

ASBU A NEW UNIVERSITY MODEL IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

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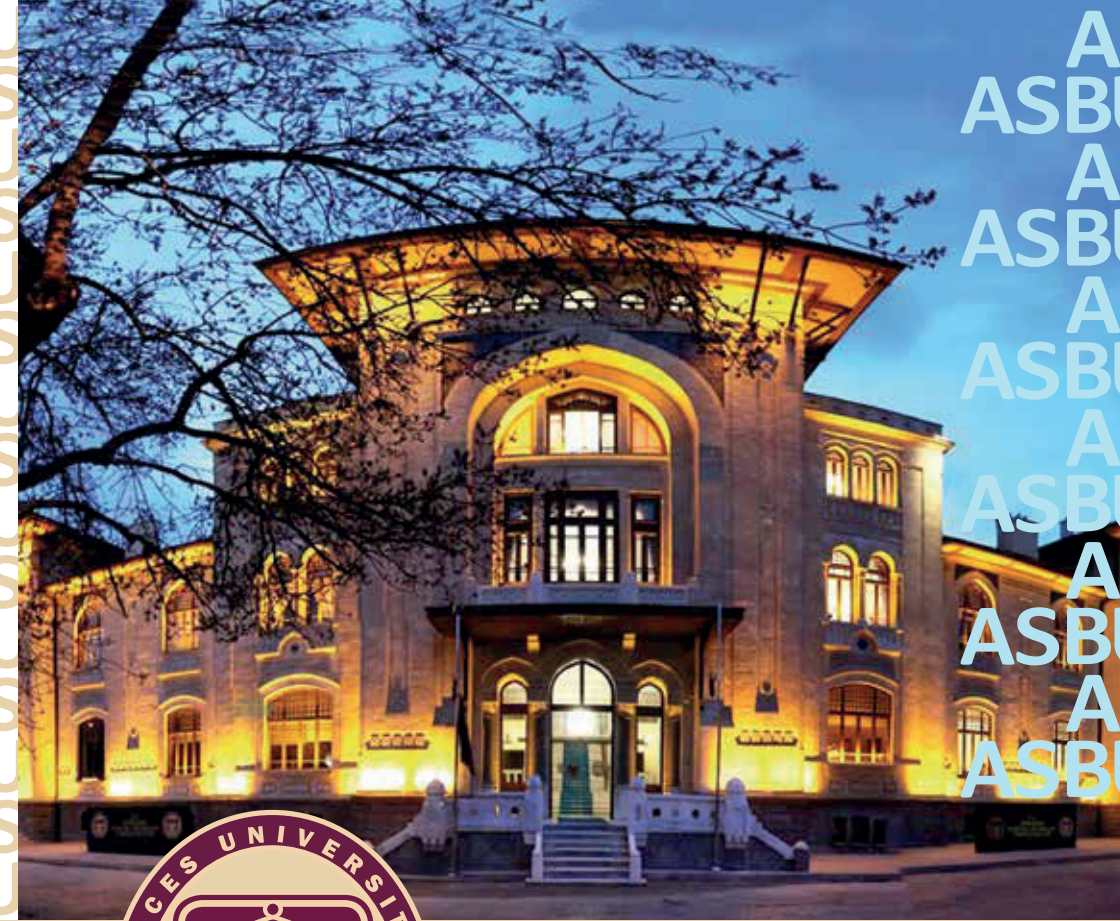
- offers courses through the medium of English,
- is research oriented,
- is dedicated to postgraduate study,
- acknowledges the importance of international cooperation,
- prioritizes the most current areas of research,
- is enthusiastic to be a leading university in the development and promotion of social science education in Türkiye,
- has one of the most extensive libraries in Türkiye,
- is multilingual and multicultural,
- positively aims at contributing to university's surrounding community, and
- has a strong ambition to contribute to the community in general.



