



**SOCIAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY  
OF ANKARA**

# ASBU





**ASBU** is  
the **only** and the **first**  
**social science** oriented  
state **university**  
in **Türkiye**



## Rector's Message



Dear Students and Esteemed Academics,

Welcome to Türkiye's first thematic university in the field of social sciences!

If you are interested in the phenomena related to humans and societies and wish to advance in the field of social sciences, the Social Sciences University of Ankara (ASBU) is the ideal choice. ASBU is a young, dynamic state university with a strong vision for social sciences. Its commitment to social science-oriented activities drives ASBU to make significant progress in these disciplines and strive to become a leader in its field as part of its mission and vision. Given the complexities and challenges of social sciences, ASBU aims to provide a supportive environment for confident researchers with high intellectual capacity and entrepreneurial spirit.

ASBU, a city university located in Ulus, is situated in the historic city center along the route from Ankara Castle and Haji Bayram Wali to the First Grand National Assembly of Türkiye. This remarkable location combines elements of history, art, wisdom, and knowledge, creating a unique environment that serves as a "social laboratory." It offers a stimulating learning atmosphere, enabling observations and social experiments on campus.

The educational goal at ASBU is to raise intellectuals who are needed across various sectors of society, including public, private, and civil life. The aim is not just to provide standard education for average graduates to meet market demands. To equip students with social innovation skills alongside specialised knowledge, ASBU encourages both students and faculty to participate in institutional research projects, engage in national and international exchange programs, and take part in in-service training opportunities at major national and international organizations. This approach ensures that students actively participate in small classroom settings.

As a research-oriented university, ASBU prioritizes postgraduate programs while promoting an interdisciplinary approach to address the complexity of social events. The university has expertise in specific areas through its multiple research centers and strives to explore social phenomena in both Eastern and Western contexts, transcending national and local boundaries via its various institutes. Additionally, ASBU aims to implement both short-term and long-term large-scale projects through cooperation and collaboration.



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The ASBU Research and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem hosts a variety of structures. One of the most important actors within this ecosystem is the ASBU Sosyokent Technology Development Zone. This unique model, which has few counterparts globally, aims to generate solutions to social problems, connect scientific knowledge with societal needs, and implement these solutions through concrete applications. Sosyokent brings together entrepreneurs who produce innovative ideas for social challenges with segments of society seeking solutions to these problems, under an institutional framework. Additionally, Sosyokent supports the systematic execution of social innovation activities through its affiliated centers, laboratories, and support offices, thus facilitating more effective interaction among stakeholders.

Another component of the ASBU Research and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem was established under the Project for the Development of Interdisciplinary Research Infrastructure. The Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Research Infrastructure (DİSAP), which is the first of its kind in Türkiye, is supported by the Presidency of Strategy and Budget. It aims to strengthen R&D capacity in the social sciences and increase research activities in line with a sustainable development vision. This project envisions the development of an integrated and nationwide structure that includes various interactive research laboratories, a shared human resources pool, common social areas, research centers, and stakeholders from the public sector, private sector, and civil society organizations (CSOs).

Another actor within the ecosystem is the Institute for Social Research and Innovation, established in 2022. The Institute aims to design, develop, and deliver to society interdisciplinary research in emerging fields in response to the paradigm shift in the social sciences. It will contribute to enhancing academic capacity and support scientific research and training of researchers within an "interdisciplinary research infrastructure" that will accelerate both scientific advancement and Türkiye's development.

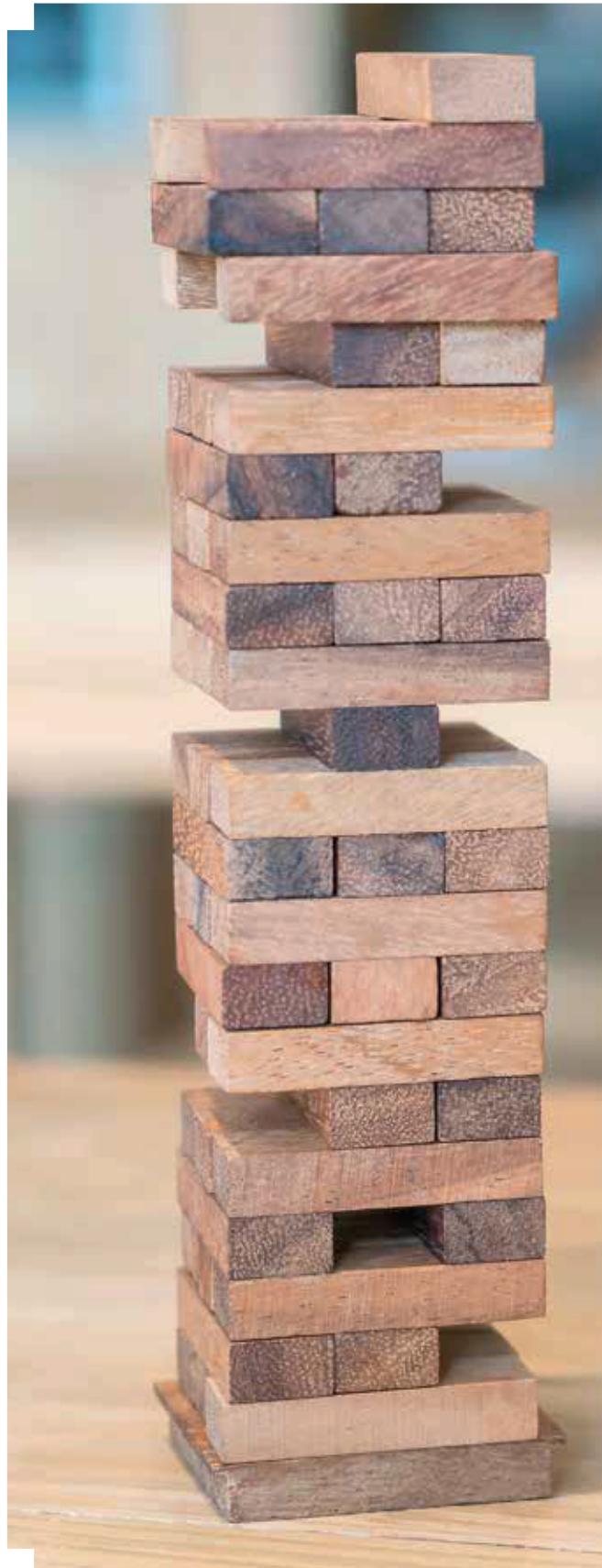
Transforming its innovative approach in the social sciences into an institutional framework, ASBU takes a pioneering step with the Institute for Social Research and Innovation (SAYE). Developed in collaboration with Bilkent, METU, Hacettepe, and Marmara Universities, this next-generation institute model aims to lead interdisciplinary projects in the field of social sciences and to train highly qualified researchers. SAYE is committed not only to producing academic knowledge but also to generating innovative solutions that translate this knowledge into social benefit. By integrating education, research, and practice, SAYE significantly strengthens ASBU's vision of becoming a national and international point of reference in the social sciences.

