



**SOCIAL SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY  
OF ANKARA**



## **FACULTY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

*Department of English Language and Literature*

*Department of Translation and Interpreting*

*Department of Japanese Translation and Interpreting*

*Department of Russian Translation and Interpreting*

*Department of Chinese Translation and Interpreting*

*Department of Spanish Translation and Interpreting*

*Department of Arabic Translation and Interpreting*





## General Introduction

As Türkiye's first and only Faculty of Foreign Languages, our goal, empowered by being a Social Sciences University, is to deeply research and teach languages, literature, history, and cultures of world nations from a local and national perspective. By integrating technology with translation studies, we aim to educate students who are proficient in performing both oral and written translations in these languages.

Our mission is to cultivate individuals who can critically analyze and interpret cultural texts, possess advanced language skills, and excel in both oral and written translation. We aim to nurture graduates who have high levels of analytical thinking and writing skills and can perform all types of translations while having a broad understanding of various cultures and literature.



## A University in the Heart of the Capital



## A Faculty with a Mission in Language, Literature, Culture, and Translation Studies



# World Library



# Research Areas

Social Sciences University of Ankara is committed to offering its students interdisciplinary and research-oriented education.

In line with the mission of our university, the Faculty of Foreign Languages supports students in acquiring the knowledge, skills, and competencies they need.

As Türkiye's first and only Faculty of Foreign Languages, our faculty plays a crucial role in this mission with a curriculum designed to cover a wide range of elective courses in foreign languages, literature, culture, and linguistics. Understanding the language and literature of a region is essential for comprehending its social, cultural, economic, and political systems, philosophy, and both historical and contemporary international relations. The Faculty of Foreign Languages provides students with the foundational background necessary for engaging in language and literature studies from this broad perspective.

The primary goal of our faculty is to teach students different languages, literatures, and cultures, preparing them for the global world. Students participating in our four-year undergraduate programs gain in-depth knowledge not only in the literature and culture of a specific country or region but also in translation and linguistics.

- As of 2025, the following programs are active:
- English Language and Literature Department
  - Translation and Interpreting Department, with the following active subfields:
    - o Japanese Translation and Interpreting
    - o Russian Translation and Interpreting
    - o Chinese Translation and Interpreting
    - o Spanish Translation and Interpreting

Programs in Arabic Translation and Interpreting and Korean Translation and Interpreting are planned to open soon.

The existing programs are enriched with required and elective courses designed to help students specialize particularly in literature, cultural studies, translation, and linguistics.

A significant portion of our faculty members have completed their postgraduate education abroad. They have numerous publications in nationally and internationally recognized journals and with prominent publishers. Furthermore, our faculty includes foreign academic staff who are experts in their respective fields.

In line with our internationalization mission, we have bilateral agreements with universities and non-governmental organizations in countries such as Italy, Spain, Russia, Croatia, Bulgaria, and China.

- Within the faculty, the following graduate programs are currently active:
- Master's Program in English Language and Literature (With Thesis)
  - Master's Program in English Language Education (With Thesis)
  - PhD Program in English Language and Literature

- Planned graduate programs include:
- Cultural Studies
  - Comparative Literature
  - Applied Linguistics
  - Translation Studies
  - Teaching English as a Foreign Language (MA TEFL)

The departments that have started producing graduates have also initiated the accreditation process. The faculty aims to achieve accreditation in the shortest possible time.



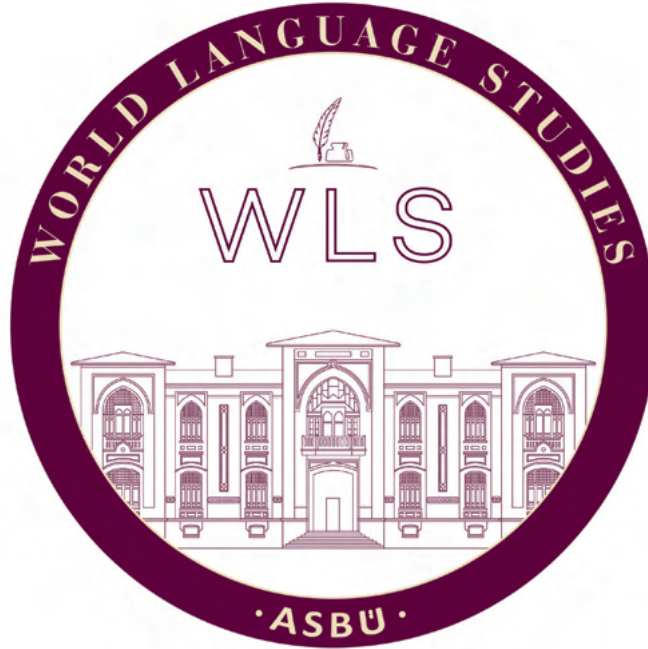
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## English Language and Literature Department

### General Introduction

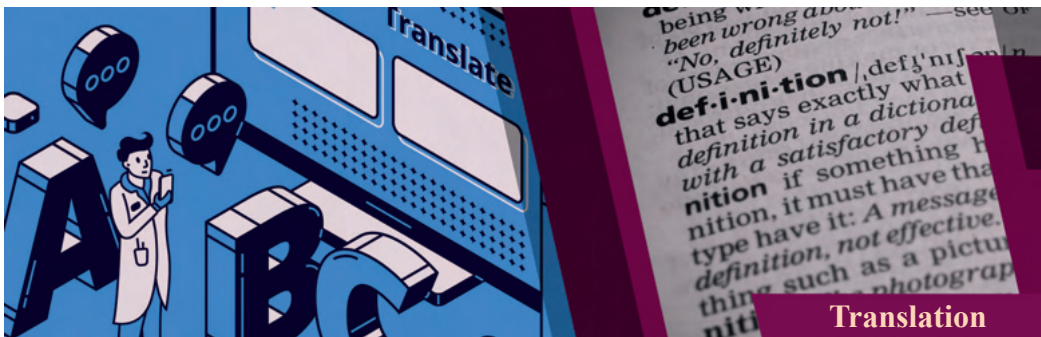
Our program includes courses such as “World History,” “Colonial Studies,” “Teaching English as a Foreign Language,” “Literature and Film,” “Translation,” “Linguistics,” “Critical Thinking,” “Cultural Studies,” and “Research Methods.” In line with our university’s principles of foreign language acquisition, students choose a second foreign language course from a wide range of options during their studies and gain proficiency in that language.

The English Language and Literature Department not only offers in-class courses but also provides extracurricular learning opportunities, fostering the intellectual and academic development of students. In this way, the department aims to produce both young researchers and graduates prepared for the business world.

The department offers a rich undergraduate program that synthesizes academic studies of recent periods, going beyond traditional readings.

