

## **THE FACULTY OF LETTERS**

### **OUR HISTORY**

The Faculty of Letters, which started its academic life in 1991-1992 as the Faculty of Science and Letters, was restructured in 2010, after the Faculty of Science and Letters were separated, with the name of the Faculty of Letters.

### **OUR AIM**

The mission of the faculty, like the other Faculties of Science and Letters and Faculties of Social Sciences and Humanities in Turkey, is to be a pioneering education, research, and scientific institution in terms of teaching success, knowledge generation, and research. In line with its mission, faculty members in our faculty are connected to universal principles and are aware of the innovations related to their fields, continue their teaching activities, and take place in local, national, and international scientific events.

### **FEATURED TECHNICAL FACILITIES:**

Conference Hall, Simultaneous Translation Laboratory, Computer Laboratory, The Collection of Antiquities

### **FEATURED EDUCATION PROGRAMS:**

Minor and Double Major Opportunities, Erasmus +, Mevlana and Farabi Exchange Programs

## **THE DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN CULTURE AND LITERATURE**

The Department of American Culture and Literature aims to provide students with knowledge and competence in a variety of fields by covering the literary, cultural, social, historical, regional, institutional, political, legal, and economic aspects of the United States. The aim is to develop analytical and critical thinking in the Humanities, multidisciplinary assessment of cultural phenomena, development of language and discourse analysis skills, and the development of individuals who can serve both public and private sectors. English is the medium of instruction in the Department of American Culture and Literature. 1- year English Preparatory program is obligatory. The course-passing system is applied. The relative grading system is applied.

### **CAREER AREAS**

The graduates of the department of American Culture and Literature may work in numerous disciplines like culture, art, education, translation, media, international affairs, tourism, banking, and finance.

## **THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHEOLOGY**

Our department aims to have a high-quality education at both national and international levels and, to train inquisitive and investigative archaeologists. Our students have the chance to turn their theoretical knowledge into practical knowledge by participating in scientific archaeological missions all over Turkey. Our department's main aim is to train archaeologist candidates as individuals using the latest technology, knowing how to reach knowledge and being capable of scientific research and with the consciousness to preserve cultural heritage and history.

Turkish is the medium of instruction. The course-passing system is applied in education and training. The relative grading system is applied.

Students graduating from the Department of Archaeology, Faculty of Letters, Dokuz Eylül University have the opportunity to work at the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Directorate General of Cultural Assets and Museums, Cultural Heritage Preservation Boards, state and privately-owned museums and the Preservation, Application, and Audit offices formed in municipalities.

### **THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS**

The Department of Linguistics has been conducting studies on all aspects of language and language-related fields and areas by using theoretical and practical viewpoints. While working on language, it uses data from Natural Sciences, Humanities, and Social Sciences. As the department focuses on and cooperates with many other interdisciplinary fields, the graduates can be employed in different areas. The department also focuses on applied studies with its own Phonetics Laboratory and aims to increase collaboration with the Department of Computer Engineering and the Language Research and Teaching Centre (DEDAM).

The purpose of the department is to contribute to Turkish linguistic studies; to educate linguists that are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and competencies in every field in which linguistics can be applied and has ethical values and a sense of social responsibility; able to interpret the effects of these on the field of linguistics by monitoring the changes and developments in the local and global dimension; and able to transform the theoretical knowledge they acquire into practice. Turkish is the medium of instruction. The course-passing system is applied in education and training. The relative grading system is applied.

### **CAREER AREAS**

Students graduating from the Department of Linguistics, work as translators, consultants in audio and video communication units of various institutions, language experts in the field of natural language processing, editors in institutions working in the fields of media and publicity, copywriters, supervisors to check the language used in internal and external correspondences in private or state institutions, an expert on language and speech disorders, copywriters in advertising agencies, instructors in various language training institutions, an education consultant in Teaching Turkish to Foreigners.

### **THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The purpose of the Department of Philosophy is to educate philosophers who have acquired historical and systematic knowledge of the main concepts and problems of the basic philosophical disciplines in a historical and systematic frame and can use the knowledge acquired from this field to explain and interpret human and world problems and use this knowledge to produce solutions to problems, have skills to think in an attentive, innovative and critical way, receptive, able to recognize and discuss the problems of the age, find solutions to the age's problems, can convey their thoughts in an accurate and clear and comprehensible way, verbally and in writing.

Turkish is the medium of instruction. The course passing system is applied in teaching and training. The relative grading system is applied.

