

Eurasian Studies Master's Program with Thesis

General Information

Master's Program with Thesis in Eurasian Studies commencing with the proposal of Mahmud Kashgari Uyghur-Chinese Research Center at Nigde University within the scope of Social Sciences Institute will conduct academic and scientific studies on detecting and handling problems in the economics, international relations, language, literature, history, art history, sociology, geography etc. between countries and communities of Eurasia with the interdisciplinary approach. The program hereby aims at raising specialized staff on socio-culture, socio-economic, socio-politic, geo-culture and geo-politics of countries and communities that Eurasian countries and communities including especially Turkey need.

Within the Department of Eurasia Studies, there are 22 (twenty two) academic members involving 8 (eight) professors, 6 (six) associate professors and 8 (eight) assistant professors at total so as to provide an education at post graduate level.

Post graduate students are obligatory to fulfill courses, seminar and thesis with 120 ECTS in order to complete the program successfully. Furthermore, post graduate students can maintain their education partially in Eurasia regions through Mevlana and bilateral agreements **within the framework of Dual Degree** programs.

Students who are graduated from this program can maintain their education with doctorate program in case of fulfilling necessary requirements in accordance with Postgraduate Education and Examination Regulation of Social Sciences Institute, Nigde University.

Examinations at Nigde University are conducted in accordance with Postgraduate Education and Examination Regulation of Social Sciences Institute, Nigde University in relation to student workload during Bologna process.

Aims and Objectives

Aim:

Primary aim of this program is to provide universal postgraduate education and teaching by taking continuous development in regional studies as a goal and to raise researchers and experts to contribute national and international accumulation of knowledge through developing interdisciplinary relations. Moreover, it also aims at contributing to raise effective, participative and innovative individuals for especially Turkey and other countries and communities within Eurasia. In sum, aims of this program are as follows:

1. To raise experts in regions to be employed within various levels of state.
2. To raise scientists specialized in Eurasia studies and various cultural groups.
3. To raise individuals with skills of impressing and communicating people around them by evaluating social events and various culture patterns.
4. To provide skills of making a prediction and planning the future by acting with history and historical events.
5. To raise generations who think for not themselves but society and culture they live in and they are member of and generation having the information and equipment.

Objective:

Primary objectives of the Department of Eurasia Studies are to raise individuals who are innovative within the framework of basic values of university and postgraduate education and are leading to social development process with creative researches, are preferred at national and international level, strengthen cooperation between university and the graduate, are thinking critical, interrogating and respectful for human rights for the future of country in the light of high humanity values. In this context, Eurasia Studies Program summarizes its objectives as such:

1. To provide modern education addressing to Turkish world and its surrounding in all its aspects.
2. To raise expert staff bridging between countries and communities of Turkey and Eurasian region.
3. To raise qualitative and equipped students having full knowledge of Turkish world and problems and generating solution for them.
4. To contribute enhancing scientific studies for Eurasia region and regional values.
5. To develop and implement national and international scientific projects in relation to this field.
6. To direct students to the researches and examinations in this field.
7. To contribute developments in interdisciplinary education-teaching and researches.

Level- National qualifications framework for higher education in Turkey (NQF-HETR) and level of cycle.

Graduate program with thesis of the Department of Eurasia Studies is two years program involving 30 ECTS at each academic term which is 120 ECTS at total. This program satisfies ECTS conditions and cycle qualifications specified for First Level defined in “[Qualification Frameworks in European Higher Education Area \(QF-EHEA\)](#)” of Bologna process and 7. Level qualifications defined in “[National qualifications framework for higher education in Turkey](#)” and also “7. Level” qualifications defined in “[European Qualification Frameworks in Lifelong Learning \(EQF-LLL\)](#)”

Endowed Degree

For students who complete the program successfully, master’s degree at the Department of Eurasia Studies is endowed.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements shall be decided in accordance with regulations specified by the Council of Higher Education in Turkey. Information on necessary requirements for application and admission for the graduate programs shall be announced on website of the university in every academic year beginning. Following requirements shall be effective for both Turkish and foreign national students:

- To have undergraduate academic degree
- Providing the minimum score of 55 necessary from ALES (Academic Personnel and Graduate Study Entrance Exam) –or minimum score from equivalent exams-
- Providing the minimum score necessary from YDS (Foreign Language Knowledge Placement Test) at national level or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) acknowledged by Inter-University Council at international level or TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Students who do not have foreign language proficiency can also apply however their points shall be calculated as 0.
- Candidates who have taken their undergraduate degree at abroad shall be required to receive certificate of equivalence from Higher Education Council.
- ALES results are valid for three years.

- Candidates are required to apply personally. Applications with missing documents shall not be evaluated.

For further information, please visit [Postgraduate Admission and Registration Procedures](#) within Institutional Information menu.

For further information on admission requirements of foreign students, please contact with [International Relations Department of Nigde University](#) or Mahmud Kashgari Uyghur-Chinese Research and Application Center at Nigde University

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Recognition of Former Courses

Students who take education at Nigde University can be exempt from some courses in accordance with the [Postgraduate Education-teaching and Examination Regulation at Nigde University](#). Nigde University recognizes courses taken from another educational institution by

grounding on lifelong learning. In case learning outcomes of these courses correspond with the registered program at Nigde University, these courses are exempt from graduate ECTS.

In accordance with the related laws and regulations, students shall be required to apply within the period specified for the exemption and confirmation of the exemption by Council of the Institute is also required.