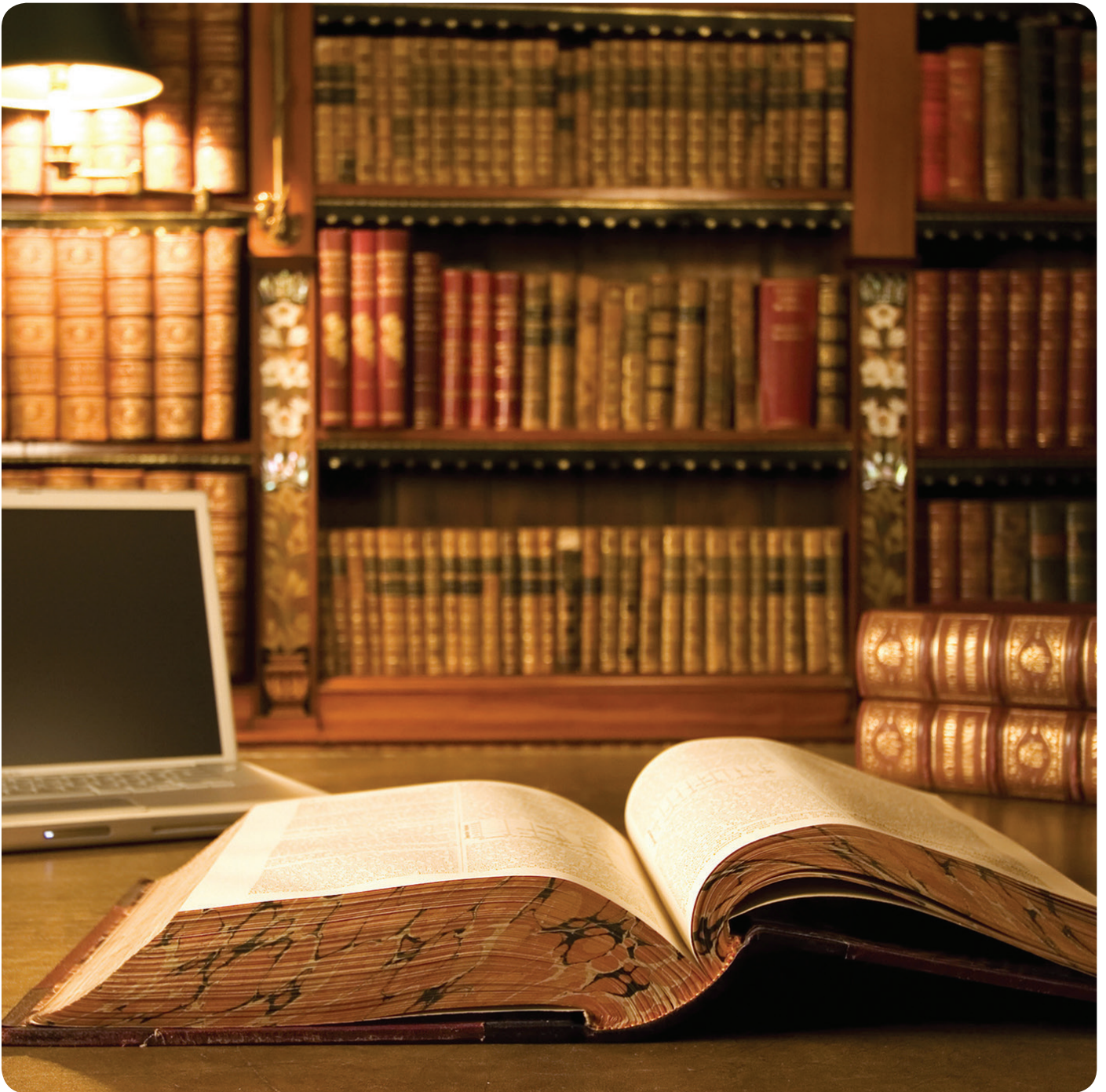
The English Language and Literature Department provides students with the opportunity to study English Literature, World Literature, Comparative Literature, and Cultural Studies.

In line with the founding vision of our university, our department emphasizes interdisciplinary studies and research-oriented education. Accordingly, the undergraduate program is designed with this focus in mind.



## Research Areas of the Department

While the primary research area is English Language and Literature, our department is also actively engaged in related fields such as Comparative Literature, American Culture and Literature, World Literature, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Linguistics, Translation, and Media Studies. Additionally, it maintains an organic connection and interaction with closely related disciplines such as History, Sociology, Anthropology, and Area Studies.



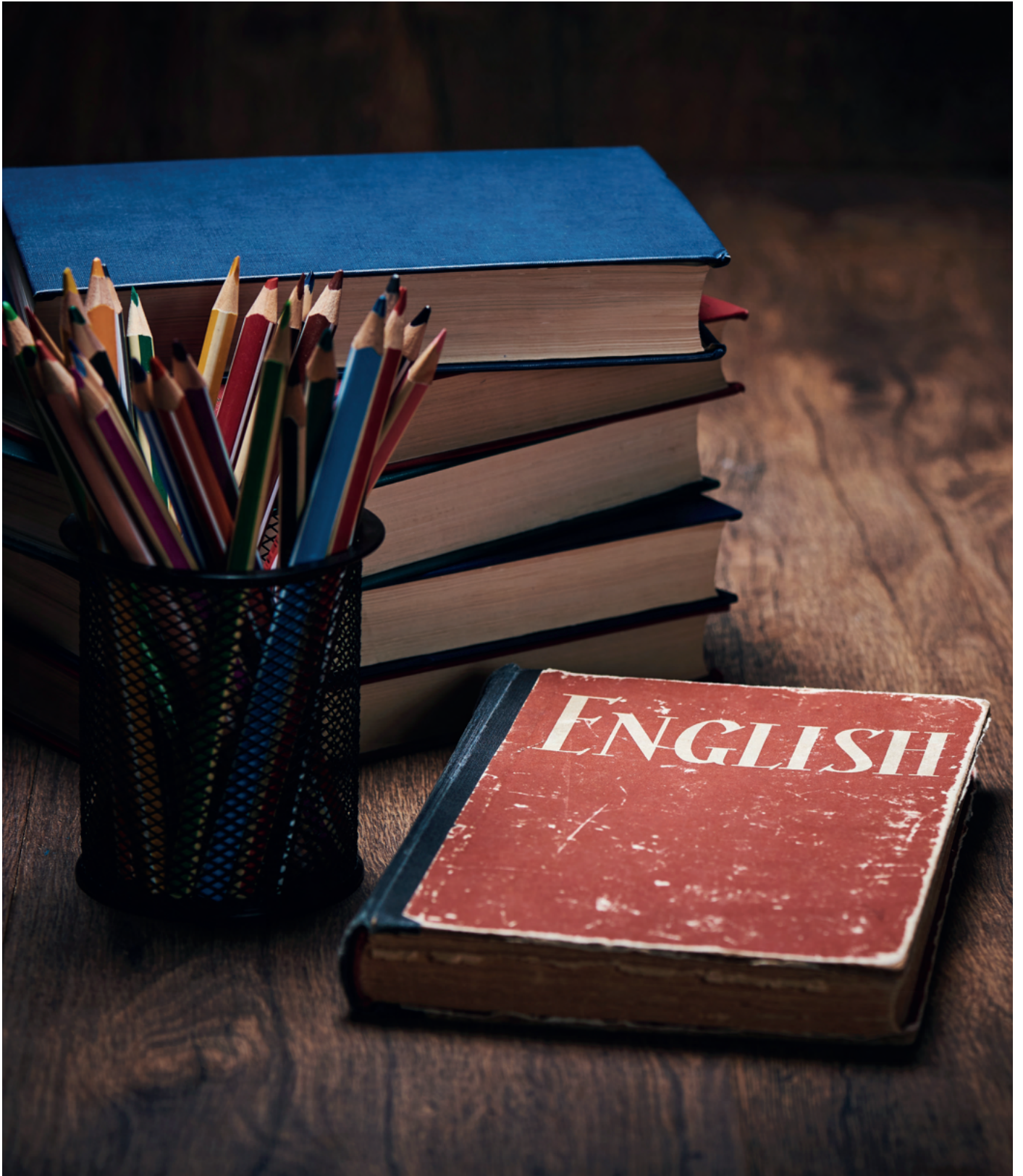


## Education

### A. Undergraduate Program

Our undergraduate program aims to nurture individuals who can think critically, question, and conduct research. It prepares students to engage in academic production and research activities at a level that enables them to undertake postgraduate studies. The program develops individuals who are capable of analyzing cultures and literatures.

