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ASBU Faculty of Political Science aims to be more than just a knowledge-sharing institution. It aspires to be a leading force in shaping social, political, economic, administrative, and international spheres, actively engaging in research and setting the agenda.

In line with our founding philosophy and leveraging the advantages of our status as a newly established faculty, we, the Faculty of Political Science, depart from traditional approaches that have proven ineffective in both research and education. Instead, we prioritize quality, originality, and value creation in our endeavors.

Within this framework, we aim to produce qualified and original research in the fields of Economics, Business Administration, Political Science and Public Administration, and International Relations. This research will contribute to understanding and finding solutions to local and global problems, both in Türkiye and around the world. Furthermore, we aim to graduate well-equipped, knowledgeable, and experienced individuals who are well-versed in the issues and debates of contemporary Türkiye and the world, and who have strong local and international connections.

Our faculty views students as active participants in the learning and research processes. Therefore, our students are not merely passive recipients of knowledge through lectures and exams. Instead, they actively contribute to research projects as key players. Consequently, we aim to graduate students who are highly skilled in accessing accurate information, critically evaluating it, and forming their own judgments.

ASBU Faculty of Political Science reflects our university's commitment to an international, multidisciplinary entrepreneurial, and research-oriented approach. The medium of instruction for all our programs is English. Additionally, we encourage our students to learn a second foreign language. Our university's strong foundation in foreign languages provides our students with a competitive advantage in international exchange programs.

In a world characterized by intense international competition and a globalized economy, our faculty aims to graduate individuals who can excel, are integrated into the global community yet sensitive to local issues, possess a critical and analytical intellect, and are equipped with the tools and critical intellectual skills of universal science.

In today's competitive global landscape, societies can only thrive if they excel in the specific areas of knowledge necessary for their success. Our faculty goes beyond merely following the agenda set by societal, economic, and political demands and issues. In line with ASBU's medium and long-term goals, we aim to be a research university that sets the agenda and pursues educational excellence by seeking ways to improve society, the economy, and administrative mechanisms.





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► EDUCATION

Interdisciplinary Approach

ASBU's undergraduate and graduate programs are designed to expose our students to various disciplines. Through this interdisciplinary approach, students are encouraged to explore different fields of study. The rich elective course pool in our undergraduate and graduate programs allows students to take courses from various departments, thus enabling them to delve deeper into their specific areas of interest.

Opportunity to Learn Multiple Languages

ASBU places great emphasis on multilingualism. We provide our students with opportunities to develop their language skills. Our Language Center offers high-quality language education through expert native and foreign language instructors.

English is the medium of instruction in all of our programmes, ensuring that our students can follow the latest developments in their fields. Additionally, we strongly encourage our students to learn a second foreign language.



Active Student Involvement

At ASBU, we view our students as active participants in the learning process. We aim to equip our students with the skills to access accurate information, think critically and analytically, interpret and analyze, and ultimately to be well-equipped to engage in contemporary debates.

ASBU's education extends beyond theoretical knowledge. By assigning projects and responsibilities, we aim for our students to learn research processes through practical application.

This approach not only allows our students to participate in conceptual and theoretical discussions but also provides them with opportunities to establish close connections with both national and international institutions in their respective fields.

To further enhance our students' non-academic skills and ensure they make the most of their free time, our university offers extracurricular programs.

A University that Bridges Education and Research with Society

ASBU is uniquely positioned to connect education and academic research with society through collaborations with institutions that shape national policies.

ASBU was founded on the belief that the role of a university extends beyond education and research. We aim to create a university that is deeply intertwined with society and adapts to its needs. By adopting an innovative approach, we align our educational and research activities with societal benefits.

Interactive Learning in Small Class Sizes

Our university provides students with ample opportunities for one-on-one interaction with faculty members in small class sizes. Through this approach, we aim to develop our students' abilities in public speaking, creativity, critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership. By offering courses with historical and theoretical perspectives, we equip our students with the tools to effectively analyze current events. We encourage our students to explore their scientific curiosity and develop interdisciplinary research skills by offering a wide range of courses.