ASBU, located in the heart of Türkiye's capital city, aims to be a strategic center for transforming knowledge into valuable assets for both the private and civil sectors through its focus on social entrepreneurship. It will serve as a hub for individuals and organisations seeking solutions, transformation, change, and progress. In addition to its social contributions in the areas of education, research, and social entrepreneurship, ASBU is committed to fulfilling its mission through various local, national, and international social responsibility projects and activities. As social entrepreneurs in an educational research environment supported and encouraged by ASBU, we aspire to provide services within the framework of social responsibility by collaborating on innovative initiatives.

I warmly invite you to join our distinguished academic community, where intellectual inquiry is guided by a strong sense of purpose and social responsibility. At the Social Sciences University of Ankara, we are dedicated to advancing the frontiers of social sciences through research, innovation, and collaboration. We look forward to your contributions as we work together to generate knowledge, inspire change, and build a better society.

**Prof. Musa Kazım ARICAN**  
**Rector**





## ASBU University Model

Social Sciences University of Ankara (ASBU) was founded in 2013 as a state university at the center of the capital city (Ankara) in Türkiye.

### ASBU;

- is research oriented,
- is dedicated to postgraduate study,
- acknowledges the importance of international cooperation,
- prioritizes the most current areas of research,
- is a leader in the development of social science education in Türkiye,
- has one of the most extensive libraries in Türkiye,
- is multilingual and multicultural,
- positively contributes to university's surrounding community, and
- has a strong ambition to contribute to the community in general.

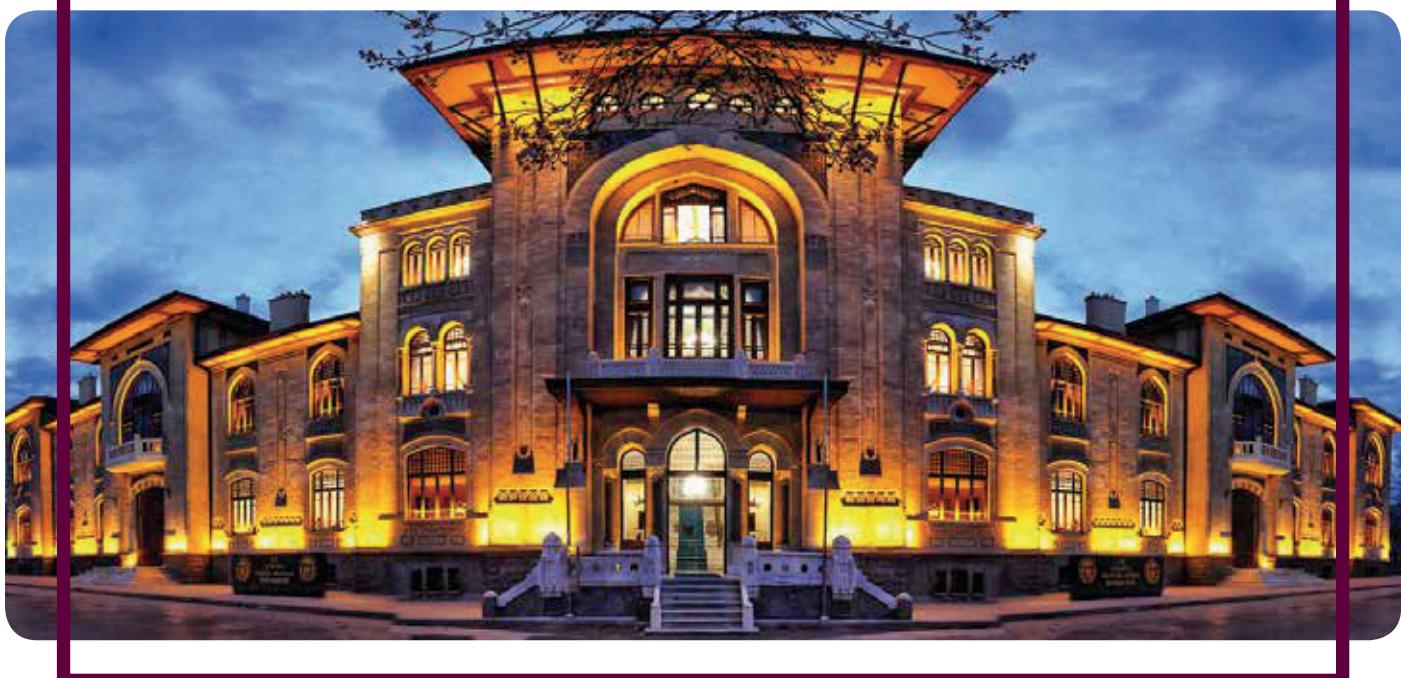


# Vision

Our vision, as the Social Sciences University of Ankara, is to become a prominent research university at global scale with multilingual and multicultural profile, using high tech at historic buildings, embracing the whole world with its scope, giving priority to international collaboration, through focusing on undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Our mission, in line with the universal human values, is to have a leading role in the development of research as to the field of social sciences in Türkiye, to shed light on the future of the region and the country alike through the research in social sciences, to contribute to the “universe” of researchers, and to transfer the outputs collected from research into the benefit of society.

# Mission





## ASBU University Profile

### ASBU as a city university

ASBU is located in Ulus, at the old city center on the road from the Ankara Castle-Hacı Bayram Wali to the First Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, being the most spectacular parts of Ankara.

Combining history, art, wisdom and knowledge, this exceptional place is itself a "social laboratory", stimulating learning environment, and a campus offering observations and social experiments. Thus ASBU offers an integrated atmosphere with the rest of the society.

As a city university ASBU has buildings across Ulus where there is a greater range of options for students.

The main ASBU campus comprises several historical and culturally important buildings in the historical Ulus neighborhood of Ankara. Via the influx of the national and international academic and administrative staff and students, ASBU will positively contribute to the intellectual, social, economic, and cultural transformation and development of the community surrounding the university.





## ASBU as a research-oriented university

ASBU is a research-oriented university for both undergraduate and graduate studies.