By emphasizing both intra-departmental and inter-departmental elective courses, the program helps students discover their own areas of interest and specialize in those fields. Courses are diversified to assist students in specializing in areas such as English Literature, Cultural Studies, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Translation, and Linguistics. Each course in the program is carefully designed to contribute to the attainment of these skills and competencies. Courses are prepared with a student-centered educational perspective, ensuring active participation of students at every stage. Assessment and evaluation are based on exams, assignments, class participation, and extracurricular academic activities. Students are encouraged to continue their learning process not only in the classroom but also outside of it.



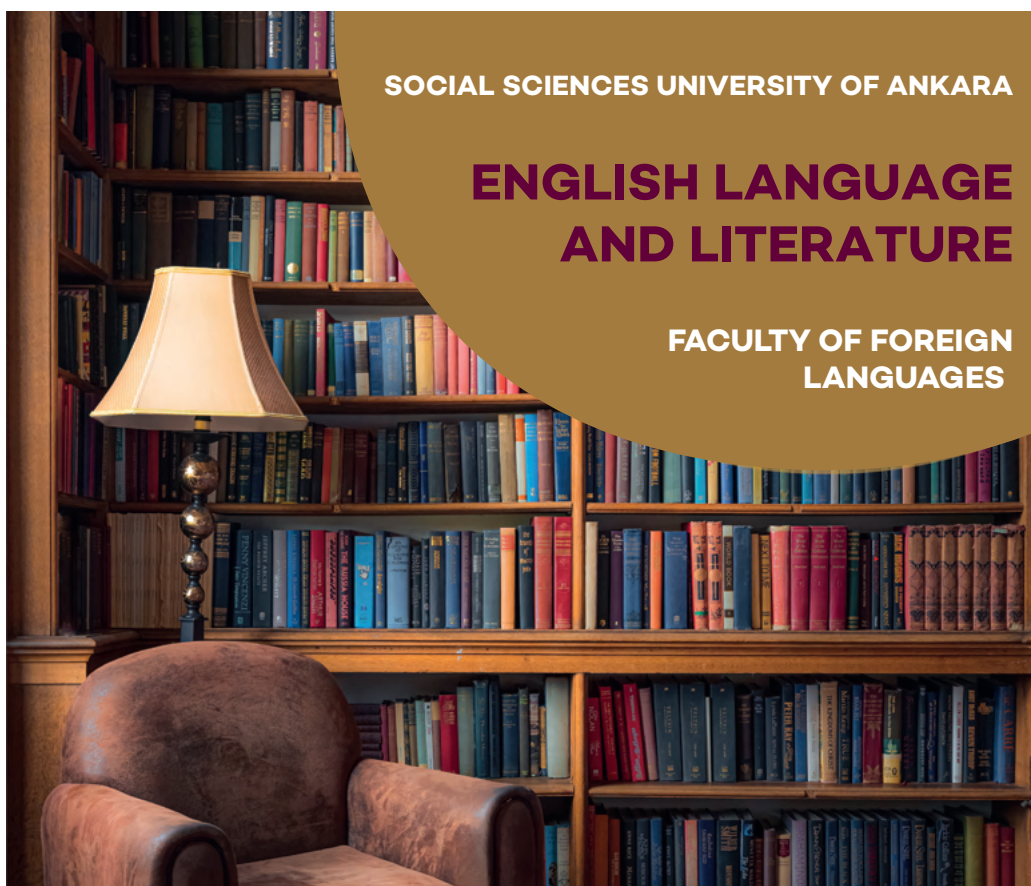
## B. Postgraduate Programs

As of the 2019-2020 academic year, the Master's Program in English Language and Literature has been launched. The program aims to train qualified individuals and academics who can engage in academic production with an interdisciplinary, critical, and analytical approach in the fields of English literature and culture. It includes areas such as Comparative Literature, Criticism and Literary Theories, and Cultural Studies.

The program's objective is to cultivate academics, researchers, and specialists who can analyze literary texts and cultural processes, are proficient in international literature and research methods, possess the knowledge and skills needed to conduct original research in their fields, and contribute to the advancement of their disciplines. For this reason, the courses offered are designed to enable students to examine various literary genres from different periods of English literature within theoretical, social, historical, and cultural contexts while developing an interdisciplinary perspective that meets the needs of our globalized world.

As of the 2021-2022 academic year, the Master's Program in English Language Education (with thesis) has also been introduced. This interdisciplinary program includes courses such as Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Language Acquisition, Teaching Language Skills, Research Methods, Assessment and Evaluation in Education, Teaching Methods, Curriculum Development, Instructional Design and Material Development, Language Acquisition and Teaching Theories, Language Policies, Language Teaching and Culture, Intercultural Communication, Technology Applications in Language Education, Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language, Pedagogical Grammar, and Teacher Training Policies.

The program aims to enhance students' proficiency in the fields of English language education and teaching, contribute to the field through academic and scientific studies, and support the development of professionally and academically qualified teachers and educators needed in the field.



# Educational Opportunities

## A.Double Major and Minor Programs

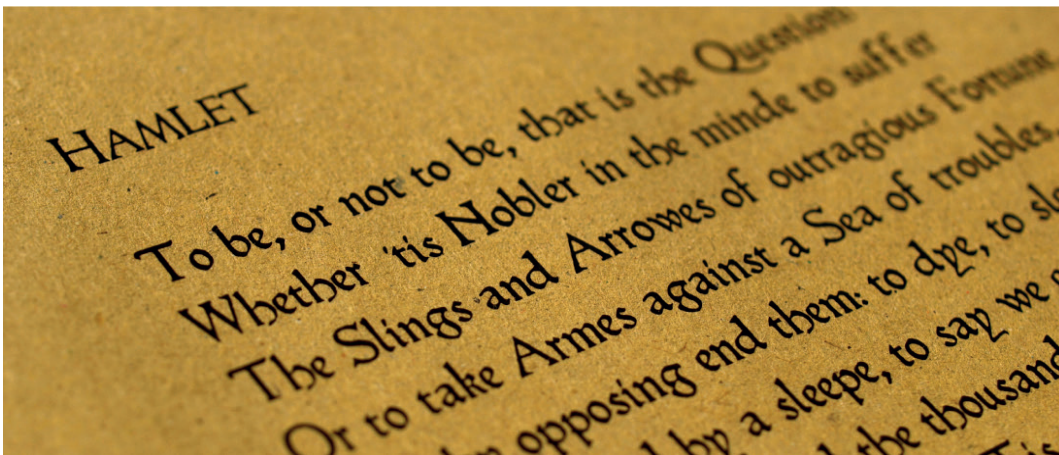
In line with our university’s vision and mission, we offer the opportunity for Double Major Programs with departments from other faculties to help our students progress confidently and competently toward the future. Starting from the 2024-2025 academic year, our department will have an agreement with the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, specifically with the Sociology Department, for the Double Major Program.

Our department’s students have the opportunity to pursue Minor Programs in other departments within our university to enhance their analytical and critical skills and professionally develop their areas of interest. Students who meet the necessary requirements can apply for and be accepted into a different undergraduate program at the beginning of their 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, at the latest by the start of the 6<sup>th</sup> semester. Upon successful completion of certain courses from that program, they can earn a Minor Certificate. Our department has already initiated Minor Programs in collaboration with the International Relations, Economics, Islamic Studies, Political Science and Public Administration, History, Sociology, and Russian Translation and Interpreting departments.

## B.Bologna Process

The Bologna Process is a reform aimed at creating a European Higher Education Area among 47 member countries. Our educational program has been developed in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process, which aims to create transparent, comparable, and easily recognizable education systems within Europe, benefiting from collaboration with many international organizations.

The program's goals are determined by program qualifications, the learning outcomes of each course, and credits based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), which are allocated according to the workload students spend both in class and outside of class. These courses aim to ensure that our department’s students receive high-quality education and easily benefit from exchange programs.



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### C. Erasmus+ Exchange Programs/Opportunities Abroad

Erasmus+ Study Mobility: Our students have the opportunity to participate in Erasmus+ Study Mobility through the Erasmus+ Charter awarded to our university.

