

HISTORY OF WAR DEPARTMENT

Aim and Scope

Starting with the history of war departments subordinate to the presidencies of general staff in Europe and in Turkey at the beginning of the 20th century, the official military history studies were on the subjects of war, battle, and operations. However, military history has been evolved into an independent branch of science, which expands and diversifies its sub-branches due to the increasing interest of civilian historians, volunteer researchers and collectors mainly in the Western world as of the last quarter of the 20th century. The term “military history” has replaced the term “history of war” in recent years and this fact points out that the research in this area is no longer limited to the phenomenon of war and history of military operations, and has begun to cover the issues such as military technology, social impact of war, change in military organisations, understanding of war in different cultures and value systems, and the effects of practices in war.

Being one of two M.A. programs in the history of war/military history in Turkey, M.A. Program in History of War offered by the Atatürk Institute of Strategic Studies (AISS) has been configured to cover a wide range of subjects compatible with the current developments in this field in Turkey and the world. The program covers the relations between war and technology, war and society, war and strategic thinking, as well as the history of battles/operations. In addition to the Turkish military history in the Ottoman and Republic eras, the program also examines the world military history, mainly European and the USA military histories, in terms of land, naval, and air forces.

Career Opportunities

Our graduates may continue their academic studies in the Ph.D. programs in other universities or they may have career opportunities in academic branches of the Turkish National Defence University or the history departments of other universities, in various archives (such as Directorate of Military History and Strategic Studies), think tanks, relevant departments of military or civilian museums, and media sectors.

Ph.D. in Military History

Semester	Lecture Title	Credit	ECTS	Type
Fall	Scientific Research Methods	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Sources of Turkish Military History	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	History of Military Thought	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	History of Military Technology	3	6	Elective
Fall	Ottoman Battles in Classical Era	3	6	Elective
Fall	War and Geography	3	6	Elective
Fall	Pre-Ottoman Turkish Military Culture	3	6	Elective
Fall	Change and Continuity in Military Organizations	3	6	Elective
Fall	Turkish Military Education Institutions	3	6	Elective

Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	Ottoman Archive Documents	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	History of Asymmetric War	3	6	Elective
Spring	Memories of Ten-Years of War	3	6	Elective
Spring	Ottoman Society and War in the Modern Age	3	6	Elective
Spring	Ottoman Wars in the 19th Century	3	6	Elective
Spring	War and Armed Conflict in 20th Century	3	6	Elective
Spring	History of Amphibious Operations	3	6	Elective
Spring	History of Air Wars	3	6	Elective

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Fall	Research Methods	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Sources for Turkish History of War	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Introduction to World Military History	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Metaphysics of War	3	6	Elective
Fall	Military History in Modern History (1453-1792)	3	6	Elective
Fall	Warfare and Technology in Modern History	3	6	Elective
Fall	Innovation Era in the Ottoman Navy	3	6	Elective
Fall	Political Geography	3	6	Elective
Fall	Theory of Warfare and Military	3	6	Elective
Fall	History of Military Logistics	3	6	Elective
Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	Ottoman Military Organization in the Era of Innovation (1792-1914)	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	History of Strategic Thought	3	6	Elective
Spring	Ottoman State, Army and Society in the Ten Years War (1912-1922)	3	6	Elective
Spring	Turkish Armed Forces in the Republican Era	3	6	Elective
Spring	Development Phases of Air Forces	3	6	Elective
Spring	Turkish Aviation History: Selected Topics	3	6	Elective
Spring	Ottoman Archive Documents in Modern Age	3	6	Elective
Spring	Turkish War Industry in Ottoman and Republican Eras	3	6	Elective
Spring	Second World War: Selected Topics	3	6	Elective
Spring	Modern Age Russian Military History: Selected Topics	3	6	Elective