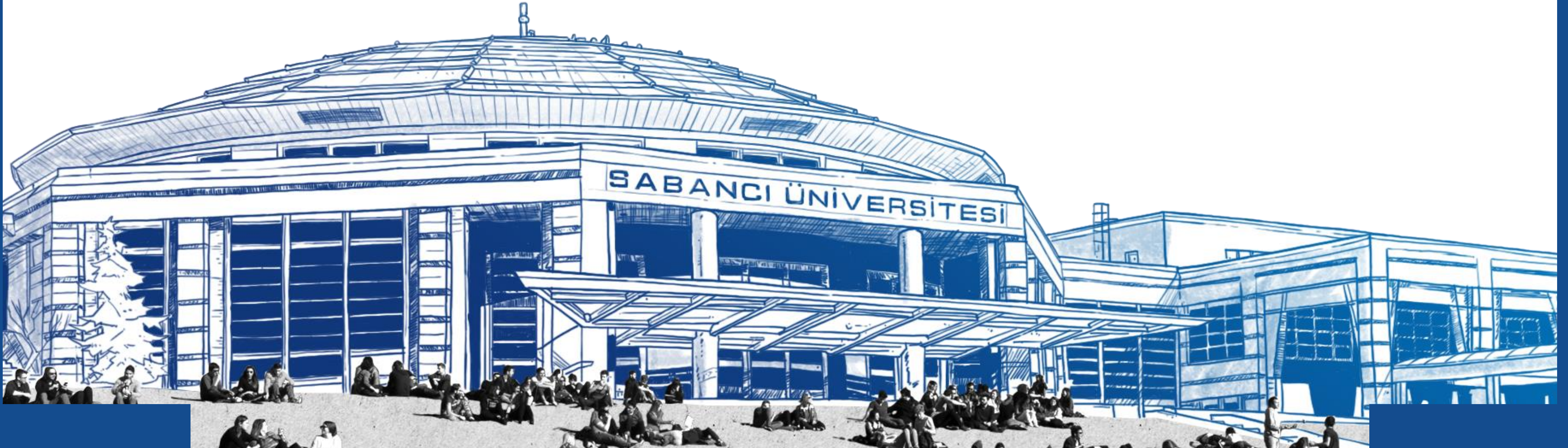


Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Political Science and International Relations

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Political Science

Political Science is a branch of social science that involves **the scientific study of power**.

- Why do countries fight each other?
- What are the reasons for the rapid rise of far-right parties in developed democracies in recent years?
- Why do countries adopt judicial review ?
- Should we lower the voting age?

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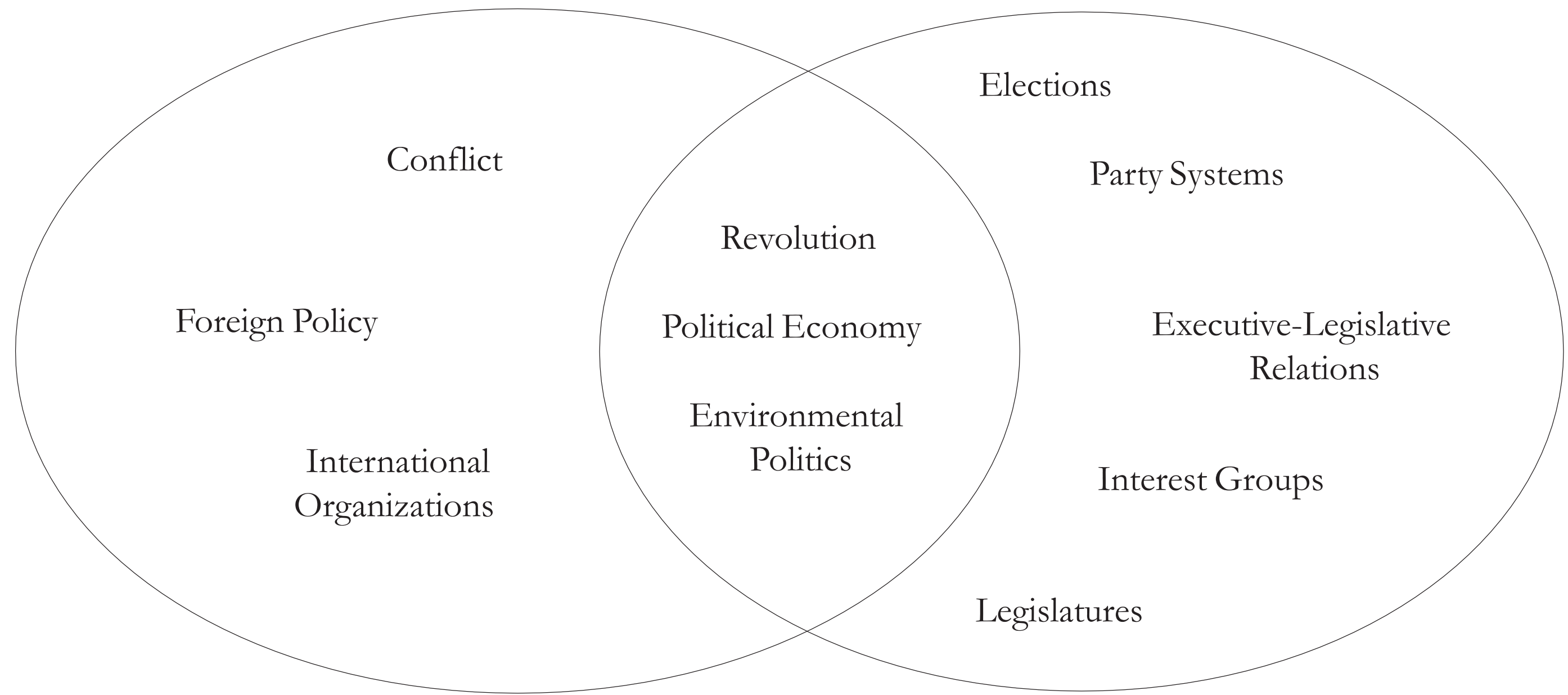


