Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SP412	Special topics in political science II	8	3	0	0	3	6

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	This course aims to examine population phenomena beyond statistical indicators by situating them within spatial, scalar, and everyday contexts. Demographic transformations in Turkey and globally, such as changes in fertility and mortality, population ageing, household transformations, migration, and mobility, are analysed in relation to social inequalities and spatial configurations. By bringing together demography and human geography, the course explores the interconnections between population, space, and society.
Content	Special topics in political science II - Population, Space and Society: An Introduction to Human Geography The course begins with an introduction to key demographic concepts, methods, and data regimes, focusing on how populations are counted, classified, and governed. It then examines demographic transition and population dynamics, emphasising how these processes take on different meanings at different scales (household, neighbourhood, city, state). The second part of the course focuses on the material and spatial traces of demographic change, everyday geographies, urbanisation, migration, ageing, and ageism, with a strong emphasis on field observation.
References	Reading materials and other course resources will be made available on the course Microsoft Teams page in line with the weekly course schedule.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction: Thinking Population between Social Demography and Human Geography
2	Contemporary Demographic Issues and an Introduction to Demographic Thought
3	Sources of Demographic Information and the Spatial Production of Data
4	Migratory and Residential Trajectories, Housing, and Urban Vulnerabilities
5	Population Dynamics and Demographic Transition: Reading Transformations across Scales
6	Reading Population in Space: Material Traces, Landscapes, and Social Archives
7	Everyday Geographies and Critical Reflexivity (Preparation for Fieldwork)
8	Fieldwork
9	Demographic Inequalities and Youth
10	Urbanisation and Spatial Segregation
11	Ageing: Governing Age at the Local Level
12	Age, Power, and Discrimination: Rethinking Ageism
13	Migrations and Mobilities
14	Workshop on Projects and Collective Work