ASBU university model focus on research centers. Social problems and possible solutions are discussed firstly in research centers. Then discussions about problems and the possible solutions become publications such as reports, books, articles, papers and so on which aims to offer a specific contribution to the solution of social problems.

While institutes of the university reproduces the problems and solutions discussed in the research centers by feeding master's and doctoral programs, faculties of the university aim to disseminate this information.

The university model of ASBU which focuses on research centers is conscious and determined choice. This university model focus on original information production and it enables information to be used, spread and sustainable.

As a research-oriented university, ASBU aims at giving priority to postgraduate programs, disseminating and deepening the interdisciplinary approach required by the complexity of social events, having expertise in certain areas through its several research centres, discovering the social phenomena of Eastern and Western worlds beyond national/local borders through its various institutes, and realising short and long term big scale projects via cooperations and collaborations.

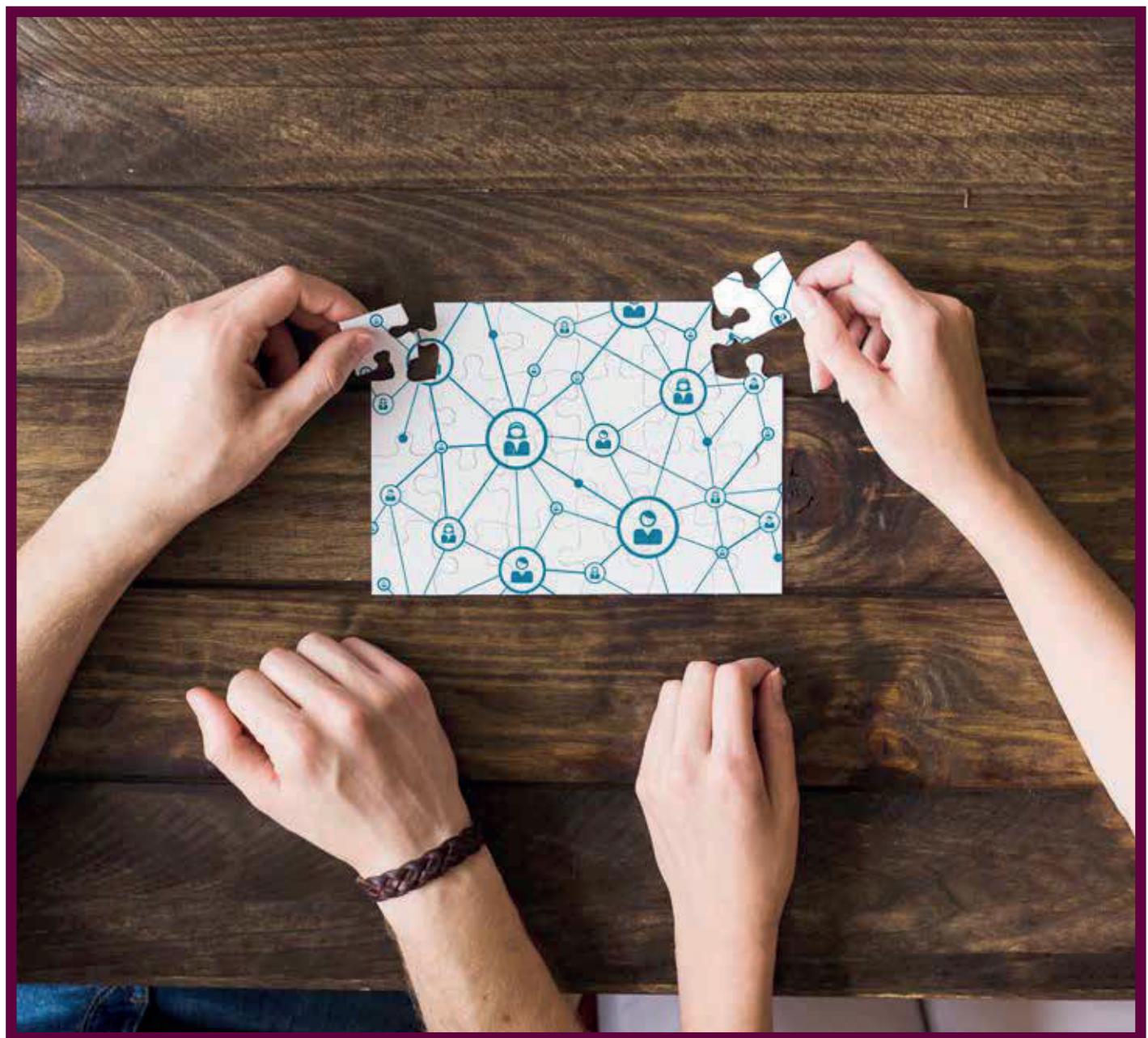
Among the university's primary aims is the publication of social sciences research that positively contributes to the international literature. To that end, ASBU encourages its academic staff and students to engage in national-international scientific projects, and supports their effective use of social sciences research funds provided by national and international bodies.



## Interdisciplinary Approach

Undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of ASBU are designed in a manner that support interdisciplinary activities and enable our students to be informed about the output of various disciplines.

Our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes provide opportunities for our students to choose from a large pool of elective courses from different departments, and in this manner, enhance their knowledge in the chosen field of their own interest.





