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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SP321	Political Parties	5	3	3	0	3	5

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	This course takes as its object of study political parties that, enjoying one of the longest traditions of study, constitute a structuring subject for political science. Political parties will be apprehended in connection with theories and methods of political science, as proactive part of the political system, but also as "mediators" between the latter and citizens. Through their analysis, is targeted a better understanding of the functioning of representative regimes.
Content	By tracing the outlines of a political sociology of parties, we will first try to make some definitions from which we will place the parties in the political system and present the problematization efforts on emergence, history, functions and future of partisan phenomenon indissociable from liberal democracy. In a second step, we will propose a reading of the parties according to the logic of their project and their position relative to social and political conflicts to reach a classification of political families. We will then analyze legal and internal structures of parties and present the different typologies elaborated on party organizations to reach an explanation of the logic of mobilization carried out by political parties and their links with electoral mechanisms .

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Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction: statement of the problem [recent knowledge for an old phenomenon]; presentation of the course and its organization
2	Definition and functions of political parties. Party and political system.
3	Party as an object of study in political science: Historical overview of the study of parties from the founding fathers to contemporary theories. Problematization and working hypotheses.
4	Project, doctrine, ideology: The logic of the project. Different levels of partisan discourse. Ideologies and political parties.
5	Classification of political families (1): unidimensional approaches
6	Classification of political families (2): pluridimensional approaches
7	Classification of political families (3): Profile of European parties and an application of the model to the case of Turkey
8	Mid-term exam
9	Parties as organizational phenomena
10	Partisan mobilization: Levels of engagement (leaders, deputies, activists, members, supporters, voters). Parties and elections.
11	Party system and political system
12	Party systems int the West and the world. The evolution of the party system in Turkey.
13	Students' presentations
14	Students' presentations and conclusion