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## WAR STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The language of instruction is English.

### **Aim and Scope**

After World War II, there has been a tendency within the Western World to address, research, and direct the national security and military issues through a scientific approach and a civilian-military joint study. In this context, many respected universities have established chairs and research centres in the areas such as war studies, operation research, conflict resolution, and peace studies; the civilians have also become participants of research conducted by different scientific disciplines related to war and conflict. In the third quarter of the 20th century and especially in the Anglo-American World, the experts in the area and the professional military personnel have got to work together in the universities, think-tanks, defence ministries, and even in the strategic/operational military headquarters. However, in Turkey, it has not been possible for war studies to become a separate area of scientific studies. Being the first of its kind in Turkey, The Department of War Studies in our Institute has been formed in order to contribute to the upbringing of military and civilian academics who will prepare qualified data sets, information, and analysis for the decision-makers in the political and military fields and experts who will serve in the defence and security fields for the public or private sector. The program is intended to facilitate analysis of the dynamics of contemporary conflict environments, the developments in the military technology, and the individual and societal trends, which guide post-modern warfare within a flexible structure suitable for transition among the disciplines.

### **Career Opportunities**

As it can be seen in the previous section, it has become more and more important to have civilian and military personnel qualified in the area of war studies within today's global and local security contexts. In this framework, our graduates may have career opportunities in the military academies and institutes under the Turkish National Defence University, as well as in the Ministry of National Defence, Turkish Armed Forces, and relevant ministries, international organizations in which Turkey is a member and think tanks. They may also have the opportunity to pursue their academic careers either in Turkey or abroad.

## M.A. in War Studies

Semester	Lecture Title	Credit	ECTS	Type
Fall	Research Methods	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Change and Continuity in Military Organization	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Strategy and War	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Military Manpower Economics	3	6	Elective
Fall	Changing Nature of War: Asymmetric and Hybrid War	3	6	Elective
Fall	Law of Armed Conflict	3	6	Elective
Fall	AI and the Military	3	6	Elective
Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	State Formation and Political Violence	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	Change and Continuity in Warfare and Armed Conflict	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	Cost and Effectiveness in Military Operations and Defense Management	3	6	Elective
Spring	Big Data Analytics in Decision Making Process	3	6	Elective
Spring	Civil-Military Cooperation	3	6	Elective
Spring	ISTAR Applications in Joint Warfare	3	6	Elective
Spring	War and Intelligence	3	6	Elective
Spring	Strategic Decision Making in International Relations from Game Theory Perspective	3	6	Elective