

## **General Information**

The Department of Public Finance at Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University was established in 2008 as fourth department within the structure of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences. The department has not started teaching yet. The department aims to educate students who examine and analyze the financial events, the latest developments occurring in the field of finance, financial developments in critical and analytical way of understanding, interpretation and evaluation of complex and competitive business environment, skills development. For these purposes, students will be given the courses such as finance, tax, accounting, economics, statistics, mathematics and law, the fiscal theory, tax law, tax system, the state budget, local administrations, the judiciary.

Graduate students are required to complete a total of 120 ECTS courses, seminars and dissertations in order to complete the program successfully. In addition, graduate students can continue part of their education in the European Union countries through bilateral agreements made under the Erasmus program.

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 programme aims at providing individuals who will work as experts in the public or private sectors with advanced knowledge and skills in the field of public finance and enabling them to be able to analyse the field related information and interpret them using the information they obtained from diverse fields, to make evaluation and propose solutions. The programme also intends to prepare the students for the PhD programme.

#### **Objectives:**

The main objective of the program is; to raise competent personnel in the field of finance that will contribute to the country and humanity. In order to achieve this goal, national, international and international standards are used in the context of EU harmonization process, knowledge, techniques, methods and course material.

### **Qualification Awarded**

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

### **Level of Qualification**

**Master's Degree with thesis in PUBLIC FINANCE** 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 "7thLevel" qualifications of the Turkish Qualifications Framework for HE (TYYÇ, NQF-HETR), as well as the "7thLevel" requirements of the qualifications of the European Qualifications Framework for Life long Learning(EQF-LLL)in terms of the level descriptors.

QF-EHEA: 2. Level

EQF-LLL : 7. Level

### **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 the students with Turkish Nationality:

- To have a First Cycle (BSc) degree in The Public Administration
- 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 languages core is evaluated as 0.
- The candidates with a Bachelor's Degree from a broad 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 within complete 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 Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University International Office.

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#### **Specific Arrangements for Recognition of Prior Learning**

Successful postgraduate student of Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University or another institution of other higher education after at least one semester, may apply continue his/her education in our master programme. For applications to be considered; the quota of master degree lateral transfer has to be announced by the department. The candidates must meet the admission requirements and get successful grades (that can be found at the specified grade classification in Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University Educational Regulations) from at least one semester of taken courses. The acceptance and orientation of students whose lateral transfer is deemed suitable by the head of department council is approved with the decision of the institute executive board.

<http://static.ohu.edu.tr/uniweb/media/portallar/egitimbilimlerienstitusu//sayfalar/3784/atohnxmu.pdf>

#### **Profile of the Programme**

Graduate (Master's Degree) program with thesis in Public Finance (Second Cycle in QF-EHEA and 7th 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:

SCED Field of Education: 34 Business and Management sciences

ISCED 2011 Level: 7, Orientation (Profile): 74, Subcategory: 747 - Academically-oriented "second cycle", master's degree

NQF-HETR Field of Education: 34 – Business and Management sciences

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 Niğde Ömer Halisdemir 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 PUBLIC FINANCE programme 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**

After graduating from the Public Finance Program, students can be employed in some of the prestigious national and international companies, especially in the public sector, depending on the courses and interests they have taken.

They can also apply to PhD programs in Turkey or abroad.

### **Qualification Requirements and Regulations**

Master's Degree program (second cycle) in PUBLIC FINANCE 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 in the program.

For detailed information: Please see "Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University's Rules & Regulations for Graduate Education" Access to Further Studies

Students who successfully complete this program may apply to doctoral programs in related fields.

### **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 PUBLIC FINANCE 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 are 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 year long 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

For further information please visit the "Note Evaluation" section.

### **Graduation Requirements**

In order for a student to graduate from Master's Degree (Second Cycle) Programme in PUBLIC FINANCE, 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.

### **Teaching Style**

Master of Science Programme in PUBLIC FINANCE at Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University is a full time/face to face programme.

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