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An Interdisciplinary Approach:

- Political Science (Political Theory, Comparative Politics, Turkish Politics)
- International Relations (International Relations Theory, International Political Economy, European Studies, Conflict and Peace Studies)
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Economics
- History
- Econometrics

Areas of Interest



International Politics
(Between Countries)

Comparative Politics
(Within Countries)

Political Science and International Relations Program Objectives

- Developing the skillsets to understand global institutions and other structures, foreign policies, domestic politics and economics, political movements, ideas, cultures and societies.
- Developing the skillsets to understand and follow changes in patterns of political behavior, ideas and structures.
- Acquiring the ability to make inferences on social and political issues based on comparative and historical information as well as scientific methods in social sciences.
- Providing its graduates with flexible career opportunities that can respond to today's business conditions.

Degree Requirements- Summary

Course Category	Min. ECTS Kredisi	Min. SU Kredisi	Min. Courses
University Courses	-	44	-
Required Courses	-	24	7
Core Electives I (Political Science)	-	12	-
Core Electives II (International Relations)	-	12	-
Area Electives	-	15	-
Free Electives	-	18	-
Faculty Courses	-	-	5
Total	240	125	-

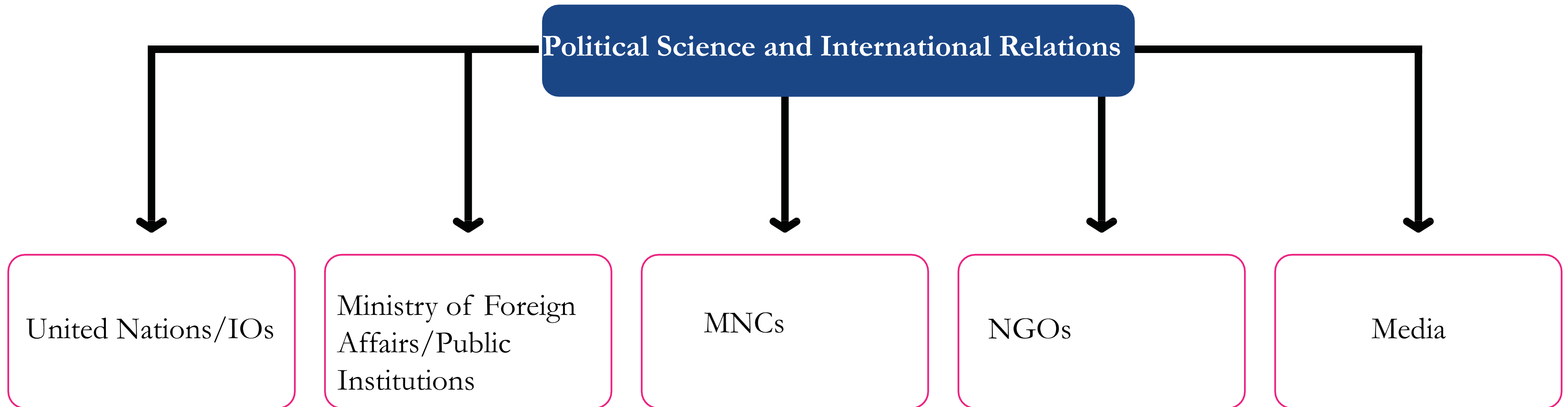
Curriculum

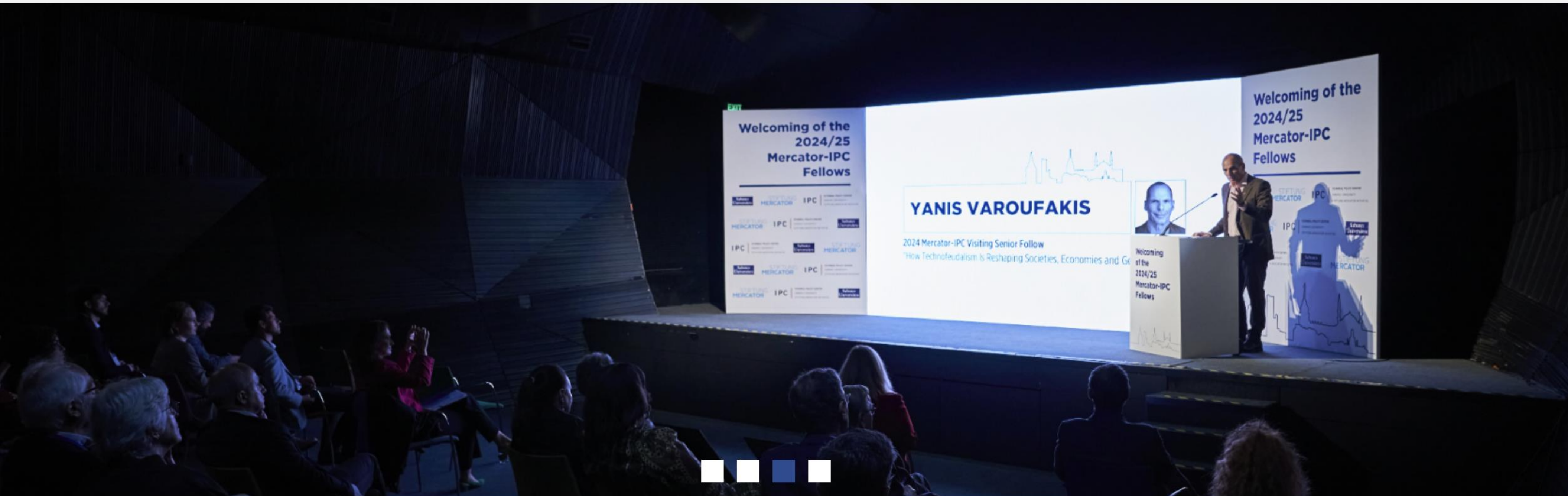
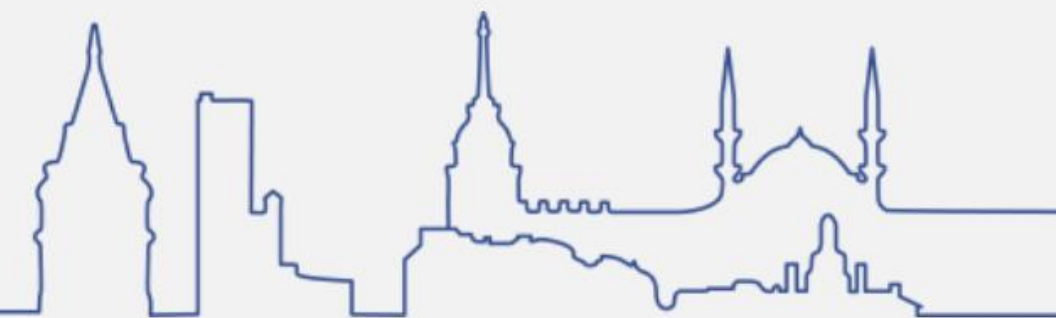
Required Courses	Core Electives I (Political Science- 12 SU Credits)	Core Electives II (International Relations- 12 SU Credits)
Macroeconomics (ECON202)	Comparative Constitutional Law (LAW 312)	International Conflict and Peace (CONF 400)
International Relations Theory (IR 201)	Borders, Citizens, Immigrants, Refugees (POLS 251)	Globalization and International Relations (IR 301)
Comparative Politics (POLS 250)	Turkish Politics II (POLS 353)	Turkish Foreign Policy (IR 342)
Political Theory I (POLS 301)	Comparative Party Systems and Electoral Behavior (POLS 404)	International Political Economy (IR 391)
Political Theory II (POLS 473)	Rise and Fall of Democracy (POLS 455)	European Foreign Policy (IR 405)
Turkish Politics (POLS 352)	Ethnicity and Nationalism (POLS 483)	World Politics (IR 394)
Project and Internship (PSIR 300)	Comparative Local Government (POLS 493)	Human Rights in World Affairs (IR 489)
Research Methods I (PSIR 311)	Social Theory (SOC 201)	International Law (LAW 311)
Research Methods II (PSIR 401)		European Union: Politics, Policies and Governance (POLS 492)