## Active Studentship

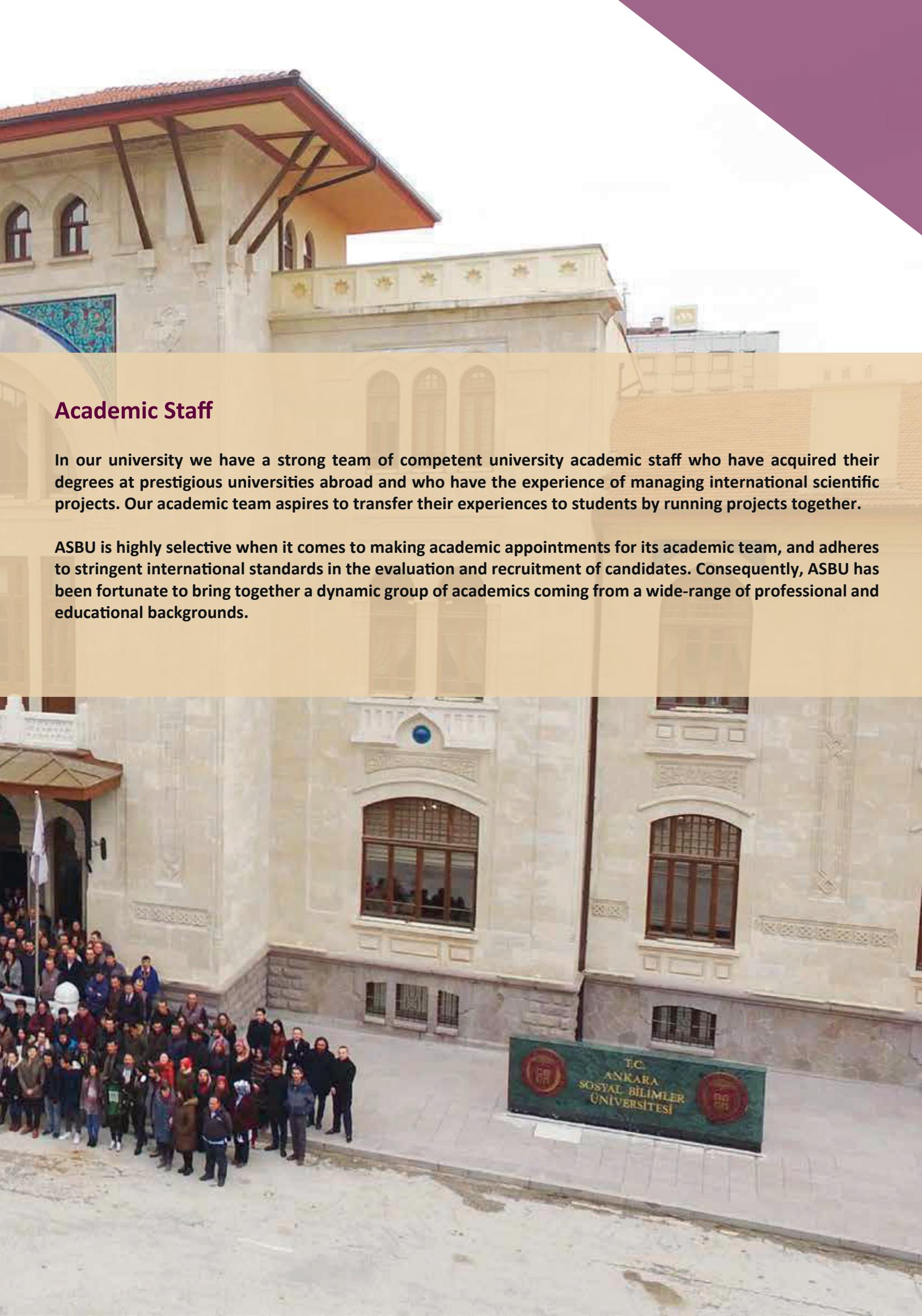
At ASBU, our students are regarded as active participants in learning processes; our aim is to equip them with skills, which will enable them to acquire critical knowledge, to evaluate and to interpret it after assessing it analytically and critically, and to apply it to current affairs and discussions.

Our education at ASBU is not limited to theoretical knowledge; we aim to teach our students research methods and processes by enrolling them actively in research projects and by assigning them tasks and responsibilities.

In this way, our students will not only be participants in theoretical and conceptual discussions, but also become knowledgeable about the national and international institutions that are active in their fields of interest and to develop contacts with them.

Our University offers extra-curricular programmes to improve the non-academic skills of our students, to provide opportunities for participation in social activities at their leisure time.





## Academic Staff

In our university we have a strong team of competent university academic staff who have acquired their degrees at prestigious universities abroad and who have the experience of managing international scientific projects. Our academic team aspires to transfer their experiences to students by running projects together.

ASBU is highly selective when it comes to making academic appointments for its academic team, and adheres to stringent international standards in the evaluation and recruitment of candidates. Consequently, ASBU has been fortunate to bring together a dynamic group of academics coming from a wide-range of professional and educational backgrounds.



## ASBU Sosyokent Technopark

ASBU Sosyokent has been positioned as a key component of the university's research and entrepreneurship ecosystem design. As a Technology Development Zone, ASBU Sosyokent aims to specialize in social innovation and entrepreneurship with the goal of contributing to the resolution of social problems in Türkiye and the wider region.

ASBU Sosyokent is located within the ASBU Main Campus, covering a 7,090 m<sup>2</sup> area situated at the heart of the campus. This area consists of two buildings and a garden-parking lot. Both historical buildings were reinforced for earthquake resistance and restored by ASBU in accordance with their original structure. The buildings within the zone consist of two independent blocks.

ASBU Sosyokent brings together entrepreneurs who generate innovative ideas to address social challenges and segments of society seeking solutions to these problems under an institutional framework. It supports the systematic implementation of social innovation activities and fosters more effective interaction among stakeholders through its affiliated centers, laboratories, and support offices. These services not only provide entrepreneurs with access to the university's social science research infrastructure but also contribute to the development and commercialization of products and services.

Since August 2022, ASBU Sosyokent has started accepting entrepreneurs' R&D projects into the zone. It is the first technology development zone in Türkiye to specialize in social entrepreneurship and innovation. Numerous high-impact social benefit projects are being carried out in areas such as climate change, local business mapping, health-focused solutions, smart city solutions, management information systems, and institutional system design. A shared incubation office has also been launched to include and support young entrepreneurs.

The ASBU Research and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem is a collaborative model that brings together scientific research and development, research infrastructure, application centers, postgraduate education, and the Technopark, representing entrepreneurs. The primary mission of Technoparks is to commercialize knowledge in order to address social problems and ultimately enhance the country's competitiveness. The objective is not merely to establish a Technopark, but to design the support mechanisms and infrastructure needed by entrepreneurs within it, and to increase R&D capacity for developing scientific and technological knowledge that can be commercialized.



## Multilingual Education



With the help of the Language Studies Center, the university provides its students the opportunity to learn other foreign languages in addition to English, according to their area interest, in an environment that facilitates broadening of the their horizons through use of language.



### Faculty of Political Science

Faculty of Political Science has been established with the aim of becoming a research faculty that produces, rather than solely disseminates, knowledge that will have an impact on social, political, economic, administrative and international areas.

