



**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
TURKISH NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY  
BAND NCO VOCATIONAL HE SCHOOL**



*A nation without its arts would mean  
that one of its veins of life  
has been severed.*

*H. Atatürk*



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## ■ Rector's Message

### Dear Students,

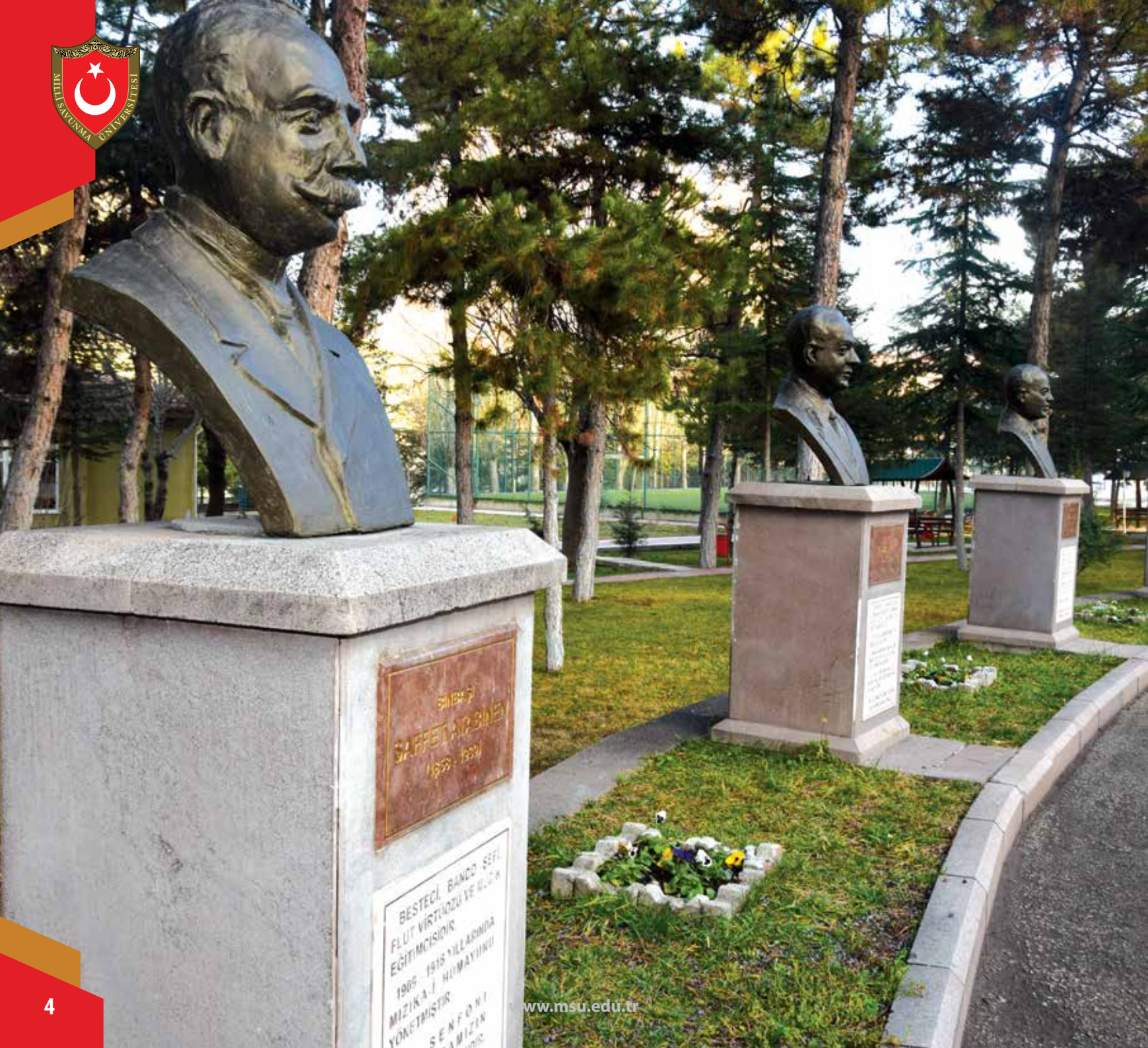
Gathering military training and education in Turkey under a single roof, Turkish National Defense University took the necessary steps promptly and covered a lot of ground in order to meet the need for qualified officers and non-commissioned officers of the Turkish Armed Forces, although it was founded almost a year ago. On the one hand, Turkish National Defense University protects military training requirements and military tradition; on the other hand, it continues undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate education/training suited for the necessities of the time with modern methods.

