

TOBB Economics and Technology University
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Macedonia & Vilnius Business College
ERASMUS Blended Intensive Program (BIP) Syllabus for 6 ECTS

ULU 527 Contemporary Issues in World Politics

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Summer 2025

Online dates 5-16 May 2025

In-person dates in Bodrum 25-30 May 2025

Paper Submission deadline 2 July 2025

Objectives

The aim of this course is to introduce the students to the main issues and current debates in world politics. Focusing on the processes of globalization and global governance on the one hand and the discussion on the collapse of the liberal international order on the other, the course will cover old and new actors, issues of war and peace, and cooperation and conflict in world politics as well as current debates shaping regional security agenda.

The course is at the Master's level. Moreover, undergraduate students can take the course provided that they have at least a 3.00 GPA as well as the necessary English language level (B1).

The course is mainly for International Relations, Political Science, International Security, and other Social Science programs. Yet, there is not any prerequisite so any student from any program can take the course.

Content

Courses: 21 hours online and 21 hours in person

IMPORTANT NOTES on the CONTENT

- 1. The Course Content is a DRAFT VERSION.*
- 2. The lecturers will be announced later.*
- 3. During the course a panel will be organised and the details will be announced later.*

Date	Online / In-person	Subject
5-16 May 2025	Online	Introduction Prof Dr Haldun Yalçinkaya
5-16 May 2025	Online	Debating Continuity and Change in the International Order - Actors, Issues, Norms
5-16 May 2025	Online	Global Reverse Transformation in Economic and Political Systems: Exploring Structure, Agency, and Interactions

Date	Online / In-person	Subject
5-16 May 2025	Online	Conflict and Cooperation in the Balkans
5-16 May 2025	Online	Globalization vs. Glocalization: A Critical Geopolitical Analysis
5-16 May 2025	Online	Indo-Pacific Geopolitics
5-16 May 2025	Online	US Foreign Policy
25-30 May 2025	In-person	Old and New Wars / War in Ukraine
25-30 May 2025	In-person	Debating Security Challenges of the 21st Century
25-30 May 2025	In-person	Radicalization
25-30 May 2025	In-person	Russia as a Great Power: Understanding Russian Geopolitics
25-30 May 2025	In-person	PANEL on Current Issues in International Politics
25-30 May 2025	In-person	Iran amidst Crisis: The Challenges of Restoring the Nuclear Deal and Building a New Social Contract
25-30 May 2025	In-person	Middle East in World Politics – Changing Regional Dynamics
25-30 May 2025	In-person	Migration Governance and Diplomacy in a Globalizing World
2 July 2025	Online	Discussion and Revising the Research Papers Prof Dr Haldun Yalçınkaya

Assessment

The assessment of the term is as follows:

Attendance	25%
Participation/Quiz exams	25%
Research Paper and Presentation	50%

Students who fail to fulfil ECTS requirements will be given a signed document showing their participation.

GUIDELINE FOR ULU527 FINAL ASSIGNMENT

For the Final Exam, each student will choose a subject on contemporary issues in World Politics and, with approval of the subjects and, subsequently, the content by the lecturer, you will need to submit a research paper and a video recording of yourself presenting this paper. The research paper and presentation will constitute **50% of your total grade**. The submission date will be no later than **July 2nd, 2025**.

Research Paper

Once you choose your **main subject/week** from the syllabus of Contemporary Issues in World Politics, you should decide on a unique **subtopic** of yours that is related to the chosen subject.

Word limit for the research paper is **1000 words (-250, +500)**. A 100-word abstract and a bibliography are required. You should add at least 15 sources to the bibliography which must include mainly from required readings on the syllabus (you are allowed to use outside sources as well).

Academic writing rules must be followed strictly. Please follow the guidelines of the Journal of International Relations for academic writing and referencing.

The link to the guidelines: <https://www.uidergisi.com.tr/style-guidelines>

Presentation Video

Each student should submit a **5-7 minutes video recording** where you present your research. No PowerPoint is required, a **verbal** presentation is adequate.

Submission of the final papers and video recordings

Please send your research papers and video recordings via email before the deadline.

Please edit your file names in **Surname_Name_Title** format.

!!! Plagiarism

Plagiarism is not expected and we care about it. If you take any text or idea from somebody else, you must make it clear the text is being quoted and where the text comes from. You must also cite any sources from which you obtain numbers, ideas, or other material. Use of ChatGPT or other AI composition software is not permitted. If you have any questions about what does or does not constitute plagiarism, do not hesitate to send an email message to the lecturer. Please note that your own sentences are so valuable.

--- BODRUM DAILY PROGRAM ---

25 MAY 2025 – SUNDAY

Location: SERPINA HOTEL LOBBY BAR

19.00 – 21.00	Icebreaking
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26 MAY 2025 – MONDAY

08.40 – 09.00	Transfer to Course Venue
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09.00 – 13.00	In-person Course
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13.00	Transfer to the Hotel
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15.00-17.00	Museum Visit
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27 MAY 2025 – TUESDAY

08.40 – 09.00	Transfer to Course Venue
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09.00 – 13.00	In-person Course
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13.00	Transfer to the Hotel
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28 MAY 2025 – WEDNESDAY

08.40 – 09.00	Transfer to Course Venue
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09.00 – 13.00	In-person Course
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13.00	Transfer to the Hotel
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29 MAY 2025 – THURSDAY

08.40 – 09.00	Transfer to Course Venue
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09.00 – 13.00	In-person Course
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13.00	Transfer to the Hotel
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30 MAY 2025 – FRIDAY

08.40 – 09.00	Transfer to Course Venue
09.00 – 13.00	In-person Course
13.00 – 14.00	Closing Ceremony and Transfer to the Hotel

Venues for Courses

BODTO	Konacık, Ataturk Blv., 48400 Bodrum, Mugla <u>Google Map Link</u> https://goo.gl/maps/bcJGvoWbCzZczcMp9?coh=178572&entry=tt
Trafo	Carsi, Dr. Alim Bey Cd. No:4 Bodrum, Mugla <u>Google Map Link</u> https://goo.gl/maps/LyXStqQkA9qzLAsm9?coh=178572&entry=tt
ZAİ Yaşam	Çırkan Mah., Halide Edip Adıvar Cd. No:7 Bodrum, Mugla <u>Google Map Link</u> https://goo.gl/maps/JNjEudVg6qRbfvNr5?coh=178572&entry=tt
INSPERA Bodrum Kültür ve Sanat	Müskebi, Kemer Sk. No: 16/1, 48420 Bodrum/Muğla <u>Google Map Link</u> https://maps.app.goo.gl/YHCCoHx9FGHFtyKu6
Bodrum Maritime Museum	Carsi, Nazım Hikmet Sk. No.4/1 Bodrum, Mugla <u>Google Map Link</u> https://goo.gl/maps/mTMxT2CVjCduxynY7?coh=178572&entry=tt