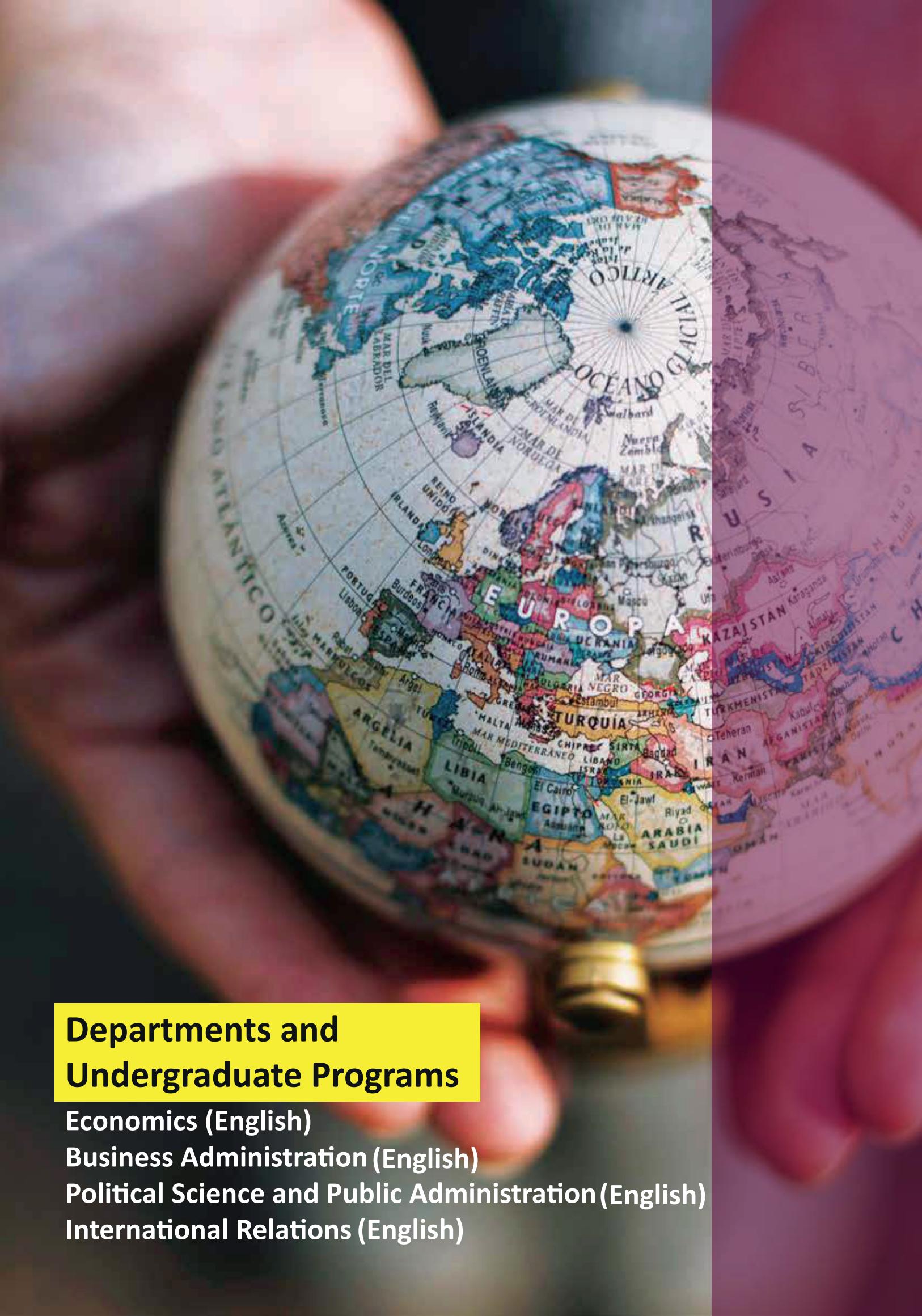
In accordance with its institutional philosophy, our Faculty takes advantage of being a new institution, focusing on the quality, originality and value of teaching and research, moving away from traditional and established understandings and practices that are generally still adhered to despite their limited contribution.

Within this framework, our Faculty aims to produce high quality and original knowledge that contributes to a holistic understanding of contemporary issues and resolving problems, at local as well as global levels, in Türkiye as well as in different parts of the world, in the areas of Economics, Business Administration, Political Science and Public Administration and International Relations. Our Faculty also strives to generate students with a strong command and understanding of current problems and disputes in Türkiye and the world, who are also well connected with a wide range of local and international networks.

Consequently, our Faculty regards enrolled students as active contributors to learning and teaching processes. In this context, students are not passive recipients of lectures and reproducers of knowledge in exams, but engaged actors, who actively take part in projects and in research processes. Therefore, our aim is to equip graduating students with advanced skills to acquire, to evaluate, and to interpret knowledge, after assessing it analytically and critically.

Faculty of Political Science consists of four departments that reflect our international orientation, multi-disciplinary and research-intensive character and entrepreneurship. The language of instruction is English. In addition to English, our students are encouraged to learn a second language. The expertise and experience of our University in foreign languages, provides our students with a competitive advantage in international exchange programs.





## **Departments and Undergraduate Programs**

**Economics (English)**

**Business Administration (English)**

**Political Science and Public Administration (English)**

**International Relations (English)**



## Faculty of Foreign Languages

Faculty of Foreign Languages, as the first and only of its kind, aims to teach and conduct research in depth on the languages, literatures and cultures of world nations. The reason behind the foundation of our Faculty as an independent unit from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities is to draw attention to the richness and necessity of this scholarship in the humanities, and to conduct research and educational activities which are of high quality, authenticity and benefit for all the society.

Our Faculty believes that it is no longer an option, but an obligation to comprehend other cultures and to be in communication with these cultures in the globalised world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in an age when communication at the speed of light from the Pacific to the Mediterranean is more than a possibility. In this day and age, an event in a distant place may have effects in our country. From this starting point, our Faculty aims to raise individuals who have high-level language skills, critical thinking and writing abilities, and are able to read analytically into different cultures and literatures through cultural and literary texts they have produced, in order to contribute to our country's efficiency and effectiveness in global politics and cultural relations.



### Departments and Undergraduate Programs

English Language and Literature

Translation and Interpreting

- Japanese Translation and Interpreting
- Russian Translation and Interpreting
- Chinese Translation and Interpreting
- Spanish Translation and Interpreting

Arabic Language and Literature

Chinese Language and Literature

Spanish Language and Literature

## Faculty of Divinity (30% English)

Faculty of Divinity aims to build interdisciplinary relations with the other religious programs and other social sciences and humanities.