Erasmus+ Internship Mobility: Our students can gain work experience at various institutions and organizations across Europe as part of their future plans. They can intern at an organization they find themselves, spending a certain period during the summer. During this internship, students may receive support from the National Agency ([www.ua.gov.tr](http://www.ua.gov.tr)).

Through agreements with high-quality European universities offering programs such as English Literature, English Studies, and others, students have the opportunity to complete part of their undergraduate and graduate education abroad. Under the Erasmus+ Program, students can receive certain amounts of scholarships/financial support based on their achievements and the quotas set.

## Career Opportunities

As a research-oriented university, graduates of the English Language and Literature department at ASBU possess advanced academic research skills required for postgraduate programs. Graduates of the department can apply for postgraduate programs in various fields both in Türkiye and worldwide, including:

- English Literature
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- American Literature
- Comparative Literature
- World Literature
- Translation Studies
- Linguistics
- Applied Linguistics
- Cultural Studies
- Women's Studies
- Adaptation Studies
- Area/Country Studies

Graduates can find employment in a wide range of sectors, including the following:

- Teaching English
- Translation/interpreting, specializing in public and private institutions, and ministries
- Guiding and management in tourism businesses
- Media; journalism, news agencies, TV program editing
- Freelance translation and interpreting
- Literary criticism
- Publishing industry; writing, editing
- Advertising, copywriting
- Foreign trade expertise in the private sector



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Under the guidance of a faculty member within our department, the Foreign Languages Club actively organizes national and international events.

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## Department of Translation and Interpreting

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Department of Korean Translation and Interpreting

# Department of Translation and Interpreting

## General Introduction

The Department of Translation and Interpreting at Ankara Social Sciences University was established under the Faculty of Foreign Languages in the 2021-2022 academic year. The department consists of the following subfields:

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



## Department of Japanese Translation and Interpreting

It is Türkiye's first and only Japanese Translation and Interpreting subfield, established within the Faculty of Foreign Languages in 2021.

The Japanese Translation and Interpreting subfield aims to train students and academics who are proficient in both oral and written translation in both languages, knowledgeable about Japanese culture and literature, and specialized in intercultural communication, in line with the founding purpose of our university and faculty.

The Japanese Translation and Interpreting subfield aims to address a significant need in various fields, such as law, economics, literature, social sciences, technical and natural sciences, medicine, political science, international relations, finance, and other emerging areas in line with the demands of the modern age, within the framework of scientific methods. Through theoretical and practical translation and interpreting courses, it aims to train knowledgeable, cultured, and skilled translators and interpreters who are capable of performing the profession of Japanese translation and interpreting, both orally and in writing, both domestically and internationally.

## Research Areas of the Subfield

Our subfield is committed to offering interdisciplinary education to its students. The elective courses in the subfield's curriculum are diversified to help students specialize in both written and oral translation across various fields, particularly in social sciences.

# Education

## A. Undergraduate Program

Our undergraduate program, in line with the vision of our university, offers a scientific research-based, high-quality education to our students and trains knowledgeable, cultured, and well-equipped expert translators and interpreters capable of performing written and oral translations between Japanese and Turkish.

The core focus of our subfield's curriculum is Japanese language education and written and oral translation techniques. The translation courses cover text and oral translations from various fields, including basic social sciences, natural sciences, and official documents.

In addition to translation courses, the curriculum includes courses on Japanese Literature, History, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies.

Additionally, our university offers students the opportunity to learn various languages at an advanced level, including English, Chinese, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, Persian, and Russian.





# Educational Opportunities

## A. Double Major and Minor Programs

In line with our university's vision and mission, it is planned to establish double major agreements with departments from various faculties within our university to help our students progress confidently and competently into the future.

Students in our subfield have the opportunity to pursue Minor Programs in other departments and subfields within our university to enhance their analytical and critical skills and develop their areas of interest professionally. Students who meet the necessary requirements can apply for and be accepted into a different undergraduate program at the beginning of their 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, at the latest by the start of the 6<sup>th</sup> semester. Upon successful completion of certain courses from that program, they can earn a Minor Certificate. Currently, the Japanese Translation and Interpreting Subfield offers a minor in collaboration with the Russian Translation and Interpreting Subfield.



## B. Bologna Process

The Bologna Process is a reform process aimed at creating a European Higher Education Area among 47 member countries. Our educational program has been developed in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process, which aims to create transparent, comparable, and easily recognizable education systems within Europe, benefiting from collaboration with many international organizations.

The program's goals are determined by program qualifications, the learning outcomes of each course, and credits based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), which are allocated according to the workload students undertake both in class and outside of class. These courses aim to ensure that our department's students receive high-quality education and easily benefit from exchange programs.

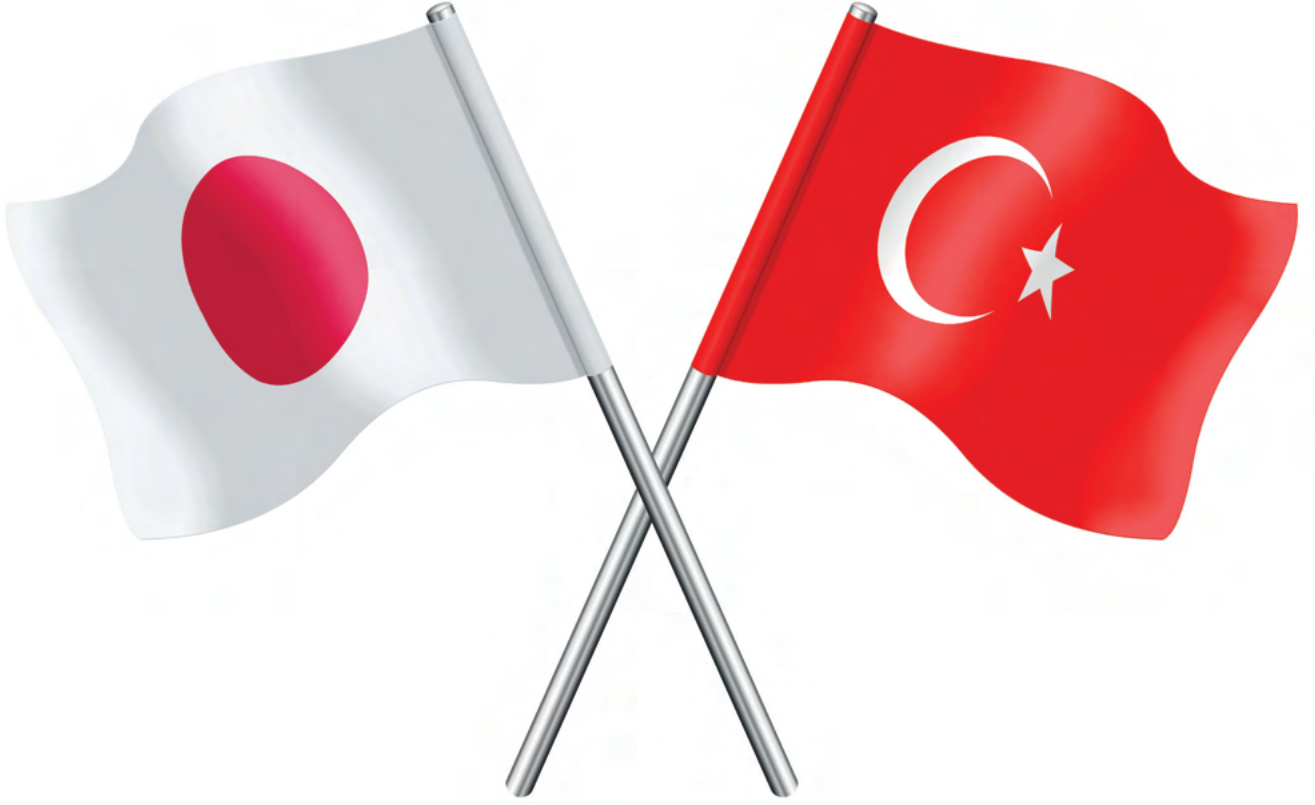
## C. Erasmus+ Exchange Programs/Opportunities Abroad

**Erasmus+ Study Mobility:** Our students, through the Erasmus+ Charter awarded to our university, can complete part of their undergraduate and postgraduate studies abroad within the framework of agreements with high-quality European universities offering programs such as English Literature, English Studies, and more. Under the Erasmus+ Program, students are provided with scholarships/financial support based on their achievements and the set quotas during this period.

