

## **General Information**

Turkish Language and Literature Department was founded in 1993. The department which started to accept students in 1993 graduated its first students in 1997. It has been running master degree courses since 1996. Evening classes in our department started in the 2009-2010 period. Nearly 140 students both at day and evening classes begin education at our department every year.

Turkish Language and Literature Department is a four-year-programme which consists of 8 half terms each having 30 ECTS. 1 ECTS refers to 30-hour-workload in one year for one student. 3 Professor, 2 Associate Professors, 8 Assistant Professor serve at our department. The department also has a young and dynamic academic cadre including 2 research assistants who have gone to other universities to do their doctorates. Our department has 5 major fields of study including Turkish Folk Literature, Old Turkish Literature, New Turkish Literature, Old Turkish Language, New Turkish Language. Scientific researches are intensively done at our department.

The students and the lecturers of the department have been in cooperation with many countries have been making exchanges under the scope of Erasmus and Farabi Programs. Double main branch and side branch programs are applied at our department. Double main branch diplomas and side branch certificates are given to the students coming from other departments. Also our students have the right of taking double main branch diploma and side branch certificate from other departments.

In the first year of the programme the Basics of Turkish Literature is given to students to make them orient. Vocational lessons begin in the first term of the second year. In the third and fourth years, while students comprehend the development of Turkish Language in its periods they can concentrate on their favourite subjects with the help of elective courses. Turkish Language and Literature Bachelor's Degree is given to the students who have completed their theses in the 7th and 8th half terms.

The students who manage to graduate from the department by passing all the compulsory and elective courses are titled as the teachers of Turkish language and literature, and they may work as teachers at private schools and at private teaching institutions. If they get formation education, they may also work at schools of the Ministry of National Education.

## Aims and Objectives

### Aims :

To educate individuals who can use the knowledge they have learned at the major fields of Turkish Language and Literature in their vocational life, and who can propose solution for the problems related to the field and who can manage these solutions successfully, and who have developed social skills, and who have the conscious of communal thought not individual thought.

### Objectives :

Our department's main objectives are to increase the number of scientific researches by giving contemporary and modern education and to educate students who tend to do research and observings in the level of making national and international Projects.

### Qualification Awarded

Upon successful completion of this program, students are awarded with the qualification of MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE in TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

### Level of Qualification

Master's Degree with thesis in TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE 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 qualifications 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 Turkish Language and Literature
- 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 TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE at Nigde University.

### Profile of the Programme

Turkish Language and Literature Department has been established with a mission to provide the students a high quality program to follow and learn cutting edge technologies and at the same time to participate actively in applied and theoretical research.

The undergraduate program is designed in accordance with a cooperative education strategy and an understanding of hands-on experience, so that the new trends in the technology can be adapted easily. The program constitutes the foreground in the fields of Energy Systems, Electronics, Communications, Antennas and Microwave Techniques, Control Systems and Signal Processing.

Thus it is aimed to provide the students the skills to apply the knowledge of social problems; to understand different areas of Turkish Language and Literature and to specialize at least in one of them; and to participate in creative and integrative design activities as well.

Undergraduate (Bachelor's Degree) program in Turkish Language and Literature (First Cycle in QF-EHEA and 6th level in TYYÇ ) is an academically-oriented program giving access to degree and non-degree research program and professional practice demanding high levels of knowledge and skills. The classification of the program with respect to "ISCED (The International Standard Classification of Education) 2011" and "NQF-HETR (The Turkish Qualifications Framework for HE)" and the codes of the fields of education can be listed as follows:

- ISCED Field of Education: 22 - Turkish Language and Literature Trades
- ISCED 2011 Level: 7, Orientation (Profile): 74, Subcategory: 747 - Academically-oriented "second cycle", master's degree
- NQF-HETR Field of Education: 22 - Turkish Language and Literature Trades
- NQF-HETR Profile of Education: Academically-oriented "second cycle", master's 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 TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE 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 individual 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
- Field Study
- Report Writing

### Occupational profiles of graduates with examples:

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- NQF-HETR Profile of Education: Academically-oriented "second cycle", master's degree

### Qualification Requirements and Regulations

Master's Degree program (second cycle) in TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE 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 TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

### 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 TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE 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
- 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, 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:

Course Score	Course Grade	Grade Points
90-100	AA	4.00
85-89	BA	3.50
80-84	BB	3.00
75-79	CB	2.50
70-74	CC	2.00
65-69	DC	1.50
60-64	DD	1.00
50-59	FD	0.50
0-49	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.

### Graduation Requirements:

In order for a student to graduate from Master's Degree (Second Cycle) Programme in TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, 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)
- Prepared and defended a thesis successfully.

### Mode of Study:

Master of Science Programme in TURKISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE at Nigde University is a full time / face to face programme.

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