Faculty of Divinity includes different fields of studies, and it conducts interdisciplinary research. The development of the programs will be ensured through building strong close relations in-between departments for research and education and with the help of methodologies and support of other departments. In the principles of the program, both research methods and techniques of Basic Islamic Studies and Philosophy and Religion Studies will be focused on. Also, with the Islamic History and Arts courses included in the curriculum, students will be able to acquire knowledge and different perspectives. Combining the opportunities of different disciplines in terms of methodology and practice, the school will decorate students with the abilities to help them reflect this knowledge in real life and find themselves in social environments. With its multi-perspective approach, the Faculty will have an advantageous status in terms of understanding, interpreting and analyzing social, psychological and philosophical dimensions of religion. Indeed, Islamic History and Arts Disciplines, especially Calligraphy and Religious Music, will function as a tool for the development of both researchers' and students' spiritual well-being and sensitivity.

## Departments and Undergraduate Programs

Philosophy and Religious Studies

Department of Islamic History and Arts

Department of Basic Islamic Studies





## Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

The primary educational and research objectives of our Faculty are to provide a greater understanding of the basic structures of societies, determining their needs and responding to those needs. With this objective in mind, there is a recognized need for an interdisciplinary approach that effectively brings together the knowledge and methods from different disciplines in order to better understand the foundations, general functions, and basic problems prevalent within various societies.

Our Faculty aims to be at the forefront of academic research and instruction in the social sciences by reinforcing an interdisciplinary approach between different subjects.

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities recognizes critical thinking as an indispensable constituent of both education and a well-rounded individual. Therefore, our aim is to provide the necessary education and knowledge to our students for them to excel in the modern world. Our priority is to equip students with the required theoretical and practical knowhow that they may positively contribute to today's changing world.



## Faculty of Law (30% English)



Faculty of Law aims to educate its graduate students with advanced knowledge of the law, as well as hone their research skills to provide our students with a comparative advantage for careers in both academia and practice. Our students will be instructed in accord with democratic principles, human rights, and the universal doctrines of law.



## Faculty of Communication

In today's world, where communication technologies have become digital, global, and interactive, our faculty approaches media and communication studies with an analytical, contemporary, and interdisciplinary perspective. Under the New Media and Communication Department, we aim to respond to societal needs by developing theoretical and practical foundations centered on the transformations occurring in media and communication fields.

Our department plans to offer education that combines fundamental knowledge of social and human sciences with foreign language proficiency, intercultural communication skills, expertise in new media technologies, and professional specialization.

In addition to enhancing communication skills, our goal is to teach communication topics through an interdisciplinary approach. By focusing on new media technologies, we provide education in critical media studies, intercultural communication, and applied communication, preparing our students for the societal and professional demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Furthermore, by integrating various fields and activities from the social sciences, we prepare our students for the academic world.

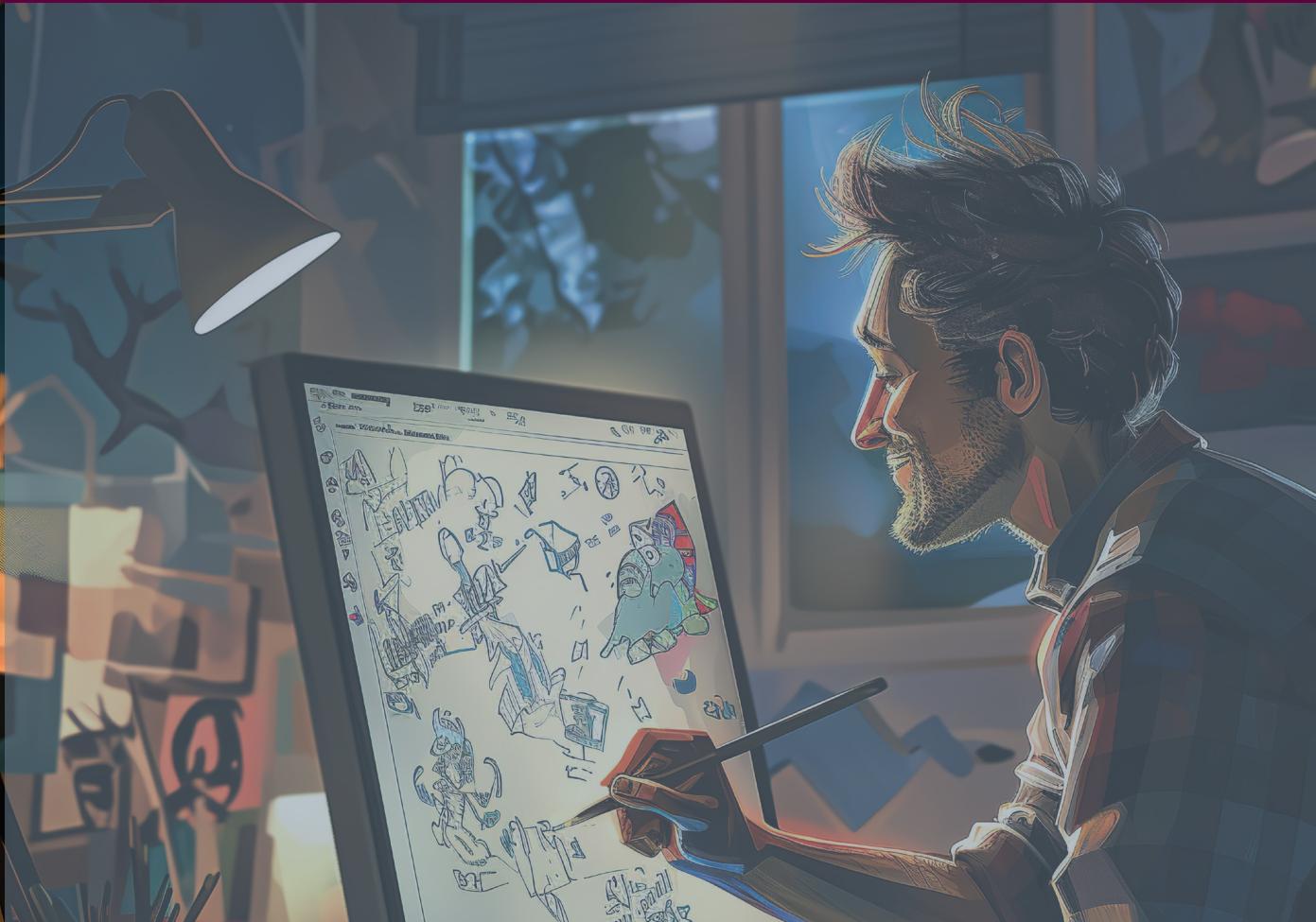
The most distinctive feature of our Media and Communication Department is its interdisciplinary structure, rooted in the traditions of social and human sciences. This perspective enables the inclusion of topics such as new media, social networks, culture, and social behaviors in communication studies. Consequently, our students are equipped not only to be media users or content creators but also to become communication analysts or strategy experts.