**Erasmus+ Internship Mobility:** Our students have the opportunity to gain work experience at various institutions and organizations across Europe while planning their future careers. They can intern at an organization they find themselves, spending a certain period during the summer. During this internship, students may receive support from the National Agency ([www.ua.gov.tr](http://www.ua.gov.tr)).

**Japanese Government (MEXT) Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Research Scholarship (Nikkensei):** Our students who pass the Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Research Scholarship exam organized by the Japanese Embassy have the right to study in Japan for one year.





## Japanese Translation and Interpretation Career Opportunities

Students of the Department of Japanese Translation and Interpretation at the Social Sciences University of Ankara, a research-oriented institution, will graduate with advanced academic research skills required for postgraduate programs. Graduates of the department can apply to postgraduate programs both domestically and internationally in various fields, examples of which are listed below:

- Japanese Language and Literature
- Comparative Literature
- Linguistics
- Translation Studies
- Conference Interpretation
- International Relations
- Cultural Studies
- Regional/Country Studies

Graduates of the department can find employment opportunities in a wide range of fields, including:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Tourism
- Embassy of Japan
- Consulates
- Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT)
- Japanese companies
- Companies established through Turkish-Japanese partnerships
- Financial and investment consultancy firms
- Airlines
- Tourism companies
- Healthcare and medical tourism companies
- Universities
- Language schools teaching Japanese
- Museums
- Translation projects and publishing houses
- Organization and event management (international fairs, symposiums)
- Technology and software companies (projects connected with Japan)

# Department of Russian Translation and Interpretation

## General Introduction

The Department of Russian Translation and Interpretation aims to educate students in the field of translation and interpretation, enhance their skills and abilities, teach them methods of thinking, problem-solving, and interpretation, and provide professional experience. It also strives to nurture individuals who respect personal and societal rights within the framework of laws, prioritize public interest, uphold professional ethics, and are well-rounded citizens with strong social relations.

The program focuses on equipping students with the ability to perform written and oral translations from Russian, as well as other languages, into their native language, Turkish.

Graduates who successfully complete the program will become sought-after, skilled, and qualified professionals capable of translating in at least two languages. They will address the need for interpreters in both the public and private sectors, meeting the demands of various fields.

In this context, we foresee that admitting students to the Russian Translation and Interpreting Department at our university will address a significant gap in performing Turkish-Russian-Turkish written and oral translations within the framework of scientific methods. This will particularly contribute to fields such as law, economics, literature, social sciences, technical and natural sciences, medicine, political science, international relations, finance, and many emerging areas in line with the demands of the modern era.

Despite the undeniable importance of English as a means of international communication today, learning other foreign languages and cultures is equally significant. In this context, it is well-known that the Russian language has played a crucial role in Europe's politics, history, philosophy, and culture for centuries. Russian is the native language of approximately 150 million people and has been learned as a second language by an additional 100 million people. With a total of about 250 million speakers, Russian holds a central position in Europe's economic policies, scientific research, humanities, and cultural matters.

Russian is an extremely important language in international congresses, political negotiations, and trade fairs. Additionally, it is the language of a rich philosophical and literary tradition that forms part of our intellectual heritage. The best key to unlocking this wealth of knowledge is, of course, learning the Russian language. Learning a language might seem like a relatively simple activity; however, when one delves into the literature, culture, folklore, and history of the people who speak it, the experience proves to be both rich and enriching. Therefore, Russian education is not merely about blindly memorizing words, idioms, and linguistic structures. Mastering the Russian language not only brings a deeper understanding of the worldview of Russian-speaking people today but also provides insights into European history, as well as philosophical and cultural developments.

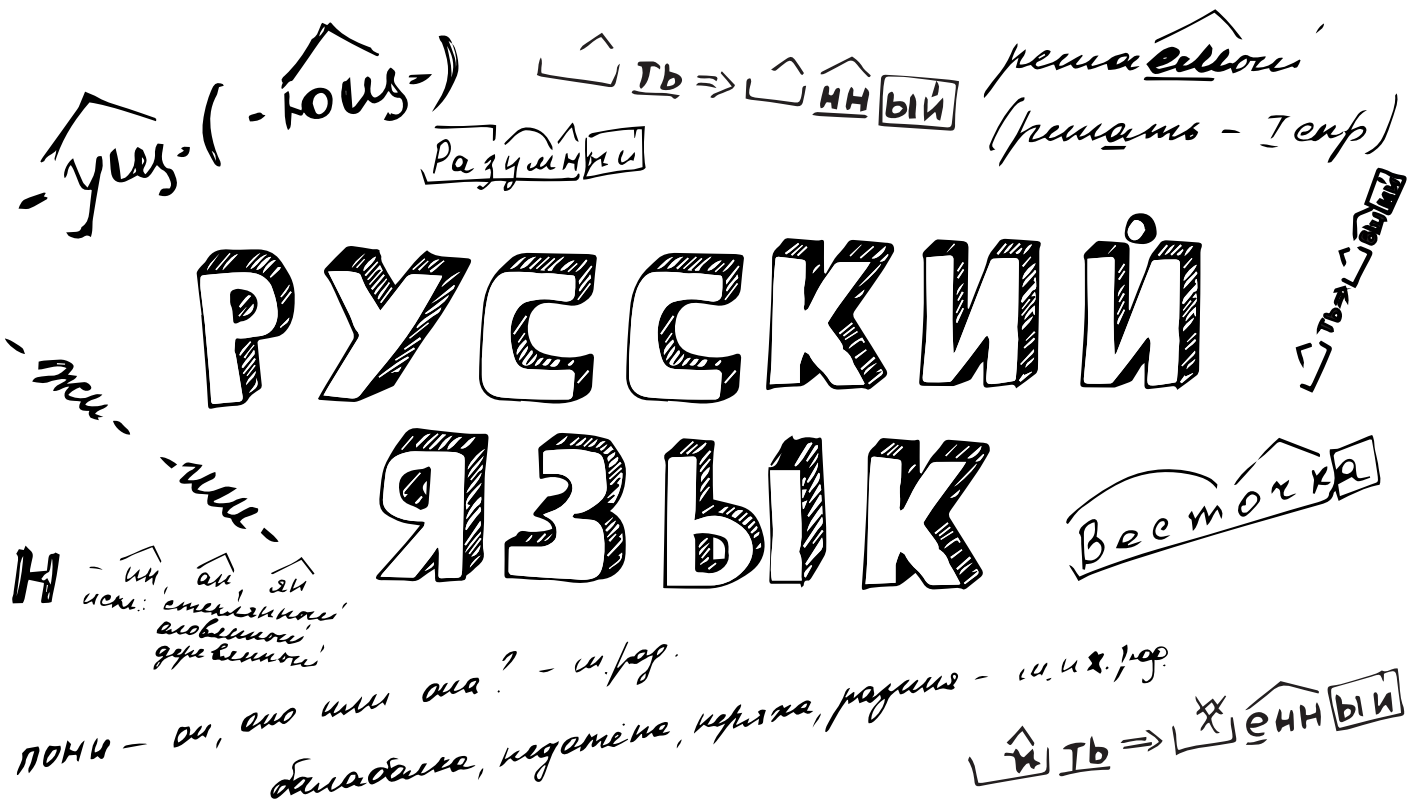
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This program provides education to meet the need for knowledgeable, cultured, and professionally skilled translators and interpreters capable of performing written and oral translation between Turkish and Russian, and Russian and Turkish.