Area Electives (15 SU credits) + Free Electives (18 SU credits) + language courses

Course	Name	ECTS Credits	SU Credits	Faculty
<u>CONF 431</u>	<u>Conflict Resolution Practice</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>ECON 320</u>	<u>Public Economics</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>HIST 348</u>	<u>Diplomatic History of the Modern Era I (1815-1950)</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>HIST 485</u>	<u>Minority Questions in Contemporary Turkey</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>IR 341</u>	<u>Global Governance</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>IR 403</u>	<u>Political Violence in the Post-Cold War Era</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>PHIL 301</u>	<u>Philosophy of Social Sciences</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>PHIL 450</u>	<u>Science and Society</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>POLS 351</u>	<u>Dynamics of Political Change</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>POLS 399</u>	<u>Independent Study</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>POLS 403</u>	<u>Political Psychology</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>POLS 422</u>	<u>Politics and Culture</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>POLS 434</u>	<u>Formal Modelling and Political Analysis I</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>POLS 446</u>	<u>Latin American Politics</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>POLS 457</u>	<u>The Politics of Authoritarian Regimes</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>SOC 301</u>	<u>Political Sociology</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>SOC 408</u>	<u>Religion and Politics</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>SOC 425</u>	<u>Power, Economy, and Society</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>SPS 374</u>	<u>Global Environmental Challenges</u>	6	3	FASS
<u>SPS 384</u>	<u>Climate Change and Environmental Politics</u>	6	3	FASS

Summer Internships





IPC-Sabancı University-
Stiftung Mercator Initiative

Climate Change

Democratization and
Institutional Reform

Conflict Resolution,
Mediation and Living
Together

Urbanization and Local
Governance

SHURA Energy Transition
Center

Career Opportunities

- International organizations
- Multinational corporations
- International and national civil society organizations
- Research think tanks and organizations
- Media
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other public institutions
- Academic career

Alumni Success Stories



Melis Bitlis
(2008 Social and Political Science Alumni)

MA-
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ESCARUS – Director, TSKB Sustainability Consultancy

Selahattin Selşah Paşalı
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MA-
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

PhD - Geneva Graduate Institute

United Nations ESCAP – Social Affairs Officer (Bangkok)



Alumni Success Stories



Ece Ulkat
(2018 International Studies Alumni)

MS- University of Amsterdam

PWC Nederland- ESG Associate

Aylin Yazan
(2006 Social and Political Science Alumni)

MA- City, University of London

BBC Turkish- Digital and Broadcast Journalist



Alumni Success Stories



Pelin Tekin

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MIA- International Economic Policy, Columbia University - School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)

HSBC- ESG Insights & Analytics Lead (London)

Heymi Bahar

(2008 Social and Political Science Alumni)

MA -
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
(SAIS)

International Energy Agency – Senior Analyst (Paris)



Alumni Success Stories



Sibel Oktay

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MA- Syracuse University - Maxwell School

PhD- Syracuse University - Maxwell School

University of Illinois Springfield – Associate Professor

the U.S. Department of State’s Foreign Service Institute

(Deputy Chair of Multilateral Diplomacy in the Political Training Division)

Sinan Karaoğlu

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