

**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
TURKISH NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY  
MILITARY ACADEMY**





*Victory is for those who can say "Victory is mine".*

*Success is for those who can begin saying "I will succeed" and say "I have succeeded" in the end.*

*K. Atatürk*



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## ■ Rector's Message

Dear Students,

Gathering military training and education in Turkey under a single roof, Turkish National Defence 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 Defence 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 Defence University to be the commander of the future.



**Prof. Dr. Erhan AFYONCU**  
Rector







## ■ Organization

The Turkish National Defence University was founded by Decree Law Number 669, dated 25 July 2016 titled “Taking Necessary Measures under a State of Emergency and Establishing the National Defence University and Making Amendments in Certain Laws.” The university was established by Decree of the Council of Ministers Number 2016/9522 on 14 November 2016, and published in Official Gazette on 25 November 2016. The Staff of Rectorate was established by the approval of the Ministry of National Defence on 03 February 2017. The University Rectorate became operational on 09 January 2017 in the Yenilevent Campus, ISTANBUL. The university consists of three War Academies, four Service War Colleges, six Institutes, and four Non-Commissioned Officer Higher Education Schools designed to carry out activities under administration of the Turkish National Defence University.

## ■ Vision

To be a university committed to leadership development, to positively influence military education, and facilitate research in multiple fields of defence, security, and strategy through quality and innovative training.

## ■ Mission

To educate and train quality personnel who are loyal to the country, nation, state, and are prepared to adopt the Principles of Atatürk. Each student must embrace national values, a democratic culture, and historical consciousness. The university will provide doctrinal solutions for application in military operational environments, and development of military culture.







## ■ History

Turkish Military Academy was founded with the order of Sultan Mahmud II under the name of “Mekteb-i Harbiye” (Military Academy) in 1834. After the foundation of military high schools in 1845 and as a result of program development efforts, the Academy continued to give education with a four-year curriculum. Upon the occupation of İstanbul, Turkish Military Academy started its training and education in Abidin Pasha Mansion on 1 July 1920 and continued its activities in Ankara during Turkish War of Independence. The Military Academy resumed its training and education activities in İstanbul after the signature of Lausanne Peace Treaty. Having been transferred to Ankara, Turkish Military Academy started education in a new building on 25 September 1936. Academy’s two-year education period was rearranged as to be a three-year education in 1948, two years in 1963, three years in 1971, and finally four years in 1974. Turkish Military Academy offered bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Administration/Management between the years 1974-1991. It made a gradual transition to Systems Engineering program starting with 1991-1992 academic year. With the Military Academies Law which was accepted in the Turkish Grand National Assembly on 11 May 2000 and came into force on 17 May 2000 by being published in Official Gazette, Turkish Military Academy was recognized as a higher education institution and thus, this law serves as a basis for the Turkish Military Academy to be organized in a university structure as a contemporary higher education institution. In the academic year of 2011-2012, education in multiple graduate programs was started to be given. Starting from 2017-2018 academic year, education activities at bachelor’s degree are currently being carried out in Industry and System Engineering, Electronics and Communications Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Business Administration, Defence Management, International Relations and History Departments. The cadets who obtain the rank of 2nd Lieutenant by 30 August each year are awarded the Officer Diploma, as well as nationally and internationally recognized bachelor’s diploma.











## ■ Military Training

The Turkish Military Academy (TMA) trains cadets to become officers in the corps of Infantry, Tank, Artillery, Air Defence, Army Aviation, Engineers, Signal, Transportation, Supply, Maintenance, Personnel, and Finance. TMA also offers eager cadets an opportunity to be helicopter and aircraft pilots if they meet requirements. Every year, a certain number of the cadets who graduate from the TMA are separated into corps of Army Aviation for the purpose of being trained as pilots.

In order to build skills and to provide knowledge about the various corps, tactical use of weapons and battlefield systems, cadets participate in military training events performed once a week throughout the academic program. In the summer period, a six week training event is conducted in Menteş/İZMİR to ensure that cadets will become qualified officers through organized historical tours, particularly in AFYON and ÇANAKKALE. Besides academic and military trainings in the Academy, physical training is also provided.









## ■ Academic Education

After the preparatory class which has been included in War Academies under the Turkish National Defence University, the cadets ,in their freshmen year, take common courses regarding the undergraduate programs they will have in the following years in TMA. The cadets- in their sophomore, junior and senior years- take the courses given by academicians in the modern laboratories, classrooms and amphitheatres in the departments of Industry and System Engineering, Electronics and Communications Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Bussiness Administration, Defence Management, International Relations and History. These programs are prepared to match to the programs in other higher education institutions which are deemed leaders in their fields. All graduated cadets are awarded the Officer Diploma, as well as nationally and internationally recognized bachelor's diploma. In TMA, Arabic, Persian, French, Russian languages are thought as a foreign language besides English. Opportunities to study with computers and internet are provided for the cadets so that they can improve their foreign languages outside the classroom environment and additional courses are held. The cadets who complete TMA successfully may apply to the programs of master's degree and Ph.D. degree in national and foreign universities.





