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## STRATEGY AND SECURITY STUDIES DEPARTMENT

### **Aim and Scope**

Strategy and Security Studies Department aims to approach strategy and security studies, which have become a multi-dimensional research area today, by including economic, political, social, psychological, and ecological dimensions to military factors. We also aim to develop the abilities of the graduate students to perform analyses regarding the security problems at strategic levels. Our M.A. and Ph.D. programs in Security Studies provide the students the necessary knowledge, methods, and approaches to analyse the contemporary global and regional security problems in multi-dimensional and strategic levels and to develop projections for the security environments and contexts of the future.

The aim of the M.A. and Ph.D. programs in Security Studies is to educate the students seeking to improve themselves in this discipline in order to help them to become specialists who reach comprehensive theoretical and factual knowledge needed, approach the issues at hand critically and provide a perspective for future based on analytical thinking.

The graduate programs have been formed to prepare the ground for the students to have a special field of study by providing them fundamental concepts and theories as scientific reference and information sources from an interdisciplinary perspective. Programs also present flexibility in which the scope of the programs may be diversified according to the rapidly changing agenda and topics of the security environment.

The students will have the opportunity to study in the fields of theory, research, and practical applications together with the academic staff. Our academic staff includes military academic personnel who are experts in geopolitics, strategy and strategic analysis, national and international security, regional and global disagreements and conflicts, energy strategies/policies, international political economy, international organizations, migration studies and international terrorism, as well as respectable academic and specialist who are the members of influential universities and institution in or around İstanbul.

### **Career Opportunities**

Since the programs have been designed to reach the specialization based on international relations and security studies in an interdisciplinary approach, the students have the opportunity to prepare themselves for future academic or professional positions through the lectures they prefer to take during their education. Our graduates may have career opportunities as a specialist, analyst, research assistant, lecturer or researcher in the public institutions (such as Ministry of National Defence, National Intelligence Agency, Ministry of Interior Affairs –e.g. Under Secretariat of Public Order and Security–, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs), in the departments of strategy development of these public institutions, in the strategy departments of private companies, in the relevant academic programs 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 non-governmental organizations, think tanks, consultancy companies, and media organizations.

## Ph.D. in Security Studies

Semester	Lecture Title	Credit	ECTS	Type
Fall	Scientific Research and Thinking Processes	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Security Theories: Conflict and Cooperation	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	New Approaches to Terrorism and Security Research	3	6	Elective
Fall	The Cold War and Security Order	3	6	Elective
Fall	Frozen Conflicts	3	6	Elective
Fall	Media and Security	3	6	Elective
Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	Geopolitics and Systemic Analysis	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	Security Perceptions in the Middle East	3	6	Elective
Spring	Essential Concepts of International Law and Use of Force	3	6	Elective
Spring	Security Perceptions in Central Asia	3	6	Elective
Spring	Africa in Global Politics	3	6	Elective
Fall	Conflict Analysis and Resolution	3	6	Elective

## M.A. in Security Studies

Semester	Lecture Title	Credit	ECTS	Type
Fall	Research Methods and Ethics	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Theories of International Relations and Security	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Fuzzy Logic	3	6	Elective
Fall	European Security Architecture	3	6	Elective
Fall	Strategy Games	3	6	Elective
Fall	Nuclear Threat and Deterrence in Global Security	3	6	Elective
Fall	Security Perceptions in the Sub-Saharan Africa	3	6	Elective
Fall	Security Perceptions in the Caucasia and Black Sea Region	3	6	Elective
Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	Security Theories and Regional Threat Analysis	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	Terrorism and International Security	3	6	Elective
Spring	International Cooperation and Dispute Areas in the Eastern Mediterranean	3	6	Elective
Spring	Security Perceptions in Russia and Central Asia	3	6	Elective
Spring	NATO Security Architecture and Turkey	3	6	Elective