### **CAREER AREAS**

The graduates of the department of Philosophy can be employed in the field of education, press, communication, and social services.

### **THE DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

The Department aims to educate experts and intellectuals that can critically evaluate the theoretical, historical, linguistic, cultural, and philosophical dimensions of different cultures and kinds of literature needed in our country during the globalization of the world and compare them with Turkish culture and literature. It is a 4-year program. Students take 2 field elective courses in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th semesters, one in English. As a second foreign language, French or German is selected at the beginning of the third semester and they continue their education with the elected language in their second foreign language course. Graduates are awarded two diplomas in two languages in the field of "Comparative Literature".

50% English and 50% Turkish are the media of instruction in this program. Students are required to take the exemption exam in English and students passing the exam can directly start undergraduate education. Students who cannot pass the exemption examination have to attend a-1 year Preparatory program in English before starting their undergraduate program. Those who have passed the English proficiency test or who complete the English Preparatory class can study in the optional German Preparatory program.

### **CAREER AREAS**

Students graduating from the department of Comparative Literature with a foreign language, culture, art, and rich literary knowledge, can work as a critic-, commentator, producer, and editor of literary programs in the fields of media and publication as an expert, and consultant in the Ministry Foreign Affairs and The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, an expert in national and international companies. The graduates may also pursue an academic career by attending post-graduate and doctorate programs, and continue their scientific activities in the university.

### **THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING**

Upon being restructured, the Department of Translation and Interpreting started to admit students in 2015. The purpose of the program is to educate interpreters by using modern education techniques with the knowledge, skills, and professional ethics required by the interpreting profession in the field of oral and written translation in which they can compete for both private and state sectors within the framework of the targeted scientific methods. Students choose one of the German, French, and Russian foreign language courses starting from the first semester and continue their elective courses for eight semesters. The English Translation and Interpreting Program is a flexible, market-oriented, and student-focused the program that allows students to choose almost 50% of the courses they will

take from the elective course pool according to their interests. The Translation and Interpretation Department provides English language training. 1 year English Preparatory program is obligatory. The course-passing system is applied in teaching. The relative grading system is applied.

### **CAREER AREAS**

Students graduating from the department of Translation and Interpreting have the chance to be employed in different state institutions (TRT, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, The Ministry of Education), publishing companies, newspapers, magazines, film studios, and international companies. In addition to these, graduate students having education in the field of oral translation can work as conference interpreters on the condition of mastering a specific area. Interpreters may also start their own translation offices.

### **THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSEOLOGY**

The department of Museology aims to provide students with knowledge and competence for a variety of jobs that can be done in a museum by using an interdisciplinary approach with the help of the courses; archeology, history of art, communication, education, certification, and design.

It aims to have graduates who can make a difference in accessing reliable information, elaborating the gained information, and applying, projecting, and maintaining future museums.

The Department of Museology provides education in Turkish. 1-year English Preparatory program is optional. The course-passing system is applied in teaching. The relative grading system is applied.

### **CAREER AREAS**

Students graduating from the department of Museology have the knowledge and the competence to found a museum, create sections in museums, design, exhibit, and give seminars on museology. Both state and private museums and also virtual museums applications which have gained popularity recently give new job opportunities to graduates.

### **THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

History, which is the common memory of humanity, keeps the communication between the past and the present alive, and it provides the opportunity to understand the present and develop predictions using the knowledge of the past. The department aims to educate historians whose purpose is to reach primarily the objective knowledge of the past. The teaching method that prioritizes the Comparative History Method is aimed to develop the critical and analytical thinking abilities of our students. The teaching and working fields of our department faculty members cover a very wide area in terms of periodic, regional, and thematic aspects. Our department regularly organizes excursions, seminars, conferences, and symposiums. Provided that they meet the necessary conditions, our students have internship and training opportunities in many European universities that we have agreements within the scope of Erasmus+.

The education means of the History Department is Turkish. 1-year preparatory program in English is optional. The course-passing system is applied in education and training. The relative grading system is applied.

### **CAREER AREAS**

The graduates who received pedagogical training and did KPSS (Public Personnel Selection Examination) and got sufficient points are appointed as history teachers by MEB (Ministry of National Education). Our graduates have the opportunity to work as history instructors in institutions that support special education, as well as local governments, universities, media organizations, international organizations, foundations, the tourism sector, archives, museums, and libraries.

