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Social Sciences University of Ankara (ASBU) Faculty of Political Science was established with the aim of becoming a research faculty that produces, rather than solely disseminates, knowledge that will have an impact on social, political, economic, administrative and international areas.

In accordance with its institutional philosophy, our faculty takes advantage of being a new institution, focusing on quality, originality and value of teaching and research, moving away from traditional and established understanding and practices.

Within this framework, our faculty aims to produce high quality and authentic knowledge that contributes to a holistic understanding of contemporary issues and resolving problems, at local and global levels in Turkey as well as in different parts of the world, in the areas of Economics, Business Studies, Political Science and Public Administration and International Relations. Our faculty also strives to equip students with a strong command and understanding of current problems and disputes in Turkey and the world, who are also connected with a wide range of local and international networks.

Consequently, our faculty views enrolled students as active contributors to learning and teaching processes. In this context, students are not regarded as the passive recipients of lectures and reproducers of knowledge in exams, but as engaged actors, who actively take part in projects and researches. Therefore, our aim is to equip graduating students with advanced skills to acquire, to evaluate, and to interpret knowledge, after assessing them analytically and critically.

Social Sciences University of Ankara, Faculty of Political Science consists of four departments that reflect our international orientation, multi-disciplinary and research-intensive character and entrepreneurship. The medium of instruction is English. In addition to English, our students are encouraged to learn a second language. The expertise and experience of our university in foreign languages provides our students with a competitive advantage in international exchange programmes.

Our faculty aims to raise graduates to be successful in an international competitive environment and a globalised world economy with the ability to integrate and adapt to a rapidly changing world, while also remaining sensitive to local problems. We like our students to acquire a critical, analytical and intellectual perspective, be equipped with remaining critical intellectual faculties.

In an era of globalisation, where international competition has intensified in all possible arenas, societies can only prevail if they are competent enough in a diverse range of knowledge. Our faculty not only seeks to work on and address pertinent social, economic and political problems, but also, in line with the mid- and long-term goals of the university, proceeds to investigate different paths for improvements in society, economy and administrative mechanisms and for acquiring excellence in teaching.





Our undergraduate and post-graduate programmes provide opportunities for our students to choose from a wide range of elective courses

► EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Interdisciplinary Approach

Undergraduate and post-graduate programmes of ASBU are designed in a manner to support interdisciplinary activities, to enable our students to be informed about the output of various disciplines. Our undergraduate and post-graduate programmes provide opportunities for our students to choose from a large pool of elective courses from different departments, and in this manner, enhance their knowledge in the chosen field of their own interest.

Opportunity of Learning more than One Language

ASBU, which emphasizes multilingualism in education, offers our students various opportunities to develop their language skills. Within this framework, the Language Centre, with its expert and foreign staff, provides high quality language education to our students.

The medium of instruction for the majority of our faculties is in English to enable our students to follow scientific developments in their discipline. Nevertheless, we also encourage and support our students to learn a second language to gain a further competitive advantage in their field.



Opportunities for Students

At ASBU, our students are regarded as active participants in learning processes; our aim is to equip them with skills, which will enable them to acquire critical knowledge, to evaluate and to interpret them after assessing it analytically and critically, and to apply them to current affairs and discussions.

Our education at ASBU is not limited to theoretical knowledge, only we aim to teach our students research methodology by engaging them actively in research projects and assigning them tasks and responsibilities.

In this way, our students will not only be participants in theoretical and conceptual discussions, but also become knowledgeable about the national and international institutions that are active in their fields of interest.

Our university offers extra-curricular programmes to improve their non-academic skills to provide opportunities for participation in social activities at their leisure time.

The University where Teaching, Research and Society Intersects

ASBU is in a unique position to collaborate with a number of institutions which have a pivotal impact on national policies, enabling us to connect our teaching and research with society.

Our university has been established with the vision via which its mission is beyond teaching and research activities. Our university aims to elaborate on the notion of a university as an institution that is integrated with society and to meet its needs, and thereby conceptualising teaching and research activities with an innovative focus that benefits society.

Interactive Teaching in Small Classes

Our university offers one-to-one communication with academics in small classes and, in this way, aims to develop key skills such as oral presentations in public, creativity, critical thinking, teamwork and leadership.

