## **General Informations:**

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The Department of Political Science and International Relations (PSIR) at Nigde Omer Halisdemir University was established in 2010 as the fifth department within the structure of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences. Graduate Study started in 2018. 2 Assoc. Professor, 6 Assistant Professors and 11 Research Assistants work in the department.

Graduate students are required to complete a total of 120 ECTS courses, seminars and dissertations in order to complete the program successfully. In addition, graduate students can continue part of their education in the European Union countries through bilateral agreements made under the Erasmus program.

Examinations conducted at Nigde University are carried out according to Nigde University Graduate Education-Examination and Examination Regulations in accordance with student workload in Bologna process.

### Aim:

The Department of Political Science and International Relations (PSIR) is a good first step for students who want to have considerable accumulation of knowledge, to comprehend globalizing world and to have a successful career in this globalizing world. The main aim of department is to improve students' skills to comprehend and explicate national and global events and processes by using critical and analytical thinking methods.

## Objectives:

The main objectives of our department are to reach to an accepted position in the national and international level, to raise communicative and respectful individuals who can make effective analysis, evaluation and review in local and international politics, law and social problems. We also want them to have the ability in offering solutions, multi-faceted thinking. Other objectives are to increase the employment chances of graduates in public and private sector, to take part in various projects in national and international level and to increase the number of publications in scientific studies.

## Level of Qualification:

Master's Degree with thesis in Political Science and International Relations is a two-year (4 semesters) program with 120 ECTS credits. The program meets the requirements both for ECTS credits and level descriptors of the "Second Cycle" degree qualifications of the Overarching Framework of European Qualifications Framework HE (QFEHEA) and the "7th Level" qualifications of the Turkish Qualifications Framework for HE (TYYÇ, NQF-HETR), as well as the "7th Level" requirements of the qualifications of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning (EQF-LLL) in terms of the level descriptors.

## Qualification Awarded:

Upon successful completion of this program, students are awarded with the qualification of master of Political Science and International Relations.

## <u>Admission Requirements:</u>

Turkey has decided to accept the terms in accordance with the regulations set by the Higher Education Council. Information about the requirements for admission and admission to graduate programs is announced on the website of the university at the beginning of each academic year. The following conditions are valid for Turkish nationals:

- Having a license degree
- Have at least 55 points (or equivalent) from ALES (Academic Personnel and Postgraduate Education Entrance Exam)
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or TOEFL (Foreign Language Examination) accepted at the national level, accepted by the ÜDS (Foreign Language Examination for Foreign Language) or KPDS (Public Personnel Language Examination) To take proficiency in foreign language examinations. Students without foreign language proficiency may be present on the application, but scores in this area will be assessed as 0.
- Candidates who have received a Bachelor's Degree abroad must take the equivalency certificate from the Higher Education Council.
- ALES score is 3 years.
- Candidates must apply in person. Applications made with missing documents will not be evaluated.

For more information, visit the Graduate Admission Procedures and Registration Procedures section on the Institutional Information menu.

For more information on the admission requirements of foreign students, please contact the Nigde University International Relations Office.

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# Recognition of Prior Learning:

Students who are studying at Nigde University may be exempted from some courses according to Nigde University Graduate Education-Examination and Examination Regulations. Nigde University recognizes the lessons learned in another educational institution based on the principle of lifelong learning. Learning outcomes of these courses are exempted from graduation credit if they are compatible with the program registered at Nigde University.

In accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, students must apply within the time limit set for exemption and must approve the exemption of the institute board of directors.

## **Teaching Methods:**

The most commonly used teaching and learning methods in the programs at Niğde University are given below. Programs use the majority of the methods listed in this list according to their purpose and objectives. In order to reach the program learning outputs aimed at the Political Science and International Relations Master Program, the education-teaching methods used in the program are in the "program learning outputs" section and the methods related to the courses in the program are in the section "course introduction and application information".

## **Examples of Teaching Methods Used**

- Lessons & Classroom Activities
- Field Work
- •Team work
- Laboratory
- Reading
- •Homework
- Preparing project
- Seminar
- Internship
- •Technical tour
- Web Based Learning
- Applications
- On-Site Application
- Professional Activity
- Social activities
- Thesis Preparation
- Fieldwork
- Report Writing

## Qualification Requirements and Regulations:

Master's Degree program (second cycle) in Political Science and International Relations is awarded to students who have scored a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of not less than 2.50 /4.00, defended his/her thesis successfully, and have completed all the courses (120 ECTS) with at least a letter grade of CB or S in the program. For detailed information: Please see "Nigde University's Rules & Regulations for Graduate Education"

## Access to Further Studies:

Upon successful completion of this programme, students may apply to doctorate (third cycle) degree programmes in or related fields of Political Science and International Relations.

#### Exams:

Midterm and final exams are held on the date, place and time determined and announced by the university. It is given by the lecturers taking into consideration the students' end-of-term grades, based on the results of the mid-term exam, homework appraisal and final exam and also considering the attendance condition of the students.

At the end of the semester, the contribution of the semester activities is maximum 40% and the contribution of the final exam is 60% for all the courses in all graduate programs determined by the Regulation.

#### Evaluation:

A student's success is assessed by the teaching staff for each assessment (in-term studies and final) defined for each course. The assessment is based on 100 full points.

A student who receives one of the grades AA, BA, BB, CB and S (Successful) grades is deemed to have completed that course. Success of students; The semester academic average and general academic average are determined by calculating 4.00 and announced at the end of each semester. The multiplication of the credit of a course with the coefficient of that grade of success grade gives the weighted grade of that course. The semester academic average is calculated by dividing the total of the weighted points of the courses taken in that semester in the course plan by the sum of the credits of the courses. Annual courses are included in the spring semester average. The overall academic average is calculated by dividing the total of the weighted points calculated on the basis of the success grades obtained from all the courses that the student has to take within the learning period by the total credit amount of the courses taken (120 ECTS). Course grades and coefficients are determined as follows:

Not e	Letter notation	coefficient
<u>90-</u> <u>100</u>	AA	4.00
85-89	BA	3.50
80-84	BB	3.00
75-79	<u>CB</u>	2.50
70-74	CC	2.00
65-69	<u>DC</u>	1.50
60-64	<u>DD</u>	1.00
50-59	<u>FD</u>	0.50
0-49	<u>FF</u>	0.00

#### **Graduation Requirements**

In order for a student to graduate from Master's Degree (Second Cycle) Programme in Political Science and International Relations, he/she has • Completed 120 ECTS credits with

passing grades (54 ECTS credits for 7 graduate courses, 6 ECTS credits for a Seminar Course, 20 ECTS credits for 2 Special Topics Courses, and 40 ECTS credits for Thesis Studies taken at 2 consecutive semesters) • Prepared and defended a thesis successfully.

# Mode of Study:

Master of Science Programme in Political Science and International Relations at Nigde Omer Halisdemir University is a full time / face to face programme.

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