Each course included in the program is carefully selected to contribute to the development of these competencies. Designed with a student-centered educational perspective, the courses enable active participation at every stage. Assessment and evaluation are carried out based on exams, assignments, in-class participation, and extracurricular academic activities. Students are encouraged to continue their learning process not only in the classroom but also outside of it.

Translation agencies offering oral and written translation services, local, national, and international print, visual, and audio media organizations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, all ministries (primarily these), the State Planning Organization (DPT), the National Intelligence Organization (MIT), the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE), exchange departments of banks, publishing houses, editorial offices, universities, advanced technology institutes, various international organizations, international non-governmental organizations, book translation, foreign mission offices, customs and clearance, as well as import and export companies, are among the employment opportunities for graduates.



# Educational Opportunities

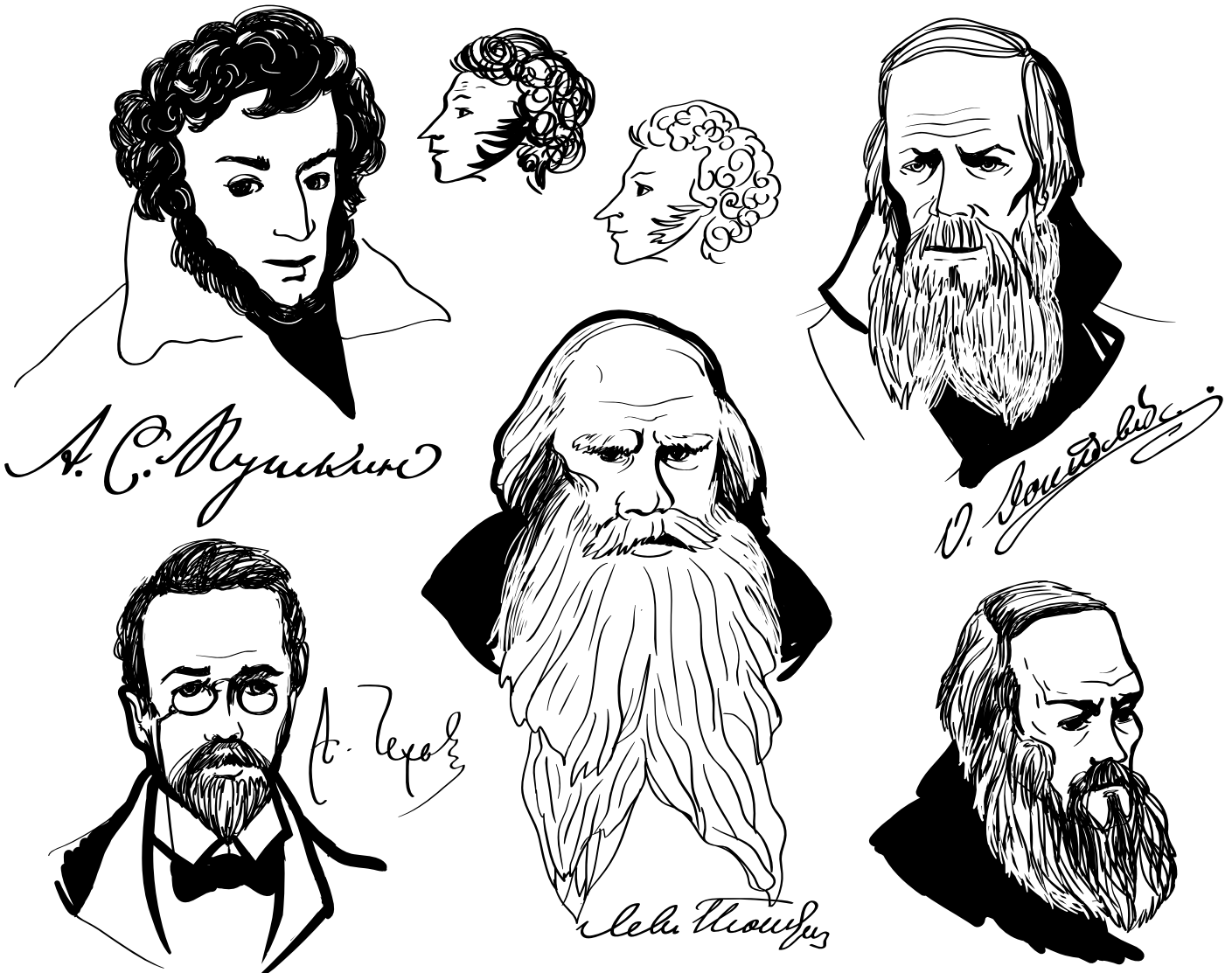
## A. Double Major and Minor Programs

In line with the vision and mission of our university, plans are underway to implement a Double Major Program with other departments, enabling our students to take firm and confident steps toward a more equipped future.

Students in our department have the opportunity to pursue a Minor Program in other departments within our university to advance their analytical and critical thinking skills and professionally develop their areas of interest.

Students who meet the required criteria can apply at the beginning of their 3<sup>rd</sup> semester at the earliest and their 6<sup>th</sup> semester at the latest. Upon successfully completing specific courses in the undergraduate program they are accepted into, they can earn a Minor Certificate.

In the 2023-2024 academic year, Minor Program agreements have been signed with the Department of English Language and Literature and the Department of Japanese Translation and Interpretation.



B. The Bologna Process

The Bologna Process is a reform initiative aimed at creating a European Higher Education Area among 47 member countries. Our education program has been designed in line with the principles of the Bologna Process, which strives for transparent, comparable, and easily recognizable education within Europe, benefiting from the collaboration of numerous international organizations.

The program aims to ensure high-quality education for our students and facilitate their participation in exchange programs through courses structured according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The program qualifications, which define its objectives, the course learning outcomes, which specify the aims of each course, and the credits assigned based on the workload students spend both inside and outside the classroom, all align with the Bologna Process framework.

C. Erasmus+ Exchange Programs/International Opportunities

Erasmus+ Learning Mobility:

Through the Erasmus+ Charter awarded to our university, our students can complete part of their undergraduate or graduate education abroad at high-quality European and Russian universities. These include departments such as Russian Language and Literature, Russian as a Foreign Language Education (PKI), and Russian-Turkish-English Translation and Interpreting, within the framework of agreements established with these institutions.

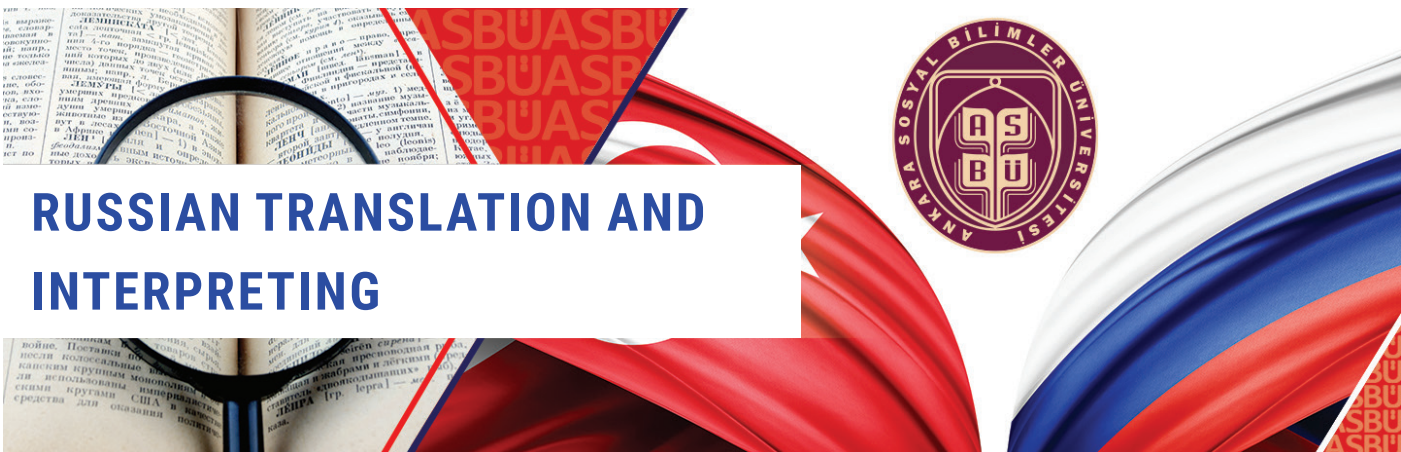
Under the Erasmus+ Program, students are provided with grants/financial support during this period based on their achievements and the allocated quotas.