By providing courses that offer different historical and theoretical perspectives, university creates conditions that enable our students to analyse current affairs effectively. It provides a broad spectrum of courses that aim to encourage students to arouse their scientific curiosity and improve their skills to work in an interdisciplinary manner.

Strong Academic Team

In our university, we have a strong team of competent university researchers and lecturers who have their degrees from prestigious universities abroad with the experience of managing international scientific projects. Our academic team strive to transfer their experiences to students by running projects together.

ASBU is highly selective when it comes to offering academic opportunities to its academic team, and adheres to high international standards in the evaluation and recruitment of candidates. Consequently, ASBU has been fortunate to bring together a dynamic group of academics coming from a wide-range of professional and educational backgrounds.



► EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Bologna Process

Our university prepares all of its courses within the requirements of the Bologna process and in accordance with the Bologna Information System. In this way, students taking courses within the framework of exchange programmes will not encounter any problems with acquiring credits and thus follow a standardized process.

Double Majors

Our University offers the opportunity of acquiring Double Majors and Minor degrees. Students, who acquire permission to take prerequisite courses from other relevant undergraduate programmes, if successful, can gain the right to receive a Minor Degree Certificate. Moreover, students who fulfil the requirements stated by the Senate, can register for courses offered by another undergraduate programme in addition to the one they were initially registered for. Students who fulfil the requirements for different undergraduate programmes will receive a Double Majors Degree Joint Honours.

Opportunities for Studying Abroad

Our students are encouraged to take part in exchange programmes such as Erasmus to study one or two terms in European universities. Initiatives to establish partnerships with a number of universities in Europe and USA are already underway and we are planning to send our students to the universities abroad and vice versa.



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► DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International Relations is an exciting field of study, which was born at the beginning of the 20th century as an academic discipline. It offers globally-focused perspectives on issues that transcend national boundaries. The idealism and realism debates in the field have been enriched with new perspectives such as structuralism, Marxism, system approach, constructivism, English School and Copenhagen School.

The field has developed in the 21st century to take into account all kinds of relationships and developments between state and non-state actors (individuals, groups, organizations, companies, etc.) under the influence of globalization. International Relations in our University is a field that comes to the forefront with its interdisciplinary nature. With this feature, it is in constant interaction with disciplines such as history, philosophy, political science, law, psychology, sociology, anthropology and economics. The field has sub-branches such as diplomacy, political history, international law, international economics and international security.

ASBU International Relations Department conducts research on the world, and offers a rich curriculum that reflects all new developments and changes in the field. It aims to produce alternative theoretical approaches in interpreting hegemonic global politics, with the vision of contributing to the knowledge, derived from our "irfan" (wisdom) tradition.





► EDUCATION

Our undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs are taught in English. Our undergraduate students are required to learn a second foreign language of their choice. The course content is structured to cover in depth the topics and approaches to region and country expertise, as well as theoretical knowledge of paradigms and debate on the meaning of international relations. In addition to the traditional approaches, Turkish foreign policy is given with special focus on Turkey's immediate surroundings and the Islamic world. A multidisciplinary training based on case analysis, projects and field research is offered.

Our department also work in partnership with our University's Institute of Western World Studies, Institute for Eastern and African Studies, Institute of Turkish Studies and Hacı Bayram Veli Institute of Islamic Studies.

Security politics, peace and conflict studies, migration and diaspora studies, and region and country expertise have been identified as prioritized areas of our Department.

There are five different graduate programs in our department. These are:

- International Relations MA Program
- Peace and Conflict Studies MA Program
- Quds Studies MA Program
- International Relations PhD Program
- Middle East Studies Ph.D. Program





► CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our priority for our alumni is to be good researchers and enlightened individuals.

Our alumni,

- Serve in positions related to Turkish foreign policy; diplomats in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, experts in the Ministry of the European Union.
- Are employed by government institutions that support the Turkish foreign policy, such as the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) and the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities Presidency (YTB),
- Work in international organizations such as the United Nations, the European Union and the Organization for Islamic Cooperation.
- Can take active duty in national and international NGOs.
- Have the opportunity to work in local and multinational companies operating in the private sector, think tanks and the media sector.
- Can make an academic career in the related fields.







► DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business administration is a field of study that focuses on how to use resources to achieve organizational goals.

Business administration is an interdisciplinary field. It has evolved through the use of information produced in different fields such as sociology, psychology, economics, law and statistics, to identify and solve business-related problems and consists of such distinctive functional subfields as accounting, finance, management and organization, marketing and production management.

With the awareness that human resources are the most valuable resource for organizations today, our department aims to raise graduates who are able to adapt to the changing conditions of the business world, can make value-added decisions, adopt an analytical approach, are equipped with scientific knowledge, and are familiar with rapidly developing information technologies.

The medium of instruction of the Department of Business Administration is English. In this way, we enable our students to have knowledge of global developments and to pursue careers both at home and abroad.

Our department has a strong academic staff. Our faculty members, who all have experience in research abroad, are involved in national or international research projects.

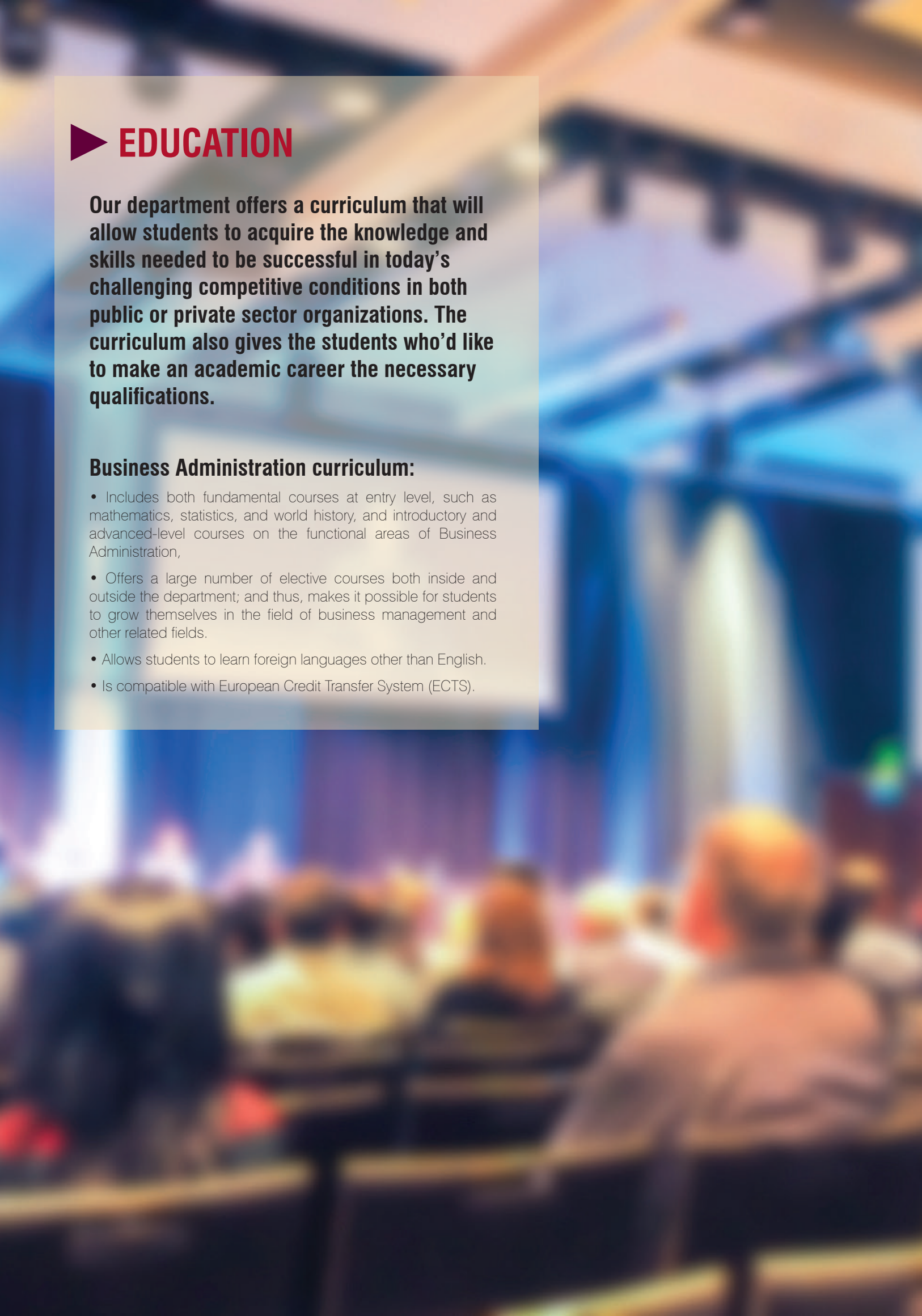
Students in the Department of Business Administration are encouraged to take part in research projects conducted by faculty members. Thus, students can gain scientific research experience while continuing their undergraduate studies. This experience will encourage students to become academics and give a solid foundation for those who'd like to pursue a career in academia.