### Department

New Media and Communication (30% English)



## Faculty of Art and Design



Situated amidst Ankara's historical richness and cultural diversity, the ASBU Faculty of Art and Design stands out with its creative vision. In this era of digital transformation, we not only equip our students with aesthetic and technical skills but also instill in them the responsibility of transferring our cultural and social heritage to the digital world.

Our faculty aims to provide state-of-the-art laboratories, studios, and digital production spaces to develop projects inspired by the past and shaping the future. Through an interdisciplinary approach and an educational philosophy that adheres to international standards, we guide our students to become individuals who are both connected to their roots and possess a global vision. Our faculty offers opportunities to produce within a wide range, from projects exhibited in national and international art galleries to digital cultural heritage archives.

In line with our mission to preserve cultural heritage, we lead efforts to protect and share the ancient history, art, and design traditions of Anatolia by transferring these values to digital platforms. Within this context, the Treasury Museum, which operates under our university, allows our students and visitors to gain a closer understanding of Anatolia's historical richness. By exhibiting significant pieces of our cultural heritage in the museum, we shed light on the roots of both traditional and modern designs.

### Department

Visual Communication Design



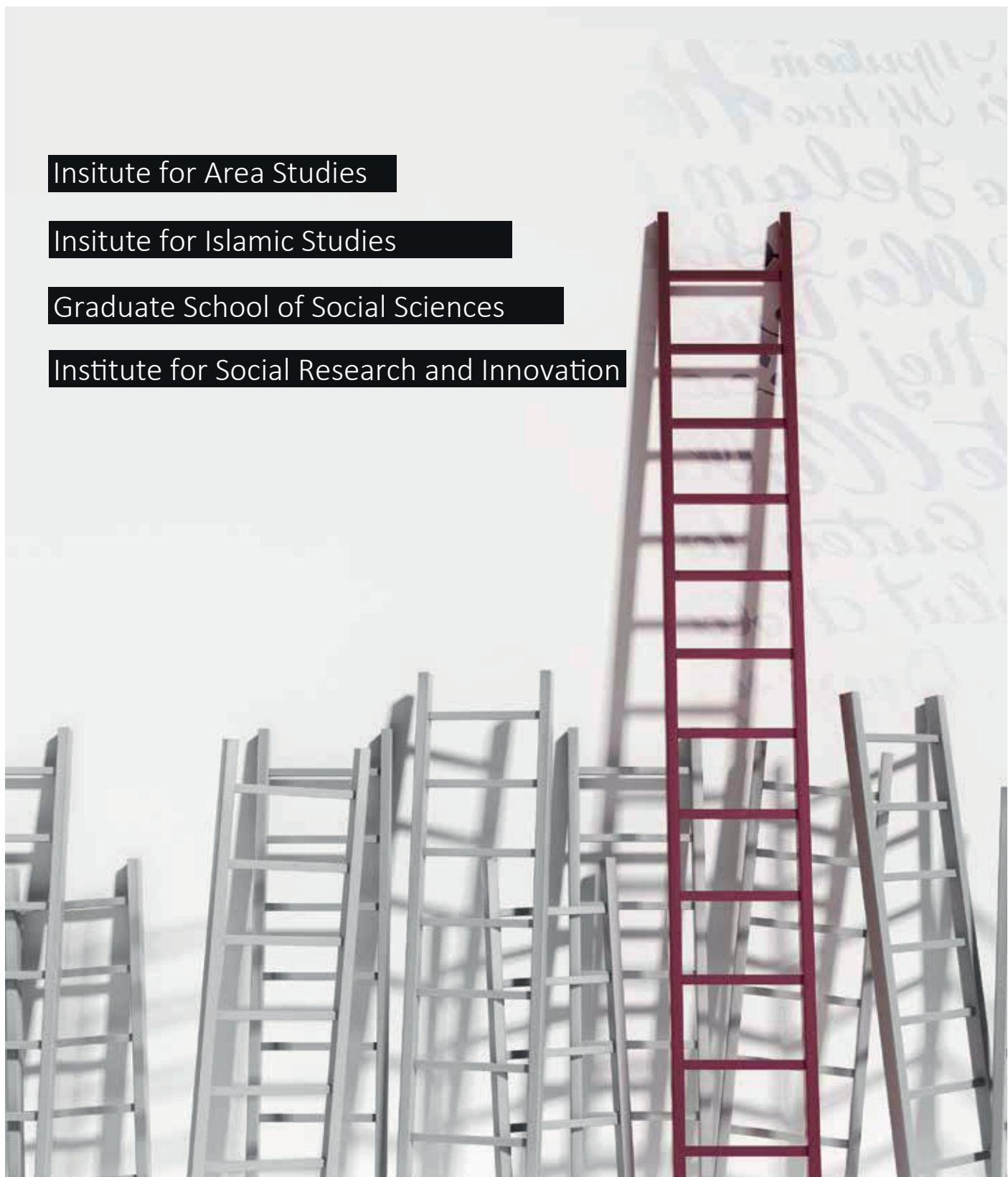
## Institutes and Graduate Programs

Institute for Area Studies

Institute for Islamic Studies

Graduate School of Social Sciences

Institute for Social Research and Innovation



## **Graduate Programs**

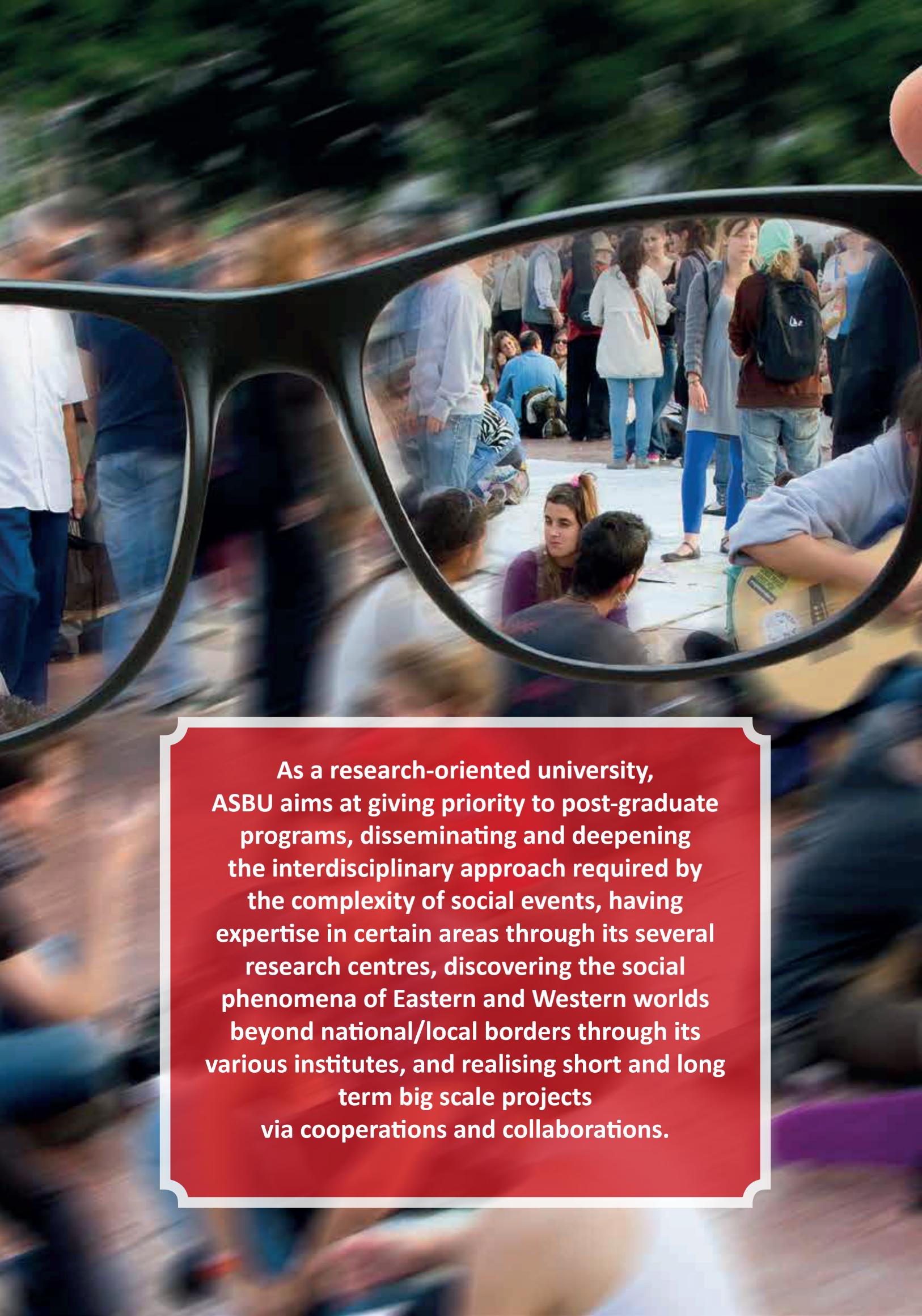
Master of Science in English Language Education (English)  
Master of Science in Business Administration (English)  
Master of Science in Economics (English)  
Master of Law (LL.M.) in Intellectual Property Law (Turkish)  
Master of Law (LL.M.) in Private Law (Turkish)  
Master of Arts in Political Science (English)  
Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies (English)  
Master of Arts in International Relations (English)  
Master of Arts in Asian Studies (English)  
Master of Arts in Philosophy and Religious Sciences (Turkish)  
Master of Arts in Basic Islamic Sciences (Turkish)  
Master of Arts in Quds Studies (English)  
Master Program in Islamic Economics and Finance (English)  
Master of Law (LL.M.) in Public Law (Turkish)  
Master of Arts in African Studies (English)  
Master of Arts in Asian Studies (Turkish)  
Master of Arts in African Studies (Turkish)  
Master Program in Audit and Risk Management (Turkish)  
Master of Science in Energy Economics and Management (English)  
Master of Arts in Language and Literature (English)  
Master of Science in Applied Social Research (English)  
Master of Arts in Public Administration (Evening Education) (Turkish)  
Master of Science in Turkish Language and Literature (Turkish)  
Master of Science in Migration Studies (English)  
Master of Science in Disaster and Humanitarian Aid Management (Turkish)  