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## Departments

### ■ Industry and System Engineering

The Department aims to ensure that the cadets combine their knowledge and skills in physical and social sciences with principles and methods of the engineering with the help of competent teaching staff. The content and scope of the department program are specified in accordance with relevant regulations and directives; thus, it aims to build the skills that will enable the cadets to design, operate, and control the complex systems they will establish and/or operate in the future by a multidisciplinary approach and also to make the necessary improvements by analyzing the processes.

### ■ Electronics Engineering

The Department aims to educate the cadets to become active Army Officers who have analytical thinking and modeling skills, have the ability to inquire, can create solutions for unforeseen problems by rationalist approaches, adopt life-long learning as a principle, and have the highest professional ethics, engineering-perspective, and leadership skills.

### ■ Mechanical Engineering

Primary goal of the Department to provide the notion of Mechanical Engineering within the frame of necessary theoretical and practical knowledge for the cadets in order to help them to become for active Army Officers who have military discipline, scientific competence, and liberal education to adequately implement tactical, technical and administrative activities of Turkish Land Forces. The department also aims to educate the cadets in such a way that they can keep up with the specialized training and education both at the bachelor's degree level and at the post-graduate levels.

### ■ Civil Engineering

The Department enables the cadets to graduate with the ability to use the basic engineering knowledge in solving the civil engineering problems throughout their career, to use the knowledge they obtained in civil engineering profession within the units of Turkish Armed Forces in which they will serve, to improve self-learning by way of national or foreign master's degree or vocational trainings in order to continue their life-long learning, to participate in activities of professional communities, and to perform their duties and profession in accordance with ethics and professional liabilities.

### ■ Computer Engineering

The Department aims to educate cadets to become Army Officers who understand the importance of information security and the methods of providing information security, have comprehensive knowledge of computer and information systems of today's world and future, acquire the general knowledge on effective learning for their future life, also operate, use and develop the computers and embedded computer systems used in all areas of military services.





## ■ Business Administration

The Department aims to instill the necessary managerial, leadership and organization skills in cadets, who are nominees to take on tasks in units, institutions and organizations of the Turkish Armed Forces and also in international or multinational military and diplomatic organizations. It also aims to provide competitive capacity to the cadets in order to improve themselves based on the self-confidence as a natural result of modern background and continuous learning discipline and to have the opportunity to get the highest individual and social satisfaction for themselves and also institutional satisfaction for organizations they will be employed in.

## ■ Defence Management

The main factor in the training of future officers is the combination of the officer's performance and features required today and the capabilities he needs. According to this, the officer must be trained both to have a high performance to be expected in the short term and to have a high potential to be ready for the tasks he will take in the battlefield in the following years. The officers of the future must be trained in such a way that they can give the best decisions quickly and practically in the battlefield, be able to effectively manage their troops, and set an example for their unit. Therefore, there is a need for officers who think about and find solutions on "Problem Areas of the Future". It was also emphasized that military officers should improve their level of Military Managerial Intelligence. In this context, with the Defence Management Department and the training programs set forth in this section, it is aimed to train officers who fulfill the needs of current operations and the expectations as well as officers who will shape the future battlefield.

## ■ International Relations

The aim of the Department of International Relations is to train the future officers who research and analyze the political, economic and social developments and changes at a global and regional scale; the relations of the states, organizations and other international power groups with each other; the reasons of the international cooperation and conflicts; who know the dynamics of international relations in the current time; make interpretations with reference to the dynamics in questions; offer predictions for future; know the language, cultural and social structure, institutions and organizations of the target society and region; adopt a solution-oriented approach.

## ■ History

In the Department of History of the National Defence University Military Academy, it is aimed to educate officers who can analyse and use the methodology, literature and field knowledge required in an objective manner by examining the events, phenomena and processes in the history of Turkey and the world, and who can use these analyses in their own professional lives. It is aimed that the graduates of the History Department of the Military Academy of the National Defence University, taking advantage of the historical knowledge and experience of the past, can shed light to the problems Turkish Armed Forces can face at present and having qualities of a researcher to speculate on future strategic and military developments.