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ASBU Department of Business Administration also offers students the following opportunities:

- Undergraduate, graduate and doctoral education with high quality and standards,
- Ability to learn English as well as other foreign languages,
- Ability to participate in foreign exchange programs,
- Ability to easily communicate with faculty members both inside and outside the classroom,
- A multicultural environment with foreign faculty members and foreign students.

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► EDUCATION

Our department offers a curriculum that will allow students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in today's challenging competitive conditions in both public or private sector organizations. The curriculum also gives the students who'd like to make an academic career the necessary qualifications.

Business Administration curriculum:

- Includes both fundamental courses at entry level, such as mathematics, statistics, and world history, and introductory and advanced-level courses on the functional areas of Business Administration,
- Offers a large number of elective courses both inside and outside the department; and thus, makes it possible for students to grow themselves in the field of business management and other related fields.
- Allows students to learn foreign languages other than English.
- Is compatible with European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).



► CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates have the opportunity to work as a specialist, manager or consultant in public or private sector organizations.

Our graduates can pursue careers as:

- Auditing expert
- Management consultant
- Organizational development specialist
- Business and market development manager
- Export specialist
- New product development expert
- Logistics specialist
- Marketing specialist
- Performance management expert
- Recruitment expert
- Human resource manager
- Independent accountant or financial advisor

Our graduates, who wish to pursue an academic career, may apply to master's and doctoral programs at home or abroad. Our graduates, who will gain theoretical and methodological knowledge as well as analytical thinking and foreign language skills during their undergraduate studies, which are all necessary to become a good researcher, will be good academicians candidates.





► DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Paul Samuelson, one of the most prominent economists of the twentieth century, defines economics as:

"The study of how men and society choose, with or without the use of money, to employ scarce productive resources, which could have alternative uses, to produce various commodities over time and distribute them for consumption, now and in the future, among various people and groups in society. [Samuelson (1967)]"

Rather than constraining economics to the study of efficient allocation of scarce resources, the Department of Economics contends that economics should also deal with problems such as unemployment, sustainability of environment, and economic development. Students who study economics at ASBU are expected to

- understand economic change and make sound economic predictions by reducing complex economic issues to manageable problems,
- enhance their research, analytical, and creative abilities,
- create solutions to local, national, or global economic problems,
- obtain a well-rounded undergraduate education in economics within a wide range of disciplines ranging from sociology, public administration, psychology, and history to statistics and mathematics,
- have the capacity to do theoretical and empirical research in the fields they specialize,
- acquire leadership and cooperation skills.

The Department of Economics aims to give a high-standard education to its students using up-to-date national/international resources and publications. Since ASBU specializes in research, all faculty members have publications in reputable national/international journals. Since our faculty members have specialized in a wide variety of fields, the courses offered are given by those whose research areas are closely related with the subjects covered in the courses.

Apart from English, students at ASBU have an opportunity to learn a second foreign language. The Department of Economics encourages students to benefit from this opportunity.

The Department of Economics supports student-exchange programs such as Erasmus, Farabi and Mevlana.

► EDUCATION

Undergraduate Program

The undergraduate curriculum at ASBU includes both departmental and non-departmental elective courses from a wide spectrum of disciplines apart from basic courses such as microeconomics, macroeconomics, public finance, and monetary policy.

