

TITLES	EXPLANATIONS
Title of Course	Evolutionary Psychology
Code of Course	PSY 410
Type of Course	Elective
Level of Course	Undergraduate
Year of Study	4
Semester/Trimester	7 or 8
Number of ECTS	4
Name of Lecturer(s)	STAFF
Course Learning Outcomes	At the end of this course students are expected to; LO1. Define evolution. LO2. Establish the connection between psychology and evolution. LO3. Be able to apply evolutionary theory to individual and cultural differences.
Mode of Delivery	The style of teaching is face-to-face interaction.
Prerequisites and Co-requisites	There is no prerequisite or co-requisite for this course.
Recommended Optional Programme Component	None
Course Contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The scientific movements leading to evolutionary psychology 2. Darwin, natural and sexual selection 3. Inheritance and variety 4. Problems of survival 5. Learning 6. Sex and mating 7. Problems of parenting 8. Problems of kinship 9. Problems of group living 10. Aggression and warfare 11. Conflict between the sexes 12. Status, prestige, and social dominance 13. Toward a unified evolutionary psychology 14. General Evaluation
Recommended or Required Reading	<p>(Primary Textbook)</p> <p>Buss, D. (2012). <i>Evolutionary Psychology: The new science of mind</i> (4th ed.). US: Allyn & Bacon.</p> <p>(Suggested Readings)</p> <p>Pinker, S. (2002). <i>The blank state: The modern denial of human nature</i>. New York: Viking</p> <p>* The primary textbook for this course is renewed every year.</p>
Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods	This course is conducted through mostly discussions on the material presented in class and over the compulsory reading material. With this aim in mind, (a) regular lectures supported by visual presentations and (b) class discussions are used. These class discussions aims to allow students present their ideas about different topics with a different cultural viewpoint. Additionally, the students are expected to do their term project through different viewpoints and approaches.
Assessment Methods and Criteria	1 Midterm, 1 Assignment, 1 Final Exam

Language of Instruction Turkish

Practicum None

Course Learning Outcomes	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	LO6	LO7	LO8
Program Outcomes								
Analyze problems with the scientific method and appropriate scientific tools.	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Think critically and creatively, ask questions, make comments using the knowledge and skills they have acquired.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Develop a positive attitude toward life-long education.		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Use the library, scientific databases, internet and other sources effectively.		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Have the skills to find out, analyze, evaluate, decide about, and apply the alternative solutions to problems.			X	X	X	X	X	X
Be open-minded to use knowledge stemming from different disciplines and/or areas of psychology.			X	X	X	X	X	X
Develop a positive attitude toward critical thinking.		X	X			X	X	
Have advanced theoretical and applied knowledge of psychology supported by contemporary course material.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Have the necessary knowledge and skills to analyze and synthesize the main areas of psychology.		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Be competent in English and Turkish.			X	X	X	X	X	X
Use effective methods to present, share and discuss scientific information.		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Be able to write scientific papers by using international manuals such as APA.								
Show courage and use the necessary skills to propose solutions to the problems of the world they live in.			X	X	X	X	X	X
Show courage and have necessary skills to propose solutions to the problems of their own life.			X	X	X	X	X	X
Have a positive attitude to statistics and be able to use common statistical software packages.								
Be able to plan and conduct research independently.						X	X	
Apply qualitative and/or quantitative methods depending on the nature and the scope of a given problem.			X	X	X	X	X	X
Know the research methods and statistical procedures used in behavioral sciences.			X	X	X	X	X	
Use tools such as questionnaires, inventories, scales, and tests.			X	X	X	X	X	X
Apply psychological knowledge to other problem areas for community welfare.			X	X	X	X	X	X
Use theoretical and applied knowledge in accordance with ethical standards.			X	X	X	X	X	X