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## Life in the Academy

### ■ Physical Training and Sports

Within the Physical Training and Sports Program, training is provided in the pentathlon, shooting (fire/air guns), athletics, diving and life-saving, basketball, biathlon, equestrianism, football, folk dancing, handball, skiing, orienteering, crossing, table-tennis, archery, chess, taekwondo, tennis, triathlon, volleyball and swimming.

In order to train physically strong, agile, and venturesome cadets in the TMA, modern sport facilities, body building centers, shooting ranges, tennis courts, and football pitches are utilized by cadets. Volunteer cadets represent the Academy in the national and international competitions. Additionally, martial arts, parachute, glider, skiing, diving, and equestrianism trainings are provided to the cadets.



### ■ Social Activities

Equestrianism, paper marbling, model plane, intelligence games, chess, music, painting, theatre, dance, and folk dancing trainings are given to the cadets by qualified personnel. In order to award and increase the knowledge and good manners of the successful cadets, various national and international tours are organized.





### ■ Other Facilities and Support Services

All cadet needs (food, lodging, clothing, allowance, training-education, etc.) are met by the state. The cadets' dormitory consists of three to eight person rooms. Cadets may take leave with civilian dress to the inner city every Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday.

Cadets whose families reside in Ankara may go home for the weekend (and have the permit to spend their off-day with their families) from Friday evening to Sunday evening. Cadets on leave may benefit from the cadets' club in Kızılay/ANKARA.

The cafeteria, patisserie, market, dried fruits, and book stores in the 13 March Site provide services to cadets. The library has internet connection which allows cadets to reach national and international electronic databases as well as having a rich book collection. The closed circuit television system broadcasts programs on education and communication within the university and also on social activities.







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## Postgraduate Opportunities

### ■ Social Opportunities

Cadets are awarded with the Officer Diploma following their graduation on 30 August as well as the Bachelor's Degree Diploma of the department from which they graduate.

Graduates start to receive salary as soon as they graduate from the TMA. Army Officers and their families may benefit from the local and special training centers that provide services to Turkish Armed Forces personnel during summer and winter times for vacation and training purposes. Officers' clubs and social facilities support the staff of Turkish Armed Forces with the opportunities of the location, comfort, and quality. Officers are the natural members of Armed Forces Assistance and Pension Fund (OYAK).

### ■ National and Foreign Postgraduate Education

After graduating with their bachelor's degree diplomas, Army Officers may apply to programs for a master's degree and Ph.D. degree in national and foreign universities in accordance with the conditions determined.

### ■ Foreign Missions

As well as the units and organizations of Turkish Armed Forces across Turkey, Army Officers also may perform their duties as representatives in foreign countries and attachés' offices, in the units of United Nations Peacekeeping and Peace-Building, NATO, Training and Duty Purpose Foreign Examination Duties.

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## Frequently Asked Questions



**Question:**In what ways can the applications be made for War Academies of the Turkish National Defence University as International Cadets? Can I make individual application?

**Answer:**Individual application is not allowed for War Academies of the Turkish National Defence University. If there is a Military Training Cooperation Agreement between Turkey and the country wishing to send International Cadets, 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 mentioned agreement.

**Question:**Do International Cadets pay fees for training and education in the War Academies? Are health expenses covered by Turkey? Do the International Cadets receive allowance?

**Answer:** The issues such as training and education fees, health expenses, and allowances are determined in the Military Training Cooperation Agreement 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 War Academies?

**Answer:**The language of education in War Academies is Turkish. If the International Cadets 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 War Academies. Can I still apply?

**Answer:**Yes, you can. War Academies provide Turkish Preparatory Class for one year to the International Cadets who do not know Turkish at all or who do not have proficiency in Turkish. You can continue your education in the Academy after successfully completing the Turkish Preparatory Class.

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

**Answer:** International Cadets select their academic departments in accordance with their own choices, the sending countries' preferences, students' qualifications, and quotas set in the Academies.

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



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**Answer:**War Academies are deep-rooted and elite faculties and the Turkish National Defence University is a reputable university in Turkey. The diplomas and other documents received from War Academies are internationally recognized.

**Question:**Is there any difference in the success criteria for the courses and other training between the International Cadets and Turkish Cadets in War Academies?

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

**Question:**How long is the period of study in War Academies?

**Answer:**The period of study is four years in War Academies.

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

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

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

**Answer:**Yes, they have. The International Cadets take leave for weekends and public holidays. Moreover, they celebrate their own national holidays in the War Academies.

**Question:**How can I get detailed information on War Academies of the Turkish National Defence and the procedures of application for International Cadets?

**Answer:**You can get detailed information about War Academies by visiting the web site of the Turkish National Defence 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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