In line with the aim of ASBU to be a research-oriented university, the department not only conveys the existing theories and ideas in economics to students but also helps them gain a perspective of doing research thanks to short-essay assignments and term projects.





Graduate Program

ASBU is a research oriented university, whose primary objective is to provide high quality post-graduate education. The Department of Economics puts a special emphasis on graduate programs. The program, which offers a wide range of courses, enables its students to deepen their knowledge in economics. Master's in Economics at SSUA is an intensive two -year program. Obtaining the degree requires completing 4 compulsory courses (in mathematics, macroeconomics, microeconomics, and econometrics), 3 elective courses, and submission of a Master's thesis. Applications to the program are admitted by the Institute of Social Sciences at SSUA



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► CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates with a bachelor's degree in economics are able to follow an academic career.

Alternatively, they can seek to be employed by private firms, public institutions, or regulatory bodies after obtaining their degree. In these institutions, they can work as economists, bank managers, chartered accountants, or economics specialists in ministries.



Some institutions where graduates can find a job are listed below:

- Ministry of Finance
- Treasury
- Ministry of Economy
- The Central Bank
- Turkish Competition Authority
- Capital Markets Board
- Financial institutions
- Public and private banks
- Public and private firms



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► DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The graduates of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration will be able to analyze historical and contemporary developments critically and multi-dimensionally and will be able to develop academic and institutional solutions to political problems in order to create a better social order. In accordance with our university's educational policy, our department prepares undergraduate and graduate curricula and course syllabi with an interdisciplinary understanding by collaborating with other departments and research centers in our university.

The discipline of political science studies political institutions such as states, constitutions, political parties; political ideals such as freedom, justice and equality; political regimes such as democratic, authoritarian and totalitarian governments; political ideologies such as liberalism, conservatism, nationalism and socialism; and political concepts such as authority, legitimacy, and power in an historical and comparative manner.

Public administration is a "modern" form of governing that concretizes the abstract idea of state, and corresponds to organization of bureaucracy, law, local government and finance in public life. Public administration as a discipline of social sciences studies the organization and operation of executive power and the decision-making, policy making and implementation processes of government agencies.

Our departmental concentration topics are located at the intersection of political science and public administration and include democracy, gender, violence, social and political movements, identity and ethnicity among others.

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► EDUCATION

In addition to offering the foundational courses of political science, public administration, and juridical science, our undergraduate program provides a wide selection of electives that allows students to advance their own academic interests. The students will also learn how to design and undertake projects and how to find and utilize resources by being integrated in university projects and through project-based learning approach.

Our Masters' Degree Program, in parallel with the educational policy of our university, adopts an interdisciplinary perspective and aims to apply theoretical literature to various empirical observations on Turkish politics bringing in anthropological, sociological, psychological, historical, political and other approaches together. The graduates of this program will have developed knowledge and skills that will allow them to evaluate the causes of political problems in Turkey and the world, to understand the ways in which the politics is changing in the global age, and to offer resolutions to present dire issues in our country and in the world.



► CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Besides the possibility of pursuing an academic career, our graduates will find employment in state institutions, international organizations, political parties, think-tanks, civil society organizations, media, and private sector

- Our education program helps students to develop the skills of independent research, project-writing and implementation and therefore, prepares them for post-graduate studies both in Turkey and abroad.
- The state institutions that our graduates can pursue a career include Turkish Grand National Assembly, ministries, undersecretaries, bureaucracy, and local governments.
- The international institutions that will offer a career for our graduates include United Nations, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, World Bank, and OECD.
- Our graduates can find employment as an analyst, professional, programmer, writer and researcher in think-tanks, media and civil society organizations.
- In alignment with ASBU's encouragement of innovation among its students, our graduates will have necessary skills, fundamental knowledge, and self-esteem to start their own business in the sectors that require political science professionalism such as research, political publication, and consultancy.

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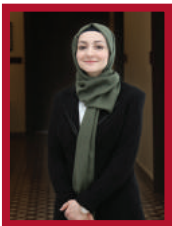
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