The course will comprise two sections. In the first section local government issues will be covered in general. The following points will be discussed:

- the concept of decentralization and local administration
- history of development for local administration in Turkey
- problems and issues confronting local authorities
  - structure
  - role division and tutelage
  - size
  - lack of technical personnel
  - legal framework
  - political biases
  - financial means etc.

In the second section students will be asked to prepare reports and present them in class for discussions. The topics to be covered may include:

- EU programs and local authorities
- Council of state decisions
- Castell's local government / urban space concept
- Local governments in USA, France, UK and Spain
- The local government charter
- The urban charter
- Habitat studies / local authorities
- Environmental protection
- Housing
- Planning
- Protection of cultural heritage
- Coastal management
- Gecekondu
- Kaya report on public administration
- Draft law on public administration

The reports and presentations will count as the midterm exam (%50), final exam (%50).