Erasmus+ Traineeship Mobility:

Through this program, our students gain the opportunity to acquire work experience in various institutions and organizations in Russian-speaking countries while planning their future careers. Students can spend a designated period during the summer months interning at an organization they have identified themselves. During the internship, they may receive support from the National Agency ([www.ua.gov.tr](http://www.ua.gov.tr)).

International Agreements:

Educational cooperation agreements are being established with universities in Russia and other Russian-speaking countries for student and faculty exchanges as well as academic collaborations.





## Russian Translation and Interpretation Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Russian Translation and Interpretation program at the Social Sciences University of Ankara, a research-oriented university, possess advanced academic research skills required for graduate programs. Graduates of the department can apply to postgraduate programs both domestically and internationally in various fields, such as those listed below:

- Russian Language Teaching
- Russian Language and Literature
- Comparative Literature
- Translation Studies
- Linguistics
- Applied Linguistics
- Translation and Interpretation

Graduates of the department can find employment opportunities in a wide range of fields, examples of which are listed below:

- Freelance or in-house translator
- Secretary responsible for international relations in companies
- Patent and trademark translator
- Executive assistant
- Consulate staff member
- Various positions in media organizations
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Culture and Tourism
- Ministry of National Education, including state and private schools, as well as all institutions and organizations providing foreign language education
- State Planning Organization
- Undersecretariat of Treasury and Foreign Trade
- Turkish Grand National Assembly
- Foreign mission offices for diplomatic translation
- Within the European Union and the Council of Europe
- Industrial organizations involved in foreign trade
- Relevant departments at universities
- Official and private institutions employing foreign language teachers
- International private companies
- Banks
- TRT (Turkish Radio and Television Corporation)
- Private television channels
- Publishing houses
- Private translation agencies
- Domestic and international news agencies
- International conferences and congresses held on various topics
- Tourism sector
- All institutions and organizations providing foreign language education, particularly state and private schools.

## Department of Chinese Translation and Interpretation

### General Introduction

The Department of Chinese Translation and Interpretation, established in 2024 within our university, aims to train translators and interpreters who possess linguistic proficiency to perform written and oral translation between Chinese and Turkish, theoretical and critical knowledge in the field of translation, familiarity with the terminology required for specialized translations, and a deep understanding of Chinese culture and history, enabling them to engage in intercultural communication.

The Department of Chinese Translation and Interpretation aims to train translators equipped to meet the growing demand for written and oral translation between Turkish and Chinese in various technical and specialized fields, such as trade, tourism, economy, diplomacy, history, and literature. This is achieved through scientific methods and translation theories and strategies.



## Research Areas of the Department

The Department of Chinese Translation and Interpretation, with an interdisciplinary approach, will focus on technical and specialized translations in areas such as Chinese tourism, trade, international relations, literature, and history within its undergraduate program. Through a diverse range of elective course options, the program will also conduct research activities aimed at equipping students with skills in fields such as community interpreting and translation technologies.



## Educational Opportunities

Starting from the 2025-2026 academic year, our department will begin accepting students and will implement a Chinese Preparatory Program. Additionally, throughout their undergraduate studies, students will have the opportunity to take a second foreign language course in line with our university's diverse language policy.

Our department's academic staff consists of experienced and specialized academicians. Most of our faculty members have completed their postgraduate studies at universities abroad. The department also includes foreign instructors who are native Chinese speakers.

The academic staff in our department have published academic works in nationally and internationally recognized journals and publishing houses.

In line with our university's mission of internationalization and its emphasis on international collaboration, cooperation agreements were signed in November-December 2024 with Zhejiang Yuexiu University and Sichuan University, two of China's leading universities. Accordingly, students enrolled in our department will have opportunities to study at universities in China and experience Chinese culture firsthand.



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## A. Double Major and Minor Programs

In line with the vision and mission of our university, opportunities are provided for students to pursue Double Major Programs in collaboration with different departments across various faculties, enabling them to be better equipped for the future.

Students in our department also have the opportunity to pursue Minor Programs in other departments within our university to enhance their analytical and critical thinking skills and gain expertise in their areas of interest.

Students who meet the necessary requirements can apply at the beginning of their 3<sup>rd</sup> semester at the earliest and their 6<sup>th</sup> semester at the latest. Upon successfully completing specific courses in the undergraduate program they are admitted to, they can earn a Minor Certificate.



## B. The Bologna Process

The Bologna Process is a reform initiative aimed at creating a European Higher Education Area among 47 member countries. Our education program has been designed in line with the principles of the Bologna Process, which seeks to provide transparent, comparable, and easily recognizable education within Europe, benefiting from the collaboration of numerous international organizations.

The program qualifications, which define its objectives, and the course learning outcomes, which specify the aims of each course, are structured based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). This system assigns credits according to the workload students spend both inside and outside the classroom.

This structure ensures that students in our department receive high-quality education and facilitates their participation in exchange programs.



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### C. Erasmus+ Exchange Programs/International Opportunities

Through the Erasmus+ Charter awarded to our university, our students can complete part of their undergraduate or graduate education abroad at high-quality European universities within the framework of agreements with departments such as Chinese Translation and Interpretation or Chinese Language and Literature.

Under the Erasmus+ Program, students are provided with grants/financial support during this period based on their academic achievements and the allocated quotas.

#### Erasmus+ Traineeship Mobility:

Within this program, our students have the opportunity to gain work experience in various institutions and organizations in Europe as part of their career plans. Students can spend a designated period during the summer interning at an institution or organization of their choice. During the internship, they may receive support from the National Agency ([www.ua.gov.tr](http://www.ua.gov.tr)).

Our department's students will have the opportunity to pursue master's and doctoral studies in China with scholarships provided under the scientific cooperation protocol between Turkey and the People's Republic of China.

