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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND REGIONAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

### **Aim and Scope**

A multi-dimensional and inter-disciplinary approach is required in order to explain the dynamics of rapidly changing international relations today. The need to evaluate the critical strategic position of Turkey for the benefit of the country and to maintain the claim of being a regional power in international relations is closely associated with the need for further development of the human resources in the field of International Relations.

Our department offers a contemporary and comprehensive program in order for our students to gain the necessary knowledge and skills to study the developments in our country and in the world regarding fields of politics, security, diplomacy, law, and economy, to examine the relations among the states and non-state actors, international cooperation, and sources of conflicts, and to offer perspective for the future.

The aim of the M.A. and Ph.D. programs in International Relations is to educate the students seeking to become well-equipped specialists who reach theoretical and factual knowledge needed, approach the issues at hand critically, have the intellectual depth, and have the mental transitivity across the disciplines for conducting scientific research and consultancy.

The students will have the opportunity to study together with the academic staff including military academic personnel who are experts in security studies, global power strategies, regional cooperation and conflict, energy strategies/policies, international political economy, international organizations, and migration studies, as well as respectable academic and specialist who are the members of influential universities and institution in or around İstanbul.

### **Career Opportunities**

Our programs have been designed to help students to acquire first the basic concepts and theories of international relations and then the skills of area expertise with an interdisciplinary perspective and with flexibility in which its scope may be adapted to the rapidly changing conditions and agenda of today's world. Programs aim to cover both the subjects of the discipline and different areas of regional studies thanks to the pool of elective courses in which the students take courses according to their interests.

Our graduates may have career opportunities as an academic, specialist or researcher in the public institutions (such as Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior Affairs –e.g. Under Secretariat of Public Order and Security–), in the relevant departments of the Turkish National Defence University or other universities, in the relevant branches of regional or international organizations (such as United Nations, NATO or Organization of Islamic Cooperation), in the public organizations (such as Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency, Yunus Emre Institute), and in the non-governmental organizations, think tanks, consultancy companies, media organizations, and lobbying companies.

## Ph.D. in International Relations

Semester	Lecture Title	Credit	ECTS	Type
Fall	Scientific Research and Thinking Processes	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Foreign Policy Analysis	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Current Issues in Nuclear Security	3	6	Elective
Fall	Geopolitics of Energy and the Analysis of International Energy Policies	3	6	Elective
Fall	Turkish Foreign Policy and Regional Issues	3	6	Elective
Fall	Chinese Power Strategy and Foreign Policy	3	6	Elective
Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	Geopolitics and Systemic Analysis	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	Modern Political Theory and Discussions	3	6	Elective
Spring	Failed States and Non-State Political Actors	3	6	Elective
Spring	Political Economy of International Relations	3	6	Elective
Spring	US Foreign Policy and Security Strategies	3	6	Elective
Spring	Russian Power Strategy and Foreign Policy	3	6	Elective

## M.A. in International Relations

Semester	Lecture Title	Credit	ECTS	Type
Fall	Research Methods and Ethics	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Theories of International Relations	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	International Organizations and Security	3	6	Elective
Fall	Turkish Foreign Policy	3	6	Elective
Fall	Political Economy of International Relations	3	6	Elective
Fall	International Migration and Security Issues	3	6	Elective
Fall	Ecological Security	3	6	Elective
Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	History of Modern Diplomacy	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	Non-State Political Violence and International Relations	3	6	Elective
Spring	Identity, Nationalism in the Balkans and International Relations	3	6	Elective
Spring	Security Perceptions in Asia-Pacific	3	6	Elective
Spring	Arab World and Iran in International Politics	3	6	Elective