MILITARY SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Aim and Scope

Military sociology systemically studies inter-relations and interactions between war, military service, armed forces and society. Within this field, one of the fundamental research areas is the sociology of the military institutions and another is the civil-military relations with its social and political aspects.

The studies on military sociology emerged in the United States of America (USA) after the Second World War. The discipline began to mature in University of Michigan and University of Chicago during 1960s, and then graduate programs (M.A. and Ph.D. programs) were offered in University of Maryland, Northwestern University, and Texas A&M University in 1980s.

The M.A. Program in Military Sociology in the Atatürk Institute of Strategic Studies (AISS) is the first graduate program on this subject in Turkey. This program aims to conduct scientific research on military institutions, military profession, different types of war and violence within the perspectives of sociology, anthropology, and psychology. Configured in an interdisciplinary approach by considering its equivalents abroad, this M.A. program interacts with political sociology and historical sociology, as well as with military psychology and social anthropology.

Career Opportunities

The Program offers an ideal environment for those who wish to conduct academic studies in sociology and specialize in military sociology. Our graduates may continue their academic careers by attending the Ph.D. programs offered by the Turkish National Defence University or other universities or may apply to academic positions home or abroad. They may also continue their careers in the Ministry of National Defence or other ministries or work as specialist in various think tanks.

Semester	Lecture Title	Credit	ECTS	Туре
Fall	Scientific Research Techniques&Publication Ethics	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Military Sociology Theories	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	The State, Military, and Society in Turkish History	3	6	Elective
Fall	Traditionalism&Change in Military Organizations	3	6	Elective
Fall	The Sociology of Military Endeavour	3	6	Elective
Fall	Social Groups in Armed Forces	3	6	Elective
Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	Military Professionalism	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	War and Society	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	Armed Forces and Society in Modern World	3	6	Elective
Spring	Comparative Military Cultures and Values	3	6	Elective
Spring	Socio-Cultural Analysis of the Conflict Environ	3	6	Elective
Spring	Civil-Military Relations	3	6	Elective
Spring	War, Visual Communication, and Propaganda	3	6	Elective
Spring	Military Psychology: Selected Topics	3	6	Elective

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