General Information

After the establishment of Niğde University in1992, Master's Degree and Doctoral Degree programs launched in 1996 in the Department of History in Medieval History and Modern History branches at the Institute of Social Sciences.

Various research and training studies are carried out in the context of Turkish History, Culture and Civilization and its relations with other nations and cultures. Also the department aims to train individuals who are interrogator, participatory, dynamic and regards national values and think universally, to serve humanity enabling the education of individuals in the mentioned areas and contribute to the country's unity and integrity and he region's social and cultural development.

Our department aims to contribute to the social sciences using questioning, exploratory and critiqued edition of materials and taking into account the position of the Turkish history in the history of the world in a simultaneous approach of the Turkish history, culture and civilization and in the field of relations with the other nations and cultures and ensure students gain this scientific approach.

The maximum completion time for Master's Degree with thesis in Department of History, Medieval History and Modern History is three years (for detailed information "Niğde University Graduate Education and Examination Regulations " Article 36 should be consulted). In this program, each student is required to complete at least seven courses, seminars, special topics and thesis dissertation. The maximum completion time for Doctoral Degree in Department of History, Medieval History and Modern History is six years for the ones with Master's Degree with thesis and nine years for the ones with Bachelor's Degree (for detailed information "Niğde University Graduate Education and Examination Regulations " Article 51 should be consulted). Those who are accepted to the Doctoral Degree program with Master's Degree with thesis are required to complete a minimum of seven courses, proficiency exam, thesis proposal, specialized field topics and thesis work. They are required to take a total of 30 ECTS each semester and complete 240 credits (for the duration of the course and other details "Niğde University Graduate Education and Examination Regulations" Article 53 should be consulted). Those who are accepted to the Doctoral Degree program with Bachelor's Degree are required to complete a minimum of 14 courses, seminar, proficiency exam, thesis proposal, specialized field topics and thesis work (for the duration of the course and other details "Niğde University Graduate Education and Examination Regulations" Article 53 should be consulted). Institute of Social Sciences, Department of History has a young, dynamic and competent academic staff housing a professor and nine assistant professors.

Students are required to complete a total of 240 credits in order to graduate from the Master's Degree of the Department of History, for Doctoral Degree the ones with Master's Degree are required to complete a total of 240 credits and the ones with Bachelor's Degree are required to complete a total of 300 credits.

Aims and Objectives

Aims :

To know all the methods of research and investigation within the scope of the science of history, carry out scientific research independently using the methods of research and investigation, to be appropriate and suitable for effective cooperation between other disciplines and have the potential, be sensitive to protection and maintenance of, culture, art, and natural assets, have contemporary thinking skills, provide practical solutions to solve a problem in the field of history and have the ability to successfully manage these solutions, have awareness to look at the events from a social perspective as well as the individual perspective.

Objectives :

The main objectives of the department is to train the historians of the future to deal with the problems, needs and deficiencies that will arise in the field of the different periods and processes as researchers, academics, teachers, and etc., gain knowledge and different perspectives, develop analytical thinking skills, train high-quality and well-equipped students, raise individuals who are full of love for the country and the nation, regard the country's interests over the interests of themselves, determined, devoted and responsible, guide students to research and study, increase creativity and productivity and train students with an inquisitive, exploratory, creative, and integrative perspective.

Qualification Awarded

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

Level of Qualification

Master's Degree with thesis in HİSTORY 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 ALES (Entrance Exam for Academic Personnel and Postgraduate Education) with minimum score of 80 (or equivalent) whose to have a First Cycle (BSc) degree and with minimum score of 60 (or equivalent) whose to have a Second Cycle (Master's) degree.
- To have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 80 out of 100 whose to have a First Cycle (BSc) degree and to have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 75 out of 100 whose to have a Second Cycle (Master's) degree.
- To have with minimum score of 55 a foreign language proficiency from national exams such as YDS (Foreign Language Proficiency Test), 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.
- 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

According to the Nigde University Graduate Education and Exam Regulation, students studying at the Nigde University may be exempted from some of the courses.

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 other's Degree programme in Business Administration Program at Nigde University.

In accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, students should apply in the time periods specified for the exemption, which is also subject to the approval of the Institute's Board of Directors.

Profile of the Programme

Graduate Programs in History ("Second and Third Cycle" in QF-EHEA and "7the and 8th Level" in TYYÇ) is an academically-oriented program giving access to 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:** 22 - Human Sciences

•**ISCED 2011 Level: 8, Orientation (Profile): 64, Subcategory: 645** – Academically-oriented "Third Cycle" degree

• **NQF-HETR Field of Education: 22** - History

• **NQF-HETR Profile of Education:** Academically-oriented "Third 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 Doctorate's Degree program in History 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 indivusal 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

The graduate students of our department can not only work in the private schools and courses, but also teach by taking place in the staff of National Education Ministry if they become successful in KPSS. In addition, they can work as an expert and assistant at the Ministry of Culture, the State Archives, the Archives of General Staff and the Turkish Historical Society and they are employed as academics at various universities or work at the departments of army, justice and the police forces.

Qualification Requirements and Regulations

Master's Degree program (second cycle) in HİSTORY 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 HİSTORY.

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 HİSTORY 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:

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.

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 HİSTORY, 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 HİSTORY at Nigde University is a full time / face to face programme.

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