A Strong Academic Staff

Our faculty members are highly qualified individuals, many of whom have earned advanced degrees from prestigious international universities and have been involved in international research projects. Our faculty shares their expertise and experiences with students through collaborative projects. ASBU is very selective in its hiring process, adhering to international standards. By bringing together academics from diverse fields, ASBU has assembled a faculty with a wide range of expertise.



► EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bologna Process

Our university has aligned all its courses with the Bologna Process, ensuring a standardized credit transfer system for students participating in exchange programs. This means that students will not face any credit recognition issues when transferring between institutions within the Bologna Process framework.

Double Major and Minor Programs

Our university offers students the opportunity to pursue a double major or a minor. Students who successfully complete the required courses for a minor program will receive a Minor Certificate. Additionally, students who meet the specific criteria set by the Senate can enroll in courses from a different undergraduate program and, upon fulfilling all the requirements, earn a Double Major Diploma.

International Opportunities

We encourage our students to participate in exchange programs such as Erasmus+ to study at European universities for one or two semesters. We are actively establishing partnerships with universities all around the world to facilitate student exchange programs.



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics aims to provide an education that goes beyond the traditional economic approach of efficient use of scarce resources, taking into account the various dimensions of sustainable development such as environment, unemployment, and poverty.

By utilizing up-to-date national and international resources and publications, the Department aims to provide its students with a high-standard education, supported by a competent faculty with strong academic backgrounds. As a research-oriented university, ASBU enables not only graduate students but also undergraduate students to participate in research projects.

With English as the medium of instruction, the ASBU Department of Economics offers its students the opportunity to learn a second foreign language, including French, German, Arabic, Italian, Spanish, and Russian.

EDUCATION

The Department of Economics undergraduate program, in addition to standard areas such as microeconomics, macroeconomics, fiscal and monetary policy, also offers specialized courses in health economics, economic growth, international finance, energy economics, science and technology economics, firm theory and industrial organization, with a faculty specialized in many areas of economics.

ASBU Department of Economics aims to:

- Enable students to understand complex economic systems, interpret what is happening in economic life, and become individuals capable of making economic forecasts.
- Develop research, analytical, and creative thinking skills.
- Generate solutions to local, national, and international economic problems.
- Provide an undergraduate education that encompasses a wide range of economics, which is closely related to many social sciences such as sociology, political science, psychology, and history, as well as natural sciences such as statistics and mathematics, enabling students to conduct theoretical and empirical scientific studies.
- Develop leadership and teamwork skills.





Not only graduate students but also undergraduate students can participate in research projects at ASBU.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from the Department of Economics have extensive job opportunities in the public sector, private sector, and non-governmental organizations. The Department of Economics provides research-oriented education at a leading university and prioritizes training researchers. In addition, our graduates have the opportunity to work as inspectors or experts in many public institutions, primarily the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Development, and the Ministry of Economy. Moreover, they can also work in finance and accounting departments of firms in the finance sector, in professional organizations, or pursue self-employment opportunities such as financial consultancy.



DEPARTMENTS

- **Department of Economic Development and International Economics**
- **Department of Economic Policy**
- **Department of Economic History**
- **Department of Economic Theory**
- **Department of Labor Economics**







DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CONCENTRATIONS

The Department of Business Administration at ASBU is an academic unit that develops close relationships with public and private institutions, blends theory and practice, and produces universally recognized graduates with social responsibility awareness.

ASBU Business Administration is not just a business school for its students. Our students work on real business problems with managers in public and private institutions through project-based courses that enable them to prepare for business life with our distinguished faculty members' guidance.

Our students have internship opportunities at prestigious institutions and organizations around the world while receiving education under international accreditation standards from our academic staff who have graduated from distinguished universities worldwide.

Our Program:

ASBU's research university identity provides business knowledge and practice-oriented curriculum. We continue our education with undergraduate and graduate programs in accordance with The Council of Higher Education's (YÖK) regulations.

