

TITLES	EXPLANATIONS
Title of Course	Psychology of Terror and Terrorism
Code of Course	PSK 431
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	<p>At the end of this course students are able to;</p> <p>LO1. Learn historical progress of and classification of terrorism.</p> <p>LO2. Learn different aspects of various scientific disciplines on terrorism and compare these different perspectives.</p> <p>LO3. Learn psychological approaches (e.g., social identity theory, terror management theory, frustration-aggression hypothesis, evolutionary perspective) which help to explain the causes of terrorism.</p> <p>LO4. Have psychological knowledge to produce solutions for overcoming terrorism.</p>
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. Introduction and Overview of the Course 2. Definitions of and Classifications of Terrorism 3. Definitions of and Classifications of Terrorism (continued) 4. Interdisciplinary Nature of Terrorism 5. Psychological Perspectives on Terrorism 6. Psychological Perspectives on Terrorism (continued) 7. Psychological Perspectives on Terrorism (continued) 8. Terror Management Theory and Terrorism 9. Terrorists' Personality and Motivation 10. Lay Theories of Terrorism and Terrorist 11. Risks of Terrorism 12. Manners of Treating the Terrorists 13. How Can Terrorism Be Overcome? 14. General Evaluation
Recommended or Required Reading	<p>(Primary Textbook)</p> <p>Victoroff, J., & Kruglanski, A. W. (Ed.). (2009). <i>Psychology of terrorism: Classic and contemporary insights</i>. Levittown, PA: Psychology Press.</p> <p>(Suggested References)</p> <p>Smelser, N. J., & Mitchell, F. (Ed.). (2002). <i>Terrorism: Perspectives from the behavioral and social sciences</i>. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.</p> <p>Pyszczynski, T., Solomon, S., & Greenberg, J. (2003). <i>In the wake of 9/11: The psychology of terror</i>. New York: American Psychological Association.</p> <p>* The primary textbook for this course is renewed every year.</p>
Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods	This course is conducted through 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 are designed in such a way to help students develop critical thinking skills and apply the different psychological perspectives to the material being presented.
Assessment Methods and Criteria	1 Midterm, 10 Quizzes, 1 Assignment, 1 Final Exam
Language of Instruction	Turkish
Practicum	None

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