

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Details					
Code				Academic Year	Semester
KHU129				1	1
Title	T	A	L	ECTS	
Debates in Contemporary Legal Philosophy	3			7,5	
Language	Turkish				
Level	Undergraduate		Graduate	x	Postgraduate
Department / Program	Public Law Master				
Forms of Teaching and Learning	Formal Education				
Course Type	Compulsory		Elective	x	
Objectives	The aim of this course is to present and discuss debates about modern jurisprudence.				
Content	In this course modern natural law, legal positivism, social and normative theories will be examined.				
Prerequisites	None				
Coordinator	Assist. Prof. Dr. Engin Arıkan				
Lecturer(s)	Assist. Prof. Dr. Engin Arıkan, Dr. Güneş Çap				
Assistant(s)	Res. Assist. Başak Berkün				
Work Placement	None				
Recommended or Required Reading					
Books / Lecture Notes	Hukuk Felsefesine Kısa Bir Giriş, Raymond Wacks, 8. Baskı, Çev: Engin Arıkan, İstanbul: Tekin, 2020.				
Other Sources	None				
Additional Course Material					
Documents	None				
Assignments	None				
Exams	None				
Course Composition					
Mathematics und Basic Sciences				%	
Engineering				%	
Engineering Design				%	
Social Sciences	100			%	
Educational Sciences				%	

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Natural Sciences			%
Health Sciences			%
Expert Knowledge			%
Assessment			
Activity	Count		Percentage (%)
Midterm Exam	1		40
Quiz			
Assignments			
Attendance			
Recitations			
Projects			
Final Exam	1		60
Total			100
ECTS Points and Work Load			
Activity	Count	Duration	Work Load (Hours)
Lectures	14	3	42
Self-Study	89	2	178
Assignments			
Presentation / Seminar Preparation			
Midterm Exam	1	2	2
Recitations			
Laboratory			
Projects			
Final Exam	1	3	3
Total Work Load			225
ECTS Points (Total Work Load / Hours)			7,5
Learning Outcomes			
1	Formation on modern jurisprudence debate		
2	Critical perspectives on conventional legal thought		
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Weekly Content

1	Presentation of the course
2	Legal Positivism I: Austin and Kelsen
3	Legal Positivism II: Hart and Raz
4	Natural Law I: Finnis and Fuller
5	Natural Law II: Dworkin and Alexy
6	The Functioning of Law I: Formalism, American Legal Realism
7	The Functioning of Law II: Scandinavian Legal Realism, Legal Pragmatism
8	Midterm Exam
9	Law and Society I: Marx, Durkheim, Weber
10	Law and Society II: Critical Legal Studies, Postmodern Legal Theory
11	Law and Society III: Feminist Legal Theories
12	Normative Jurisprudence I: Virtue Ethics, Utilitarian Ethics, Deontological Ethics
13	Normative Jurisprudence II: Limits of Law
14	Normative Jurisprudence III: Wealth and Justice
15	Normative Jurisprudence IV: Obligation to Obey the Law, Boundaries of Justice

Contribution of Learning Outcomes to Program Objectives (1-5)

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10
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Contribution Level 1: Low 2: Low-intermediate 3: Intermediate 4: High 5: Very High

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