The Business Administration Bachelor's Program aims to provide students with the following qualifications and skills:

1. Business and management-related general knowledge
2. Business-related digital and political insights
3. Basic scientific research skills
4. Fundamentals of accounting and finance
5. Business and foreign trade knowledge
6. Basic marketing and crisis management skills
7. Ethical issues and social problems awareness

- **Accounting and Finance**
- **Production Management**
- **Tourism Management**
- **Management and Organization**
- **Marketing Management**

This program includes courses related to economics, psychology, sociology, Turkish language and literature, information technologies, management and organization, marketing, production management, human resources management, finance, and corporate governance at the entry level.

Our program has exchange programs with numerous international universities and research institutions worldwide. The business curriculum provides students with a comprehensive education in areas such as business modeling, digital transformation, brand management, operations management, retail banking, portfolio management, human resources development, digital transformation, international trade, foreign trade techniques, and various other business-related topics.

The language of instruction in the Department of Business Administration is English.

Business Department students are encouraged to participate in research projects conducted by faculty members.

Undergraduate Programs: In parallel with ASBU's educational policy, they aim to develop individuals with scientific thinking who can understand, analyze, and evaluate topics and developments in Türkiye and the world from a theoretical, historical, and comparative perspective through an interdisciplinary approach.

Graduate Programs:

- **Business Administration Thesis Master's Program**
- **Management and Organization Thesis Master's Program**
- **Business Administration Non-Thesis Master's Program**
- **Management and Organization Doctorate Program**

Our graduates have the opportunity to work with national and international companies and organizations according to global standards. On the other hand, our students are prepared with an entrepreneurial orientation, and our graduates will not necessarily have to work for someone else - they can establish their own businesses.

Our undergraduate programs are designed to enable our students to adapt to current national and international university education. Through our teaching methods, we ensure that our graduates can adapt to the changing conditions of the business world and produce high value-added solutions to problems by using information technologies effectively along with their knowledge of business.

Our undergraduate and graduate curricula have been prepared in accordance with the Bologna Process requirements.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ASBU Department of Business Administration graduates have many different job opportunities in national and international companies and organizations, as well as public institutions. Our graduates can work in various positions such as accountant, finance specialist, production, human resources, quality management, software developer, sales-marketing, auditing, business strategy development, project management, senior management, or as a specialist, consultant, manager, or researcher in similar areas.

ASBU Department of Business Administration graduates can work in banking, human resources, strategy development, marketing, sales, auditing, and other similar areas in public institutions as personnel/human resources experts.

Due to the high-quality education provided by the ASBU Department of Business Administration, graduates have the opportunity to be hired by international companies and organizations or to continue their education at the graduate level.

Furthermore, ASBU Department of Business Administration students are trained as entrepreneurs, which enables them to initiate their own companies or institutions after graduation.

Our Academic Staff

Our department's research is published in respected international journals worldwide. Our faculty possess advanced academic degrees and extensive research experience, aiming to fulfill Türkiye's demand for qualified researchers in the field of management sciences. We have a distinguished faculty with international research and/or teaching experience, all of whom have received education from leading universities abroad.

Research

Our undergraduate and graduate students can participate in research projects led by faculty members and can contribute to scientific research by writing their master's and doctoral theses.

With its strong academic staff, internationally published works, and articles published in recent years, our department offers an interactive learning environment to students. In addition to education provided in English, our students have the opportunity to learn a second foreign language that will provide them with a competitive advantage in their careers.

Our undergraduate graduates can study as researchers at leading universities in Türkiye and the world with the necessary institutional and methodological background they acquire. Our doctoral program aims to train internationally respected and qualified researchers.

Through our education program, we strive to contribute to meeting the needs of society and finding solutions to these needs by conducting research at our university, which was established in our country's capital, in cooperation with universities, private sector, and public institutions.



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

ASBU Department of Political Science and Public Administration, taking political science and public administration as its main focus, aims to train individuals who are knowledgeable in both theoretical and applied dimensions of the universal social and political science. Being a department that prioritizes an up-to-date education, our department provides opportunities for students to engage in research projects both within the university and in collaboration with other institutions. Our curriculum, which is designed in line with the latest developments in the field, offers students the chance to delve into various programs and internships, thus enabling them to acquire the necessary skills for their future careers.

