TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY INSTITUTE OF SECURITY SCIENCES		
NAME OF THE COURSE (ENG)	DUGİ-905 Seminar	
NAME OF THE COURSE (TR)	Seminer	
SEMESTER	Spring	
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PROGRAMME	Department Of International Security - Doctoral Program In International Security	

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to help graduate students of the Department of International Security develop advanced research skills. It covers a range of qualitative and quantitative methodologies, ethical considerations in research, data collection and analysis techniques, and the application of these methods to real-world research questions. Through lectures, readings, discussions, and practical assignments, students will gain the skills necessary to design, conduct, and evaluate research projects.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- Understand the philosophical foundations of qualitative and quantitative research methods.
- Develop skills in designing research projects, including formulating research questions and hypotheses, selecting appropriate methodologies, and ethical considerations.
- Learn various data collection methods and tools for data analysis.
- Critically evaluate research literature.
- Apply research methods to real-world problems and conduct a small-scale research project.

## **EVALUATION**

Participation and Discussions: 40%

Weekly Assignments: 30% Final Presentation: 30%

#### **COURSE ORGANIZATION**

1.	Week	Introduction to Research Methods	
		Overview of the course	
		Philosophical foundations of research	
		Types of research: Basic, applied, and action research	
2.	Week	Research Design and Planning	
		Formulating research questions and hypotheses	
		Literature review: Purpose and strategies	
		Research ethics and obtaining ethical approval	
3.	Week	Qualitative Research Methods	
		Introduction to qualitative research	
		Qualitative research design and methodologies (case studies, ethnography,	
		narrative research)	
4.	Week	Qualitative Data Collection Techniques	
		Interviews, focus groups, observations	
		Qualitative data coding and analysis	

5. Week	Quantitative Research Methods
	Introduction to quantitative research
	Experimental and quasi-experimental designs
6. Week	Quantitative Data Collection and Analysis
	Surveys and questionnaires
	Statistical analysis fundamentals
7. Week	Mixed Methods Research
	Combining qualitative and quantitative approaches
	Designing mixed methods research
8. Week	Writing and Presenting Research
	Structuring a research paper
	Presenting research findings
9. Week	Research Ethics
	In-depth discussion on ethical dilemmas in research
10. Week	Proposal Development
	Developing a research proposal for a small-scale project
11. Week	Research Project Presentations
	Students present their research proposals
12. Week	Research Project Presentations
	Students present their research proposals
13. Week	Research Project Presentations
	Students present their research proposals
14. Week	Course Wrap-up and Feedback

# **READINGS:**

Required Text: John W. Creswell. (2014). *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*. 4th Edition. SAGE Publications.

Additional readings will be assigned throughout the course from academic journals and book chapters.