Our military schools have recovered fast through the regulations made in a short time after July 15 coup attempt and taken the steps without a delay in order to reach an advanced level in all fields.

We invite the young, who are the future of our country, to join us as officers and non-commissioned officers of the Turkish Armed Forces, which has a history full of glorious victories and which is one of the most powerful armies in the world. **We are looking forward to seeing you in Turkish National Defense University to be the commander of the future.**



**Prof. Erhan AFYONCU**  
Rector



ŞİBİR  
SARFET APARİNE  
1868-1937

BESTECİ, BANGÖ, SEFİLİ  
FLÜT VİRTÜÖZÜ VE ULUDAĞ  
EĞİTİMCİSİDİR.  
1906-1916 YILLARINDA  
MİZİKÂ-I HÜMAYUNU  
YÖNETMİŞTİR.  
SEN FORTİ  
AMİZEN  
DİR.



## ■ Organization

Turkish National Defense University was founded by the Decree Law numbered 669 and dated 25 July 2016, with the title of “Taking the Necessary Measures under the State of Emergency and Establishing the National Defense University and Making Amendments in Certain Laws”. The Organization of the university was established by the Decree of the Council of Ministers numbered 2016/9522 and dated 14 November 2016, published in Official Gazette dated 25 November 2016. Staff Organization of Rectorate was established by the approval of the Ministry of National Defense dated 03 February 2017. Rectorate of the University became operational on 09 January 2017 in the campus located in Yenilevent/İSTANBUL. Three War Academies, four Service War Colleges, six Institutes and four Non-Commissioned Officer Higher Education Schools carry out activities under the roof of Turkish National Defense University.

## ■ Mission

To educate and train qualified work force which is loyal to its country, nation, and state, adopt the Principles of Atatürk and has national values, democracy culture, and historical consciousness.

To provide doctrinal solutions for military operational environment and development of military culture.

## ■ Vision

To be a reference university and a leader institution, to make a difference in military education and research particularly in the fields of defense, security, and strategy through its quality and innovative background.





# Turkish Band NCO Vocational HE School

## History



### ■ History

Being one of the oldest military training institutions in Turkey, our School was founded on 23 November 1831 in İstanbul under the name of “Müsika-i Hümayün” (“Imperial Orchestra”). It was moved to Ankara by the directive of Atatürk in 1924 and re-organized under the name of “Riyaset-i Cumhur Musiki Heyeti” (“Presidential Orchestra”).

The school continued its activities under different organizations and names from 1924 to 2003. It was named as Turkish Armed Forces Band Schools Command, consisting of Band NCO Training High School and Band NCO Vocational HE School in the academic year of 2003-2004.

The high school department was closed down in 2016 but Band NCO Vocational HE School continues its activities within the body of Turkish National Defense University.







## ■ Military Training

Military training programs are carried out in order to enable the students to become modern soldiers and NCOs by developing their management and decision-making skills. Military trainings in the areas of shooting, sports, combat, physical education and any other subject that any soldiers have to know are provided by elite officers and NCOs who are experts in their fields.







## ■ Academic Education

Providing two-year education, Turkish Band NCO Vocational HE School is one of the most important schools not also in Turkey but also in the world in the field of music education. In the school, undergraduate education is provided together with the basic sciences courses required in professional music education.

Education is conducted under two different programs (“Wind Instruments and Percussion” and “Instrument Maintenance and Repair”).

In these two programs, education is provided under 22 branches (eight in Reed Instruments, seven in Copper Percussions, six in Percussion and Clavier Instruments, and one in Instrument Maintenance and Repair). Academic education is given by academicians, officers/NCOs, and civil instructors who have professional and academic careers in accordance with the standards of Council of Higher Education and European Union. The individual courses are given in modern one or two-person rooms and classrooms and collective courses are given in 15-20 person classrooms. The students utilize the library that has a rich book collection and is continuously renewed by internet and internal information systems.





# Turkish Band NCO Vocational HE School

## Departments

### ■ Wind Instruments and Percussion

In addition to the main instrument courses, the instructors who are experts in the field of wind instruments and percussion carry out their lessons with the students on one-to-one basis and piano lessons are conducted in specially designed classrooms. Also, other music lessons, which professional music education requires, are provided with the best tools, equipment, and information technologies available.





## ■ Instrument Maintenance and Repair

This department aims to educate and train the students to become NCOs who have expertise as instrument technicians and perform maintenance and repair of the instruments including piano at the highest level. Technician training for instrument maintenance and repair at professional level in Turkey is only provided by the Band NCO Vocational HE School.