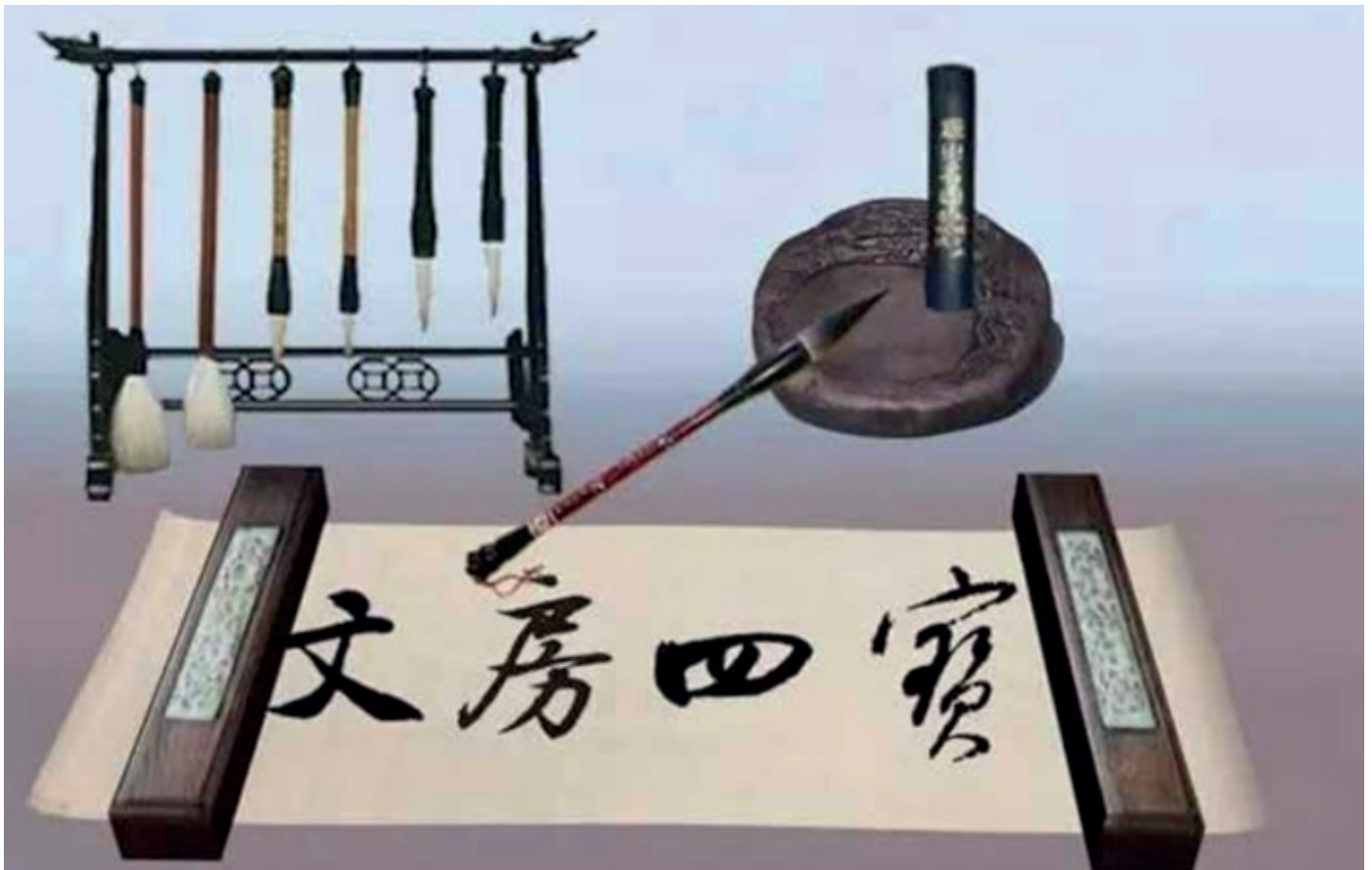
Additionally, through scholarships offered by the Confucius Institute and bilateral agreements established between our university and Chinese universities, students can benefit from exchange programs, allowing them to experience firsthand the language and culture of the country they are studying.



## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Department of Chinese Translation and Interpretation will have the opportunity to work in the following fields:

- They can serve as interpreters in government institutions such as the Prime Ministry, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Undersecretariat of Treasury and Foreign Trade, and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, as well as in joint Turkish-Chinese companies and projects.
- They can work as guides and translators in airline companies, foreign trade firms, media organizations, and tourism enterprises.
- They can work as interpreters in embassies and consulates.
- They can conduct academic studies at universities.
- They can work as translators in translation agencies and publishing houses.



# Department of Spanish Translation and Interpretation

## General Introduction

Spanish is spoken as a native language by approximately 500 million people and is the official language of 22 countries. For this reason, it holds great importance in terms of cultural, political, and international scope and influence worldwide.

In our country, the expansion of political, cultural, economic, and social networks with Spain and, more recently, with Latin America; the increasing visibility of the Spanish-speaking world in areas such as sports, music, and cinema; the inclusion of Spanish as one of the second foreign languages taught in educational institutions; and the growing demand in various sectors for qualified individuals proficient in this language have made the establishment of a Spanish Translation and Interpretation program a necessity.

With the establishment of the Department of Spanish Translation and Interpretation, it is planned to train well-equipped students with a high proficiency in the language and to significantly bridge the scientific gap in our country.

In this process, the Spanish Translation and Interpretation program aims to educate individuals who are knowledgeable, well-equipped, and highly proficient in Spanish; who understand the world and observe it through a unique perspective; who can evaluate different cultures and societies with discernment and a broad outlook; who are familiar with the cultural, historical, and social dynamics of Spanish-speaking countries; and who are capable of establishing communication networks between their own country and foreign nations.



## Research Areas of the Department

Although the main research area is Spanish Translation and Interpretation, our students will have the opportunity to conduct comprehensive research in various fields through a curriculum interwoven with topics such as the cultures, literatures, and histories of Spain and Latin America, linguistics, translation studies, and comparative literature.



## Education

### A. Undergraduate Program

The undergraduate program in the Department of Spanish Translation and Interpretation offers students a curriculum that equips them with proficiency in the terminology of various disciplines such as literature, culture, history, social sciences, law, political science, technology, medicine, economics, and international communication.

Additionally, through the courses offered in this program, students will graduate as competent individuals with a deep understanding of the history, cultures, and social realities of Spain and Latin America. In this way, the program aims to educate well-rounded individuals who can not only utilize the richness and flexibility of the Spanish language but also evaluate world history, including the history of our country, in a more detailed and realistic manner.

Elective courses within the department are diversified to help students specialize in the fields of translation they are particularly interested in. Each course included in the program is carefully selected to contribute to these competencies.

Prepared with a student-centered educational perspective, the courses enable active participation at every stage. Assessment and evaluation are based on exams, assignments, in-class participation, and extracurricular academic activities. Students are encouraged to continue their learning process not only in the classroom but also outside of it.

# Educational Opportunities

## A. Double Major and Minor Programs

In line with our university's educational objectives, students have the opportunity to pursue Double Major Programs with different departments across various faculties, enabling them to take confident steps toward a more well-equipped future.

Students in our department can also pursue Minor Programs in other departments within our university to enhance their analytical and critical thinking skills and develop their professional interests.

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## C. Erasmus+ Exchange Programs/International Opportunities

Erasmus+ Learning Mobility:

Through the Erasmus+ Charter awarded to our university, our students can complete part of their undergraduate education abroad at high-quality European universities within the framework of agreements with Spanish Language and Literature departments.

Under the Erasmus+ Program, students are provided with grants/financial support during this period based on their achievements and the allocated quotas.

Erasmus+ Traineeship Mobility:

This program provides our students with the opportunity to gain work experience in various institutions and organizations in Europe while planning their future careers. Students can spend a designated period during the summer interning at an institution they find themselves. During the internship, they receive support from the National Agency.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the department can find employment opportunities in a wide range of fields, examples of which include:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Embassies of Spain and Latin American countries in Türkiye, and the embassies of the Republic of Türkiye in these countries
- Cultural centers
- Translation agencies
- Tourism companies (simultaneous interpreting, welcoming tourists, presentations, etc.)
- Private companies (industrial factories, import-export companies, commercial enterprises, etc.)
- News agencies and television channels
- Tourist guiding
- Hotels and travel agencies
- Educational institutions (universities, colleges, state schools, etc.)
- Language teaching institutions (private language schools, etc.)
- Media translation (social media content, websites, and subtitles for films/series)
- Consultancy (language and cultural consultancy)
- Health centers (e.g., medical tourism, hair transplant interpreting)
- Sports clubs (interpreting for football, basketball, volleyball teams)



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