INTL 290-01
Turkish Foreign Policy in a Tumultuous Region
Dr. Ali Demirdas

Term: Spring 2017

Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9-9.50pm

Class held at: Education Center 120

Office: Education Center, Room 206A

Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday 3-4pm or by appointment via email.

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Course Description
This course seeks to provide students with an understanding of the domestic and international forces that shape contemporary Turkish foreign policy. Since the end of the Cold War, Turkey has sought to adjust to the new realities of the changing international system by adopting new policies and strategies in its relations with neighboring states in the Middle East, the Caucasus, and the Balkans. Additionally, Turkey’s policies toward the United States and Western Europe have undergone changes. Along with the recent developments in international and regional politics, the rise to power of the AKP, a party with an Islamist pedigree, have contributed to the formulation of new policies and approaches.

The main focus of INTL 290-01 is on current developments although there will be some discussion of the historical background to Turkey’s international relations. Students are strongly urged to follow current trends in Turkish foreign policy through various media sources (newspapers, weekly/monthly magazines, TV news and analyses, and reliable sources on the internet).
Important points regarding the course:

- Additional readings may be available on the class web page on OAKS. Other readings may be assigned and handouts and supplements may be distributed later in the semester.

- This syllabus (including the lecture schedule, readings, assigned work and exams) is subject to change as necessary. Changes will be announced by email and on the course website on OAKS. It is the responsibility of each student to keep up with all readings and assignments.

- Attendance is mandatory! Every class you miss without a legitimate excuse will result in a 2-point deduction from your overall final grade.

Disability Services

The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Students should apply at the Center for Disability Services / SNAP, located on the first floor of the Lightsey Center, Suite 104. Students approved for accommodations are responsibility for notifying me as soon as possible and for contacting me one week before accommodation is needed.

The Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to
a) develop the skills to analyze Turkish foreign policy
b) identify the main regional and international issues in Turkey's international relations
c) analyze the nature of the foreign policy-making process in Turkey
d) discuss Turkey's relations with the Middle East, the Caucasus, Europe, and the U.S.

Your grade will be based on the following criteria:

✔ Attendance & Participation – 20%

Attendance is required. You are required to report your absences to the Absence Memo Office at 67 George St. Each undocumented absence will result in 2-point deduction from your final exam. During the class time, an attendance sheet may be given for you to sign.

You are asked to meaningfully participate in class regularly. I encourage you to ask questions and express your opinions regarding the topic covered.

You are asked to come to the class well prepared and to participate in discussions. There is going to be a Facebook page for our class in which I will post certain articles and expect you to join the discussion on it. The articles will also be part of the midterm and the final exam. I will upload the articles on OAKS for convenience.

✔ Midterm Exam – 30% (February 13, Monday) The Midterm will cover the topics that have been studied until the midterm exam date.
✓ **Pop Quizzes- 10%** There may be pop quizzes from the topics covered in previous class or the topics to be covered in the class of that day.

✓ **Final – 40 %** (April 28, 8-11am)

There will be a cumulative final exam at the end of the semester. To reschedule a final exam, you must provide a formal excuse and the respective evidence, such as a doctor’s note routed through the Absence Memo Office. [http://studentaffairs.cofc.edu/services/absence.php](http://studentaffairs.cofc.edu/services/absence.php)

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Please, be a responsible student and take charge of your grade. If you want to know your current standing in class, check on the OAKS course site or inquire with me about this.

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**Week 1:**
**Introduction, Quiz about Turkey**

**Week 2:**
**Foreign Policy Analysis and Key Issues in Turkish Foreign Policy**


B. Oran, *Turkish Foreign Policy: 1919-2006 Facts and Analyses with Documents*, Utah Series and Turkish and Islamic Studies (2010), pp 3-23.

**Week 3:**
**A Brief Historical Overview of General Trends in Turkish Foreign Policy**


Week 4:
Turkish-American Relations (1923-1990)


Week 5:
Turkish-American Relations in the Post-Cold War Era

Hale, Turkish Foreign Policy, pp.216-228.

Week 6:
Turkey and the European Union

Hale, Turkish Foreign Policy, pp.223-245.

Week 7:
Turkey and the European Union

Meltem Müftüller-Baç (2011) Turkish Foreign Policy, its Domestic Determinants and the Role of the European Union,” South European Society and Politics, 16:2, 279-291.

Week 9:
Turkish-Greek Relations: Aegean Disputes and Cyprus Conundrum

Hale, Turkish Foreign Policy, pp.252-260.

B. Oran, *Turkish Foreign Policy: 1919-2006 Facts and Analyses with Documents*, Utah Series and Turkish and Islamic Studies (2010), pp 790-815.

Tarik Oğuzlu, “Turkey and the Cyprus Dispute: Pitfalls and Opportunities”, *Ankara Bar Review*, 2010/1, p. 73-82.


**Week 10:**
**Pandora’s Box: The Balkans**

Hale, *Turkish Foreign Policy*, pp. 260-266.

B. Oran, *Turkish Foreign Policy: 1919-2006 Facts and Analyses with Documents*, Utah Series and Turkish and Islamic Studies (2010), pp 817-840.


**Week 11:**
**Turkey and the Middle East**

Hale, *Turkish Foreign Policy*, pp. 296-316.


**Week 12:**
**Turkey and the Former Soviet Territories**

Hale, *Turkish Foreign Policy*, pp.266-281, pp. 287-296.


**Week 13:**
**Geopolitics of the Caspian Basin and Energy Politics**


**Week 14:**
**Turkey in the Global Context: Increasing ties with Asia and Africa**

Week 15:
Review and Discussion: Turkish Foreign Policy in the 21st Century


FINAL EXAM