Profile of the Program

Master's program in the Department of Eurasian Studies offers multi-dimensional education opportunity by the reason of its being interdisciplinary department based on synthesizing of various disciplines within social sciences. Students can select courses including Economics, International Relations, Management and Organization, Turkish Language and Dialects, History, Art History, Sociology, Geography and Social Anthropology specified in the Master's Program in the Department of Eurasian Studies.

Master's Program in the Department of Eurasian Studies (First Level within the framework of Bologna Process, Higher Education Qualifications, 7. Level in NQF-HETR) is an academic intensive program which offers required qualifications to the graduate students for advancing in the professional practice areas, research areas and doctoral program which require advanced level of information, skills and competence. The classification and educational field codes of this program pursuant to "[International Standard Classification of Education \(ISCED\) 2011](#)" and "[National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education in Turkey \(NQF-HETR\)](#)" are as follows:

- ISCED Educational Field Code: 31 – Social and behavioral science
- ISCED Level of Competence: 7, Category (Profile): 74 Sub-category: 747 – Academic Intensive Master's Degree
- National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education in Turkey (NQF-HETR) Basic Field Code: 31- Social and behavioral science
- National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education in Turkey (NQF-HETR) Type of Competence (profile): Academic intensive "7. Level" master's degree

Education Methods

The most commonly used education methods in the programs at Nigde University are indicated below. Programs utilize from most of the methods listed in this list according to aims and objectives. Education methods that the program use so as to achieve targeted program learning outputs as a whole are indicated in the “program learning outputs” and the methods in relation to the course within the program are indicated in “information on course overview and application ”.

Examples from Education Methods

- Course and classroom tasks
- Field study
- Group work
- Archive/Library work
- Reading
- Homework
- Project preparation
- Seminar
- Technical visit
- Network-based learning
- Application
- Application on site
- Professional activity
- Social Activity
- Thesis Preparation
- Field related literature study
- Report writing

Profession Profiles of the Graduate with examples

Students graduated from the Master’s program in the Department of Eurasian Studies have the opportunity to be employed both in the public institutions including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, TİKA (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency), YTB, MIT (National Intelligence Organization), Ministry of Interior and also in the national and international organizations according to courses and their area of interests. Furthermore, graduate students

can also be employed in institutions carrying out various scientific researches, can produce projects and can be academician. The graduate students can also serve as a consultant and translator in agencies, institutes and also to people investing in Eurasian region.

Moreover, graduate students can do doctorate at universities in Turkey and other Eurasian regions. They also participate in the projects and R&D activities that can offer a solution to social problems in Eurasian region.

Competence Requirements & Regulations

MASTER'S DEGREE in the Department of Eurasian Studies is awarded to the students with minimum 2.5/4.00 General Academic Average, who defended the thesis successfully and passed all courses (120 ECTS) in the program with minimum CB or S grade.

For detailed information, please see "[Nigde University, Regulation on Graduate Education and Examinations](#)".

Academic Progress Opportunities

Students who completed this program successfully can apply to doctoral program in the DEPARTMENT OF EURASIAN STUDIES or in the related field.

Regulations for examination, Assessment and Grading System

Methods used for measuring whether learning outputs of the program projected within the framework of Master's Program in the Department of Eurasian Studies are obtained or not are indicated below. As for outputs in relation to course units, they are demonstrated together with contribution to final examination grading in course descriptions part.

- Mid-term Exam
- Final Exam
- Make-up Exam
- Homework Assessment
- Reporting
- Presentation with computer
- Thesis Presentation

- Document Presentation
- Producing project

Exams:

Mid-term and final exams are carried out in date, location and schedule designated and announced by university. Students' final exam grading is given by instructors on the basis of mid-term exam, homework assessment and final exam results and by taking "course attendance" into consideration.

For the determination of final grading, the contribution of activities within the term is maximum 40 % and the contribution of final exam is 60% for all courses in all master's program specified in the Regulation.

Assessment:

The success of student is assessed pursuant to the assessment described for each course (activities within the term and final) by instructor. Assessment is conducted over 100 points.

The student who receives one of the grades including AA, BA, BB, CB and S (Successful) from the course is entitled as successful at this course. Academic success of the students is determined by calculating the mid-term academic average and general academic average over 4.00 and it is announced at the end of each term. Multiplication of the ECTS of one course by final grade weight accounts for weighted score. Mid-term academic average is calculated with division of total weighted scores got from required courses in the term within course plan by total ECTS of courses. Yearly courses are included into the spring term academic average. General academic average is calculated with division of total weighted points to be calculated on the basis of final grades received from all compulsory courses students are required to take within study period by total ECTS (120 ECTS) of the received courses. Final grade and weights of courses are determined as follows:

Grade	Letter Grade	Coefficient
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 detailed information, please visit "Grade Evaluation" section.

Graduation Requirements

In order for to graduate a student is required to from the DEPARTMENT OF EURASIAN STUDIES Master's Program the following requirements must be met:

- Completion of 120 ECTS as passing grade (54 ECTS for 7 graduate courses, 6 ECTS for Seminar Course, 20 ECTS for two Special Field Courses and 40 ECTS for Thesis Studies repeatedly made during two semesters)
- Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 out of 4.00
- Prepare and successfully defend the thesis

Mode of Study

Nigde University Graduate School of Social Sciences the Department of Eurasian Studies Master's Program is a full time and face to face program.

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