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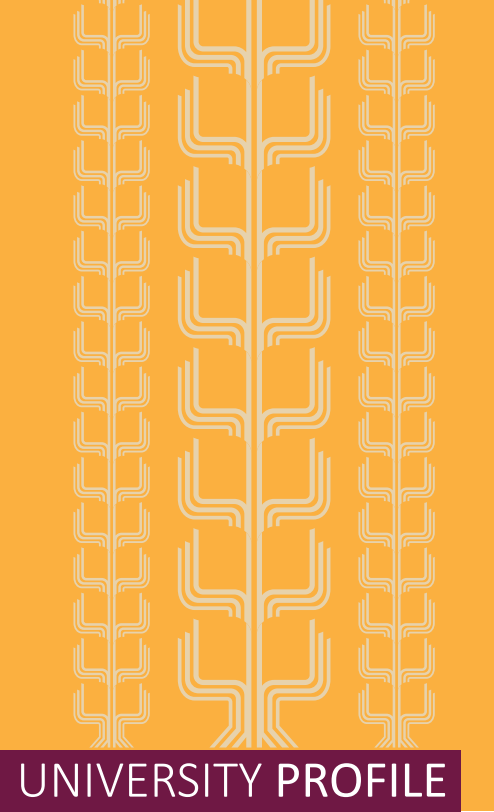
**SOCIAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY
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IS THE **ONLY** AND **THE FIRST**
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ASBU UNIVERSITY PROFILE

As a city university, ASBU is located in the center of Ulus, which is the most spectacular parts of Ankara as being next to Ankara Castle, the tomb of a Turkish poet, a Sufi, and the founder of the Bayrami Sufi order Hacı Bayram Wali and the First Turkish Grand National Assembly.

Uniting history, art, wisdom and knowledge, this exceptional place is itself a “social laboratory”, stimulating learning environment and research, as well as a campus offering observations and social experiments. Thus, ASBU has an integrated atmosphere with the rest of the society.

The main ASBU campus comprises several historical and culturally important buildings in the historical Ulus neighbourhood of Ankara. Through 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 as it has established several research centers, where social problems along with their possible solutions are closely discussed. Then discussions about problems and the possible solutions become publications such as reports, books, articles, and papers and so on, which aim at offering 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 and doctoral programs, faculties of the university also aim at disseminating this information. The university model of ASBU which focuses on research centres is a conscious and determined choice. This university model focuses on original information production and enables information to be used, spread, and sustained.

As a research-oriented university, moreover, ASBU aims at giving priority to graduate programs, disseminating and deepening the interdisciplinary approach required by the complexity of social events, having expertise in certain areas through its several research centers, 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 cooperation 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 graduate programs at ASBU are designed in a manner that supports interdisciplinary activities and enables our students to be informed about the output of various disciplines. Both undergraduate and graduate programs 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.



FACULTIES AND PROGRAMS

Faculty of Political Science

- Economics (English)
- Business Administration (English)
- Political Science and Public Administration (English)
- International Relations (English)

Faculty of Foreign Languages

- 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 Law (30% English)

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

Institutes and Graduate Programs

- Institute for Area Studies
- Institute for Islamic Studies
- Graduate School of Social Sciences
- Institute for Social Research and Innovation

Faculty of Divinity (30% Arabic)

ASBU Faculty of Divinity fosters interdisciplinary relations with religious studies, social sciences, and humanities. The program emphasizes Basic Islamic Studies, Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Islamic History and Arts. By combining methodologies and practices from different disciplines, the Faculty strengthens students' understanding of religion's social, psychological, and philosophical dimensions.

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Anthropology
- Philosophy (30% English)
- Psychology (English)
- Sociology (English)
- History (English)
- Turkish Language and Literature (30% English)

Faculty of Communication

- New Media and Communication (30% English)

Faculty of Art and Design

- Visual Communication Design



Research Centers

- Distance Education Application and Research Center
- Center for Audit and Risk Management
- Center for International Development
- Language Teaching Research and Application Center
- Research Center for Quds Studies
- Center for Culture and Civilization Researches
- Global Migration Research Center
- Center for Higher Education Research
- Social Innovation Center
- 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
- Ahmet Özsoy Democracy Studies Application and Research Center
- ASBU Urban Environmental and Local Government Studies Research and Application Center

ASBU Sosyokent Technopark



ASBU Sosyokent Technopark is Türkiye's first technology development zone focused on social innovation and entrepreneurship, aiming to address critical social challenges across the country and region. Located within the main campus at ASBU on a 7,090 m² site, it includes two restored historical buildings. Since August 2022, Sosyokent has hosted R&D projects by social entrepreneurs, offering institutional support through affiliated centers, laboratories, and offices. It also provides access to ASBU's social science research infrastructure, facilitating the development and commercialization of innovative, socially impactful products and services.

As a core element of ASBU's research and entrepreneurship ecosystem, Sosyokent integrates scientific research, postgraduate education, and applied innovation. It supports projects in fields such as climate change, healthcare, smart cities, and system design. A shared incubation office encourages young entrepreneurs, while the broader mission remains to enhance R&D capacity and turn knowledge into scalable, market-ready solutions.