With a strong academic staff, publications at an international level, and recently published books, our department offers an interactive learning environment for students. In addition to English language education, students are provided with the opportunity to learn a second foreign language, which will give them a significant advantage in their careers.

Political science, at its core, is a discipline that examines political institutions such as the state, constitution, and political parties; political ideals such as freedom, justice, and equality; political regimes such as democratic, authoritarian, and totalitarian; political ideologies such as liberalism, conservatism, socialism, and nationalism; and political concepts such as authority, legitimacy, and power, both philosophically, historically, and comparatively.

Public administration is a modern form of governance where the abstract idea of the state takes on a concrete form through its bureaucracy, law, local governments, and finances, interacting with society. Against this backdrop, public administration, as a social science discipline, primarily investigates the organization and functioning of the executive power, the decision-making, policy-making, and implementation processes of its actors.

Our department's curriculum, at the intersection of these disciplines, offers a comprehensive program in areas such as political theory, political science, local governments, and public law.

Our department aims to graduate individuals who can analyze theoretical foundations, multi-dimensional and critically current developments, and contribute to the production of academic and institutional solutions for a better social order. In line with our university's educational policy, our department prepares both undergraduate and graduate programs and updates their contents in accordance with an interdisciplinary approach. Our rich elective course pool allows students to make choices suitable for their individual interest areas.

Our department organizes conferences, seminars, and interdisciplinary events to create a unique academic network between students and faculty members, and focuses on areas such as democracy, social justice, human rights, social and political movements, identity, and ethnicity.

Our department, with its strong academic staff, international publications, and recently published books, offers an interactive learning environment for students. In addition to English language education, students are provided with the opportunity to learn a second foreign language, which will give them a significant advantage in their careers.



Our department, in close relation and cooperation with other departments and research centers, offers both undergraduate and graduate programs as well as individual course contents in line with an interdisciplinary approach.





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Undergraduate Program: In addition to the fundamental courses of Political Science and Public Administration, the program offers a rich pool of elective courses, allowing students to choose courses according to their interests. It also develops programs that encourage students to improve their skills in writing, conducting research, and accessing project resources.

Graduate Program: Parallel to the educational policy of ASBU, the program aims to cultivate individuals who can research, learn, question, understand, and convey political issues and developments in Türkiye and the world from a theoretical, historical, and comparative perspective. It also aims to train human resources in this field. The department, one of the founders of the interdisciplinary programs on Energy Economics and Management and Cultural Policies and Management, offers graduate programs in Political Science, Public Administration, Disaster and Humanitarian Aid. In addition to the programs run by the department, our faculty members also teach in graduate programs such as Regional Studies, Women's and Family Studies.

DEPARTMENTS

- **Jurisprudence**
- **Comparative Politics**
- **Urbanization and Environmental Problems**
- **Political Science**
- **Politics and Social Sciences**
- **Management Sciences**





CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates can work in various state institutions, international organizations, political parties, and non-governmental organizations, or pursue careers in the private sector, especially in the legal and consultancy fields. Academic careers are open to our graduates, both in Türkiye and abroad. Our curriculum, which includes programs such as the AKTS system, foreign language training, and professional development projects, prepares our graduates for graduate programs. Additionally, our graduates can undertake research, write projects, and acquire the necessary skills for their future careers.

Graduates who aim for careers in the public sector can find employment in various government institutions such as ministries, general directorates, and public institutions and organizations.

Those who aspire to international careers can work in organizations like the European Union, United Nations, World Bank, and OECD.

Graduates interested in careers in the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and media can work as analysts, experts, programmers, writers, and researchers.

Due to the entrepreneurial perspective of ASBU, our graduates can develop innovative applications and establish their own businesses in areas requiring political expertise, such as research, political publishing, and consultancy.

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Our graduates can pursue academic careers and, at the same time, work in government institutions.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The ASBU Department of International Relations provides education that offers global perspectives on issues concerning national and international society and develops critical and creative thinking skills in these areas. Our main goal is to graduate students with strong analytical capabilities who are curious about the world and can develop solution-oriented strategies in their post-educational life.