### ■ Physical Education and Sports

In order to improve their physical competence and to raise it to desired standards, the students participate in a regular and continuing physical education and sports program. Within this scope, Basic and Physical Combat Training and other trainings in Olympics branches (kickboxing, crossing, shooting, etc.) are conducted. The students benefit from the outdoor and indoor sport facilities in the campus any time.



### ■ Social Activities

Band NCO Vocational HE School organizes tours to historical and touristic sites in Turkey. The students also have the opportunities to participate in social and cultural activities carried out in Ankara.



### ■ Other Facilities and Supports

In order to use their free times effectively, the students use special areas for relaxing activities, mini movie theaters, reading and game rooms. The students also benefit from modern opportunities in educational, medical and social fields at the highest level.





# Turkish Band NCO Vocational HE School Graduate Opportunities



## ■ Social Opportunities

NCOs graduated from Band NCO Vocational HE School benefit from all social rights and opportunities of Turkish Armed Forces such as NCOs' clubs, summer and winter camps, sport facilities, lodgments and guest houses together with other Armed Forces personnel.





# Turkish Band NCO Vocational HE School

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:**In what ways are the applications made for Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Vocational Higher Education (HE) Schools of the Turkish National Defense University as International Student? Can I make individual application?

**Answer:** Individual application is not allowed for NCO Vocational HE Schools of the Turkish National Defense University. If there is a Military Training Cooperation Agreement between Turkey and the country wishing to send International Students, Military Attachés of the Republic of Turkey in the mentioned country conduct a selection process among the candidates determined by the sending country within the scope of the agreement.

**Question:**Do International Students pay fees for training and education in the NCO Vocational HE Schools? Are health expenses covered by Turkey? Do the International Students receive an allowance?

**Answer:** The issues such as training and education fees, health expenses, and allowances are determined in the Military Training Cooperation Agreement signed between Turkey and the sending country and the procedures are carried out as set out in the agreement.

**Question:**What is the language of education in NCO Vocational HE Schools?

**Answer:** The language of education in NCO Vocational HE Schools is Turkish. If the International Students already have proficiency in Turkish, they can start training and education immediately.

**Question:** I do not know Turkish at all / I do not have proficiency in Turkish for the training and education in NCO Vocational HE Schools. Can I still apply?

**Answer:** Yes, you can. NCO Vocational HE Schools provide Turkish Preparatory Class for one year to those who do not know Turkish at all or who do have proficiency in Turkish. You can continue your education in NCO Vocational HE School after successfully completing the Turkish Preparatory Class.

# Turkish Band NCO Vocational HE School

## Frequently Asked Questions



**Question: There are various academic departments (engineering, management, etc.) in NCO Vocational HE Schools. What is the procedure for the selections of departments?**

**Answer: International Students select their academic departments in accordance with their own choices, the sending countries' preferences, students' qualifications, and quotas set in the NCO Vocational HE Schools.**

**Question: Are the diplomas and other documents, which the International Students receive after graduation, internationally recognized?**

**Answer: NCO Vocational HE Schools are deep-rooted and elite vocational higher education schools and the Turkish National Defense University is a reputable university in Turkey. The diplomas and other documents received from these Schools are internationally recognized.**

**Question: Is there any difference for the success criteria for the courses and other training between the International Students and Turkish Students in the NCO Vocational HE Schools?**

**Answer: There is no difference in the success criteria for academic and military evaluation between the International Students and Turkish Students.**

**Question: How long is the period of study in NCO Vocational HE Schools?**

**Answer: The period of study is two years in NCO Vocational HE Schools.**

**Question: Do International Students also have to wear uniform as Turkish Students?**

**Answer: Yes, they have to. International Students wear the same uniform as Turkish Students. However, they wear flags of their countries on the sleeves.**



**Question: Do International Students have free time in weekends and public holidays just as the Turkish Students?**

**Answer: Yes, they can. The International Students take leave for weekends and public holidays. Moreover, they celebrate their own national holidays in the NCO Vocational HE Schools.**

**Question: How can I get detailed information about NCO Vocational HE Schools of the Turkish National Defense University and the procedures of application for International Students?**

**Answer: You can get detailed information about NCO Vocational HE Schools by visiting the web site of the Turkish National Defense University ([www.msu.edu.tr](http://www.msu.edu.tr)). In order to get information on the procedures for application, you can apply to Turkish Embassy and Turkish Military Attaché Office in your country.**





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