### **THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

The Department of Psychology aims to educate individuals who have gained scientific and critical thinking skills along with basic psychology knowledge and have the competence to question, implement, disseminate, and produce knowledge. In addition to the basic principles of the current psychology science, our department also aims to educate graduates who have a sense of social awareness and responsibility who can apply contemporary psychology knowledge and skills competently within the framework of ethical values and effectively transform the skills they acquire into service and practice in many subfields.

The medium of instruction is 30% English. 1-year preparatory program in English is obligatory. The course-passing system is applied in education and training. The relative grading system is applied.

### **CAREER AREAS**

The graduates of the Department of Psychology who get sufficient points in the KPSS (Public Personnel Selection Examination) are able to work as psychologists in many different institutions in the public sector such as Ministries of Health, Justice, Interior, Family and Social Policies, General Directorate of Prisons and Detention Houses, Safety General Directorate, Social Services and Child Protection Institution and the private sector such as health, education, industry and industrial organizations, social service institutions, and research centers.

### **THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

Sociology is a science that examines the structure of a society and the processes of change and development related to this structure. The main theme of sociology is society and facts and events related to society. Sociologists try to reveal issues such as social relations brought about by social life, and the principles and rules governing the origins and development of social institutions by examining historical documents, with techniques like observation, interviews, and conducting surveys with their sociological knowledge. To carry out scientific research, to generate knowledge, to spread the generated knowledge in various ways in written and/or verbally; to inform the social environment, the society, and the city in which it is a part; to educate sociologists that are needed by Turkey utilizing a scientific and contemporary education are amongst the main objectives of the Department of Sociology. The sociology department aims to increase the opportunities for students to grasp the world and society in which they live in the widest possible way and to contribute to them

in this way. Turkish is the medium of instruction. The course-passing system is applied in education and training. The relative grading system is applied.

## **CAREER AREAS**

In our country, graduates of the Department of Sociology are employed in the public and private sectors. Sociologists have the opportunity to work in the State Planning Organization, the Turkish Statistical Institute, the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies, and municipalities. In addition, on condition that they get pedagogical formation stipulated by The Ministry of National Education, they can work as philosophy teachers. Sociology graduates also have the opportunity to work in the media, political parties, advertising, and public opinion research companies.

## **THE DEPARTMENT OF TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

The Department of Turkish Language and Literature aims to educate devoted Turkologists who are well-equipped in their own and other relevant scientific fields, who have acquired sufficient knowledge about past and present literature, have the formation required by their profession, and who can contribute to the Turkish language and literature by following new knowledge and developments in the literature. Another purpose of the department is to teach the language, literature, and cultures of the Turks, which have been scattered over a thousand years and great geography in history; to educate scientists that will do research in cooperation with individuals and institutions working in this field both in and out of the country. The Turkish Language and Literature Department provides training in the Turkish language. 1-year English Preparatory program is optional. The course-passing system is applied in education.. The relative grading system is applied.

## **CAREER AREAS**

Graduates of the Turkish Language and Literature Department in our country may work as research assistants at universities in the fields of “Turkish Language”, “Turkish Literature”, “Contemporary Turkish Dialects and Literature” or “Folklore”. Those who have completed their postgraduate education can apply for the position of "Turkish Language Instructor". Those who have Pedagogic formation education can be appointed as Turkish Language and Literature teachers by the Ministry of National Education after passing the KPSS (Public Personnel Selection Examination). After taking KPSS, they can be appointed to the positions of experts and assistant experts at Atatürk Cultural Center and Turkish Language Institution, or they can be employed in the State Archives. In addition to these, they have the chance to work as Turkish Language and Literature Teachers in various private high schools or private teaching institutions.

## **Department of Russian Language and Literature**

The aim of the undergraduate program in Russian Language and Literature is to educate individuals who have an excellent command of the Russian language, are familiar with Russian literature and culture, and can utilize this knowledge in their professional lives. The language of education for this program is 100% Russian. Students admitted to the Russian Language and Literature undergraduate program must take a Russian exemption exam at our university's School of Foreign Languages and pass it successfully. Students who fail this exam receive one year of Russian preparatory education. The admission of students to our department's undergraduate program started in the 2022-2023 academic year.

### **Career Opportunities:**

Graduates of the Department of Russian Language and Literature have employment opportunities in various fields such as language education centers, translation, international companies, the tourism sector, companies doing business with Russia, academia, strategic research centers, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Tourism, and schools and high schools affiliated with the Ministry of Education.