

**TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY
INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

Course Code	API-309
Name of the Course	Violence and Aggression
Required / Elective	Elective
AKTS	7,5
Semester	Spring
Programme	Forensic Psychology

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the developmental, social, physiological, and cultural aspects involved in aggression and violence. Different types of aggression and violence will be covered in the scope of this course. Additionally, factors influencing aggression and violence will be discussed.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Main objective of this course is to provide knowledge on major concepts and recognition of different forms of aggressive acts. In addition, risk and protective factors related to aggression will be learned. At the end of the course, students will gain insight on major theories of aggression and violence. In line with this, students will be able to evaluate the strengths and limitations of various theoretical frameworks.

EVALUATION

Class participation %10

Weekly presentations %50

Final exam %40

COURSE PLAN

WEEK 1	Introduction
WEEK 2	Major concepts and theoretical frameworks
WEEK 3	Major concepts and theoretical frameworks
WEEK 4	Physiological basis of aggression and violence
WEEK 5	Physiological basis of aggression and violence
WEEK 6	Psychological and social influences
WEEK 7	Psychological and social influences
WEEK 8	Special issues: Interpersonal conflict
WEEK 9	Special issues: Intimate partner violence
WEEK 10	Special issues: Sexual aggression
WEEK 11	Special issues: Cyber-aggression

WEEK 12	Special issues: Violence against children
WEEK 13	Special issues: Inter-group conflict
WEEK 14	Prevention and intervention

Suggested Bibliography for the Course: Englander, E. K. (2017). Understanding violence. New York: Routledge.