

## **General Information**

Curriculum & Instruction Programme, a branch of the Institute of Educational Sciences, which is within the body of university upon the foundation of Niğde University in 1992, maintains education with a new viewpoint as a part of reconstructive programme of the Faculties of Education in 1997. Our department enables prospective teachers to be trained well and to have education in accordance with the main objectives of National Education. The department has 1 associate professor, 1 assistant professor, 2 research assistants, who are studying their mastery and doctorate programme .

Through the Master of Science (Second Cycle) programme, students develop skills to participate in scientific activities, and share the results with scientific community and they may continue their academic career by enrolling in related Ph.D. programs of the universities in Turkey or abroad.

## **Aims and Objectives**

### **Aims :**

The aim of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction is to train educational processes, development, implementation and evaluation experts in the field.

### **Objectives :**

The main objectives of the department of Curriculum and Instruction, national and international academic ranking the leading position among the branches of science came for the academic research and publications is to develop theories and practices. Equipped with the necessary scientific and social abilities, can follow a top-level education, critical thinking and leadership skills will work environments, capable of interdisciplinary collaboration, administrative features, innovative and original solutions to train experts in the field can produce.

## **Qualification Awarded**

Upon successful completion of this program, students are awarded with the qualification of MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE in CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION.

## **Level of Qualification**

**Master's Degree with thesis in CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION is a two-year (4 semesters) program with 120 ECTS credits. The program meets the requirements both for ECTS credits and level descriptors of the "Second Cycle" degree qualifications of the Overarching Framework of European Qualifications Framework HE (QF-EHEA) and the "7th Level" qualifications of the Turkish Qualifications Framework for HE (TYYÇ, NQF-HETR), as well as the "7th Level" requirements of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning (EQF-LLL) in terms of the level descriptors.**

## **Specific Admission Requirements**

Admission requirements are determined in line with the regulations set by Higher Education Council of Turkey. Information on application for graduate programs and access requirements are announced on the web page of the university at the beginning of each academic year. The following requirements are applied for both national and foreign students:

- To have a First Cycle (BSc) degree in CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
- To have ALES (Entrance Exam for Academic Personnel and Postgraduate Education) with minimum score of 55 (or equivalent)
- To have a foreign language proficiency from national exams such as UDS (The Interuniversity Foreign Language Examination) or KPDS (The Foreign Language Examination for Civil Servants) or from international exams such as IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) accepted by Interuniversity Board. Students who do not have a foreign language proficiency might apply yet their foreign language score is evaluated as 0.
- The candidates with a Bachelor's Degree from abroad must have the certificate of equivalence from the Council of Higher Education (YOK).
- ALES score is valid for 3 years.

The candidates must apply in person. The applications with incomplete documents will not be evaluated.

**For further and detailed information please visit General Admission Requirements and Registration Procedures in the menu items of the Information on the Institution.**

**For further information on the admission requirement for foreign students, please contact to Nigde University International Office.**

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**Specific Arrangements for Recognition of Prior Learning**

With an understanding of lifelong learning, Nigde University recognizes the previously taken courses in another institution and exempt them from graduation credit, as long as the courses match with the learning outcomes of the registered Master's Degree (Second Cycle) programme in CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION at Nigde University.

**Profile of the Programme**

Master's Degree program in CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION was established with a mission to provide the students a high quality program to follow and learn cutting edge theories and techniques and at the same time to participate actively in applied and theoretical research. Department of Curriculum and Instruction was established to educate the educators or instructors, educational specialist or expert, research assistant at the Faculties of Education, schools, ministry of national education, and educational institutions,

**Master's Degree program in CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ("Second Cycle" in QF-EHEA and "7th Level" in TYYÇ ) is an academically-oriented program giving access to degree and non-degree research programs and professional practice demanding advanced levels of knowledge, skills and competencies. The program can be classified in regards to ISCED (The International Standard Classification of Education) 2011 and NQF-HETR (The Turkish Qualifications Framework for HE) profiles and fields of education as follows:**

- ISCED Field of Education: 14 – Teacher Training and Education Science
- ISCED 2011 Level: 7, Orientation (Profile): 74, Subcategory: 747, Academically-oriented "Second Cycle" degree
- NQF-HETR Field of Education: 14 – Teacher Training and Education Science

NQF-HETR Profile of Education: Academically-oriented "Second Cycle" degree

**Learning and Teaching Methods**

The most frequently used instructional methods of the educational programs of Nigde University are given below. Programmes commonly apply these methods as appropriate instructional approaches in accordance with their aims and objectives.

The instructional methods applied for achieving the goal of meeting the expected learning outcomes of the Master's Degree program in CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION program at large are indicated in the section of 'program learning outcomes', and those methods utilized for individual course units are indicated in the relevant section of " description of individuals course unit".

