Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
RI113	Political History I	1	3	0	0	3	4

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Compulsory
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	The aim of the course is to analyse the key events and phenomena that shaped world politics from the Age of Geographical Discoveries to the First World War.
Content	The course covers the Age of Geographical Discoveries, the Wars of Religion in Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries, rivalries among the major European powers in the 18th century, the American and French Revolutions, the revolutions of 1830 and 1848, the processes of national unification in Germany and Italy, transformations in the Ottoman, Persian, and Mughal Empires in the 19th and early 20th centuries, the expansion of the United States and the processes of independence in Latin America, developments in China and Japan in the Far East, the establishment of colonial rule in Africa, as well as the First World War, the Bolshevik Revolution, and the process of the establishment of the USSR.
References	• Oral Sander, Siyasi Tarih: İlk Çağlardan 1918'e, İmge Kitabevi Yayınları, 2023. • Oral Sander, Siyasi Tarih: 1918-1994, İmge Kitabevi Yayınları, 2025. • Stephen J. Lee, Avrupa Tarihinden Kesitler 1494-1789, Dost Kitabevi, 2024. • Stephen J. Lee, Avrupa Tarihinden Kesitler 1789-1980, Dost Kitabevi, 2024. • Clive Ponting, Yeni Bir Bakış Açısıyla Dünya Tarihi, Alfa Yayınları, 2024. • Jerry H. Bentley et al., The Cambridge World History: Volume 6, The Construction of a Global World, 1400-1800 CE, Part 1, Foundations, Cambridge University Press, 2017. • J.M. Roberts et O.A. Westad, Histoire du monde - tome 3 : L'âge des révolutions, Perrin, 2016. • Eric J. Hobsbawm, Devrim Çağı 1789-1848, Dost Kitabevi, 2025. • Susan Wise Bauer, Dünya Tarihi 3. Cilt: Yeniçağ, Say Yayınları, 2015.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Presentation and Introduction
2	Geographical Discoveries and the Columbian Exchange
3	Wars of Religion in Europe in the 16th and 17th Centuries
4	Rivalries among the Major Powers in 18th-Century Europe
5	First Wave of Revolutions: the American and French Revolutions
6	Second Wave of Revolutions: the Revolutions of 1830 and 1848
7	National Unification of Germany and Italy and the New Political Configuration of Europe
8	Midterm Exam
9	Islamic Empires in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries: the Ottoman Empire, Persia, and the Mughal Empire
10	The Americas in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries: the Expansion of the United States and Latin American Independence
11	The Far East in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries: China and Japan
12	Africa in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries and Colonialism
13	The First World War
14	Bolshevik Revolution and the Establishment of the USSR