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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SP411	Special Topics in Political science	5	3	3	0	3	6

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	ATTENTION: This course is devoted to RACE, GENDER, CLASS during Fall Term of the AY 2025-2026. The language of instruction is ENGLISH. This course is officially listed as SP 411: Special Topics in Political Science, and it will show up in your transcripts as such. It is an elective course for the undergraduate students in Political Science at Galatasaray University. The course is open to a limited number of other undergraduate students at the university, as well as exchange students. The aim of this course is to have students study the differentiations within multiple forms of subjection in social life from a comparative perspective and discuss their specificities. Departing from social theory, it is intended to increase students' analytical capacities with putting theory to work vis-à-vis empirical cases of racial, gender, and class forms of subjection, as well as their intersections — all within global and contemporary history.
Content	We'll adopt an intersectional approach for the study of the race–gender–class nexus. Each week students will be introduced to a theme under one of the race, gender, and class categories, and they will actively contribute to classroom discussion based upon their weekly readings. While the course approaches race, gender, and class from an intersectional perspective, there will be separate treating of each category and their particular analytical value. Some of the major figures involved in social movements at the intersections of race, gender, and class will be examined, along with major contributors to the theoretical debates in the theme. The course as such will be theory-driven, but based on empirical historical/contemporary data.
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Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction
2	Racism, Patriarchy, Exploitation: Totality or Singularity?
3	What Is Race? From a pseudo-scientific biological concept to a social phenomenon
4	Race, Racism, and Capitalism
5	Race and Racism as a Social Structure
6	Gender or Sex?
7	Gender and Social Reproduction

Week	Weekly Contents
8	Are Other Feminisms Possible?
9	What Is Social Class?
10	What Is Class Analysis? Is Class Explanans or Explanandum?
11	Class Consciousness
12	Class Formation
13	Intersectionality or Specificity?
14	Rethinking Race, Gender and Class Together