LL.M. in Program in Information Technology Law (Turkish)  
Master of Science in Disaster and Humanitarian Aid Management (English)  
LL.M. in Public Law (Evening Education) (Turkish)  
Master of Science in International Trade and Logistics Management (English)  
Master of Science in Women's and Family Studies (Turkish)  
Master of Science in Clinical Psychology (Turkish)  
Master of Science in Philosophy (Turkish)

## **Program Type Ph.D. Programs**

Ph.D. in Management and Organization (English)  
Ph.D. in Middle East Studies (English)  
Ph.D. in Women's Studies (English)  
Ph.D. in Social Media Studies (Turkish)  
Ph.D. in Private Law (Turkish)  
Ph. D. in Philosophy and Religious Sciences (Turkish)  
Ph. D. in Basic Islamic Sciences (Turkish)  
Ph.D. in Audit and Risk Management (Turkish)  
Ph.D. in English Language and Literature (English)  
Ph.D. in Economics (English)  
Ph.D. in Public Law (Turkish)  
Ph.D. in International Relations (English)  
Ph.D. in Women's and Family Studies (Turkish)  
Ph.D. in Social Media Studies (English)

## **Non-Thesis Master Programs**

Non-thesis Master Program in Management and Organization (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Spiritual Care (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Technology Politics and Innovation Management (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Business Administration (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Public Law (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Audit and Risk Management (Turkish)  
Master of Science in IT Law (Turkish)  
Master of Science in Energy Economics and Management (Turkish)  
LL.M. in Private Law (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Public Administration (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Disaster and Humanitarian Aid Management (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Women's and Family Studies (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in International Trade and Logistics Management (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Clinical Psychology (Turkish)  
Non-thesis Master Program in Family Counseling (Turkish)



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## Research Centers

- Distance Education Application and Research Center
- Center for Audit and Risk Management
- Center for International Development
- Language Teaching Res. and App. Center
- Research Center for Quds Studies
- Center for Culture and Civilization Researches
- Global Migration Research Center
- Center for Higher Education Research
- Social Innovation Center (ASBÜSİM)
- Oral History Application and Research Center
- International Center for Islamic Economics and Finance
- Application and Research Center for Method Education
- Human Resources and Strategy Application and Research Center
- Center for Survey Research
- Turkish Teaching Application and Research Center
- Center of Experimental Economics
- Application and Research Center for Competition and Regulation
- Lifelong Learning Center (ASBÜSEM)
- Ahmet Özsoy Democracy Studies Application and Research Center
- ASBU Urban, Environmental and Local Government Studies Research and Application Center







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