**Learning and Teaching Methods**

- Lecture & In-Class Activities
- Land Surveying
- Group Work
- Laboratory
- Reading
- Assignment (Homework)
- Project Work
- Seminar
- Web Based Learning
- Implementation/Application/Practice

- Thesis Work
- Report Writing

### **Occupational profiles of graduates with examples**

Department of Curriculum and Instruction is one of four other departments, Niğde University, Faculty of Education, Department of Educational Sciences. Department of Curriculum and Instruction was established to train the educators or instructors, educational specialist or expert, research assistant at the Faculties of Education, schools, ministry of national education, and educational institutions,

### **Qualification Requirements and Regulations**

Master's Degree program (second cycle) in Curriculum and Instruction is awarded to students who have scored a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of not less than 2.50 /4.00, defended his/her thesis successfully, and have completed all the courses (120 ECTS) with at least a letter grade of CB or S in the program.

For detailed information: Please see "[Nigde University's Rules & Regulations for Graduate Education](#)"

### **Access to Further Studies**

Upon successful completion of this programme, students may apply to doctorate (third cycle) degree programmes in or related fields of CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION.

### **Examination Regulations, Assessment and Grading**

The methods applied for assessment of the achievement of the expected program learning outcomes for the entire Second Cycle program of CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION are shown below and those for the individual course units are given in the relevant section of the course description with their contribution to the final grades.

- Mid-Term Exam
- Final Exam
- Make-up Exam
- Short Exam
- Homework Assessment
- Presentation of Report
- Computer Based Presentation
- Presentation of Thesis
- Presentation of Document

Mid-term and final examinations are conducted in dates, places and times determined and announced by the University. The students' final semester grade is given by their instructors based on mid-term examination, homework evaluation, short-examinations, final examination and, if there is any other assessment results taking into account the students' compliance with attendance to the course activities.

The contribution of assessment grades of the in-term activities to the final grade is 40% and that of the final exam is 60% for all the course units.

Course units, which do not require a mid-term, homework, short-exam and/or a final exam are determined by the administration of the related departments and specific assessment and grading methods for these courses are also announced at the beginning of the semester. Evaluation of such activities is made through the procedures defined by the Senate and assessed by Pass (P) or Fail (F) grades.

### **Grading:**

The success of a student for each assessment (in-term and final) defined for each course unit is evaluated by the instructor. Evaluations are made over a scale of 100 points and converted to the letter grades at the end of the semester.

A student is considered to be successful in a course if he/she gets one of the following grades: AA, BA, BB, CB, S, or EX. The student's academic standing is calculated in the form of a Grade Point Average (GPA) out of a scale of 4.00 and announced at the end of each semester. The total grade point of a course is obtained by multiplying the grade point by the course ECTS credit. The semester GPA is calculated by dividing the total amount of grade points of courses gained in that semester by the total amount of ECTS credits of courses taken in the semester. The yearlong courses are included in the spring semester GPA. Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is calculated by dividing the total

amount of grade points of all the courses in the curriculum to be taken by the total amount of 120 ECTS credits. For each course taken, the student is given one of the following letter grades and grade points:

<u>Course Grade</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>
AA	4,00
BA	3,50
BB	3,00
CB	2,50
CC	2,00
DC	1,50
DD	1,00
FD	0,50
FF	0,00

#### Other grades:

S (Satisfactory): Satisfactory in non-credit courses,

U (Unsatisfactory): Unsatisfactory non-credit courses,

P (In Progress): Successful at the end of the first semester for a yearlong course

EX (Exempt): Successful in an exemption exam held by the university,

NI (Not Included): Assigned for course not included in CGPA

NA (No Attendance): Unsuccessful because of not fulfilled the attendance and/or laboratory requirements

T (Transfer): Standing for the received course grade of the transferred students from other departments or universities.

It is not included in CPA calculations. Transfer course grade.

#### Classification of the qualification

A student who obtains a CGPA of 2.00-2.99 is considered as a Satisfactory Student, the one who obtains a CGPA of 3.00-3.49 is considered as a Honours Student, and the one who obtains a CGPA of 3.50-4.00 is considered as a High Honours Student.

#### Graduation Requirements

In order for a student to graduate from Master's Degree (Second Cycle) Programme in CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION, he/she has

- Completed 120 ECTS credits with passing grades (54 ECTS credits for 7 graduate courses, 6 ECTS credits for a Seminar Course, 20 ECTS credits for 2 Special Topics Courses, and 40 ECTS credits for Thesis Studies taken at 2 consecutive semesters).
- A cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 2.50 out of 4.00.

Prepared and defended a thesis successfully.

#### Mode of Study:

Master of Science Programme in CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION at Nigde University is a full time / face to face programme.