Our department, located in the heart of Ankara, the capital city, offers an educational environment that enables both theoretical and practical development of students with its distinguished academic staff who are active in diplomacy, knowledge of integration, and foreign policy making in the international arena.

Being aware of the importance of foreign language education in the International Relations discipline, ASBU Department of International Relations' primary language of instruction is English. Additionally, in line with our university's policy, students have the opportunity to learn German, French, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, or Italian as a second foreign language, which are among the world's most commonly used languages.

The ASBU Department of International Relations' curriculum has been strengthened through collaboration with various institutes and departments across the university, offering an interdisciplinary perspective. Our students can take courses from both our own department's catalog and related departments when necessary. Thus, our programs provide students with the opportunity to view international historical and contemporary issues from different perspectives.

The academic staff of the ASBU Department of International Relations, which adopts providing interactive education as a principle, consists of experts specialized in Middle Eastern studies, crisis resolution, terrorism, international political economy, energy, security, political history, and regional studies. Our academic staff is also actively involved in foreign policy making processes along with their research on global politics.

At the same time, our department prioritizes helping both our academics and students gain international experience.



EDUCATION



About ASBU Department of International Relations:

The Department of International Relations, established in 2013, became fully operational in 2015 with its undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs. The postgraduate programs conducted by the department are as follows:

International Relations Master's Program:

The International Relations Master's Program aims to equip students with knowledge in fields related to international relations. The target audience of the program consists particularly of academic staff and those working in various fields ranging from bureaucracy to media, from civil society to the private sector.

The program offers courses in areas of regional studies encompassing the Middle East, Eurasia, Asia-Pacific, and South Asia, along with peace and conflict resolution, international security, migration, and diaspora studies, which are all sub-disciplines of international relations.

Peace and Conflict Studies Master's Program:

The main objective of the program is to provide students with opportunities to develop critical thinking skills by analyzing how cultural and structural conflicts, as well as the causes of conflicts, can be resolved in a peaceful and ethical manner, and to help them gain professional competencies in this field.



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Quds Studies Master's Program: Jerusalem Studies is a research field that aims to understand the Beytülmağdis region through an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary perspective. The Jerusalem Studies Thesis Master's Program examines the historical processes and current situation of Jerusalem and the Beytülmağdis region through the lens of various disciplines including history, political science, international relations, theology, sociology, and others.

International Relations Doctoral Program: Our program aims to train qualified researchers and academics in the field of International Relations by closely following current developments. When evaluated in the context of Turkey, there is a genuine need for regional and international relations experts and academics in managing relations with neighboring regions and states in an area full of conflicts and instability.

Middle East Studies Doctoral Program: The Middle East Studies doctoral program is designed to provide students with expertise knowledge related to the Middle East region. The program primarily targets those pursuing academic careers, but graduates can find work opportunities in many different sectors from public service to foreign affairs, from media to private sector. The program offers courses on fundamental areas of Middle East studies such as the modern history of the Middle East, religion and culture in the Middle East, political economy in the Middle East, and international politics in the Middle East.

STRENGTHS OF THE ASBU DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The department's academic roadmap covers various topics for both undergraduate and graduate studies. These include Middle East studies (politics, security, religion); regional studies (Middle East, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Africa, Central Asia, South Asia and Southeast Asia); country-region studies (Russia, England, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Austria, New Zealand, Malaysia, Japan); peace and conflict studies; and migration and diaspora studies. The department places special emphasis on research topics such as security studies, defense policies, terrorism, Turkish foreign policy and diplomacy, and Middle East studies.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our primary goal is for our graduates to become good researchers and enlightened individuals

Our Graduates Primarily:

- Work as diplomats and career officers in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other ministries.
- Are employed in state institutions such as the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA), Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), Turkey Maarif Foundation (TMV), and Yunus Emre Institute.
- Can find work opportunities in international organizations such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization of Islamic Cooperation.
- Can take active roles in national and international civil society organizations.
- Can work in local and multinational companies operating in the private sector, think tanks, and media sector.
- Can pursue academic careers in related fields.





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