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# ASBU Faculty of Divinity

Equips its students with a comprehensive understanding of the social, psychological, and philosophical dimensions of religion, supported by various research areas.

Provides knowledge and solutions to the needs of individuals and society regarding religious beliefs and values, while training scientists, intellectuals, researchers, educators, and experts in religious services.

Aims to enhance understanding of religious beliefs and sects within its institutional identity and higher education mission, while promoting relationships among followers of diverse beliefs in a globalizing world.

The ASBU Faculty of Divinity not only follows the principles, goals, and curricula of comparable faculties but also possesses distinct qualities.







## ASBU FACULTY OF DIVINITY

Both the Social Sciences University of Ankara and its Faculty of Divinity host a variety of academic disciplines. In this regard, our Faculty is planned as a platform for interdisciplinary work at all levels of education and research.

In our Faculty, efforts are made to establish close connections among departments in terms of research and education, allowing each field to benefit from the methodologies and expertise of other academic areas. Thanks to its comprehensive approach, the ASBU Faculty of Divinity provides students with an advantage in understanding, interpreting, and analyzing the social, psychological, and philosophical aspects of religion.

Additionally, with a particular emphasis on Islamic calligraphy and musical arts, our Faculty aims to cultivate the spiritual refinement and sensitivity of its researchers and students.





## Arabic Preparatory Education

A one-year Arabic Preparatory Program is conducted at our University's School of Foreign Languages in classrooms of 20 students, using modern methods to simultaneously develop students' speaking, listening, grammar, and writing skills.

Students who successfully complete the preparatory program proceed to their faculty education starting from the first year. In our Faculty, academic guidance and counseling services are provided by faculty members, considering each student's individual abilities and goals.

Instead of a classical teaching method, the ASBU Faculty of Divinity adopts a research-oriented and participatory teaching model. Students are encouraged to produce knowledge while also benefiting from it.

The Faculty offers a rich academic environment designed to enhance students' skills in communication, interpretation, and reasoning, preparing them to specialize in their chosen fields. Opportunities for Arabic language studies and participation in research projects are actively provided to students.





## Second Foreign Language

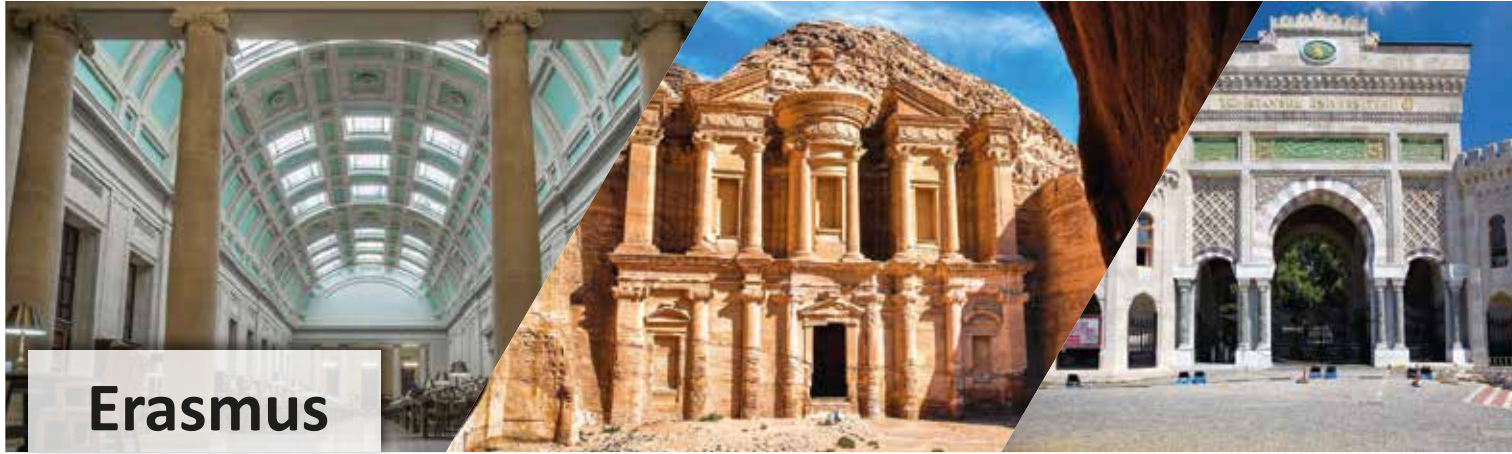
Our students have the opportunity to learn a second foreign language, choosing from English, German, Chinese, Persian, French, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, or Russian.

## Double Major and Minor Programs

At the Social Sciences University of Ankara (ASBU), students can pursue double major and minor programs, enabling them to graduate with dual degrees. Guidance services are also provided to those who wish to engage in postgraduate research during their undergraduate studies.

## Erasmus+ Program

Through Erasmus+ mobilities, our students have the opportunity to study at various universities around the world.



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## Teaching Certification

Pedagogical formation courses are directly offered within the faculty during the education process. Students who graduate with the certification gain the right to become teachers.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates of the ASBU Faculty of Divinity can work as research assistants at universities or as expert assistants, teachers, Quran course instructors, religious leaders (imam, preacher, muezzin, prayer leader), or spiritual guidance personnel in organizations affiliated with the Ministry of National Education and the Presidency of Religious Affairs at central and regional levels.

Additionally, graduates with a bachelor's degree can find employment in suitable public institutions and private sector organizations.







## DEPARTMENTS

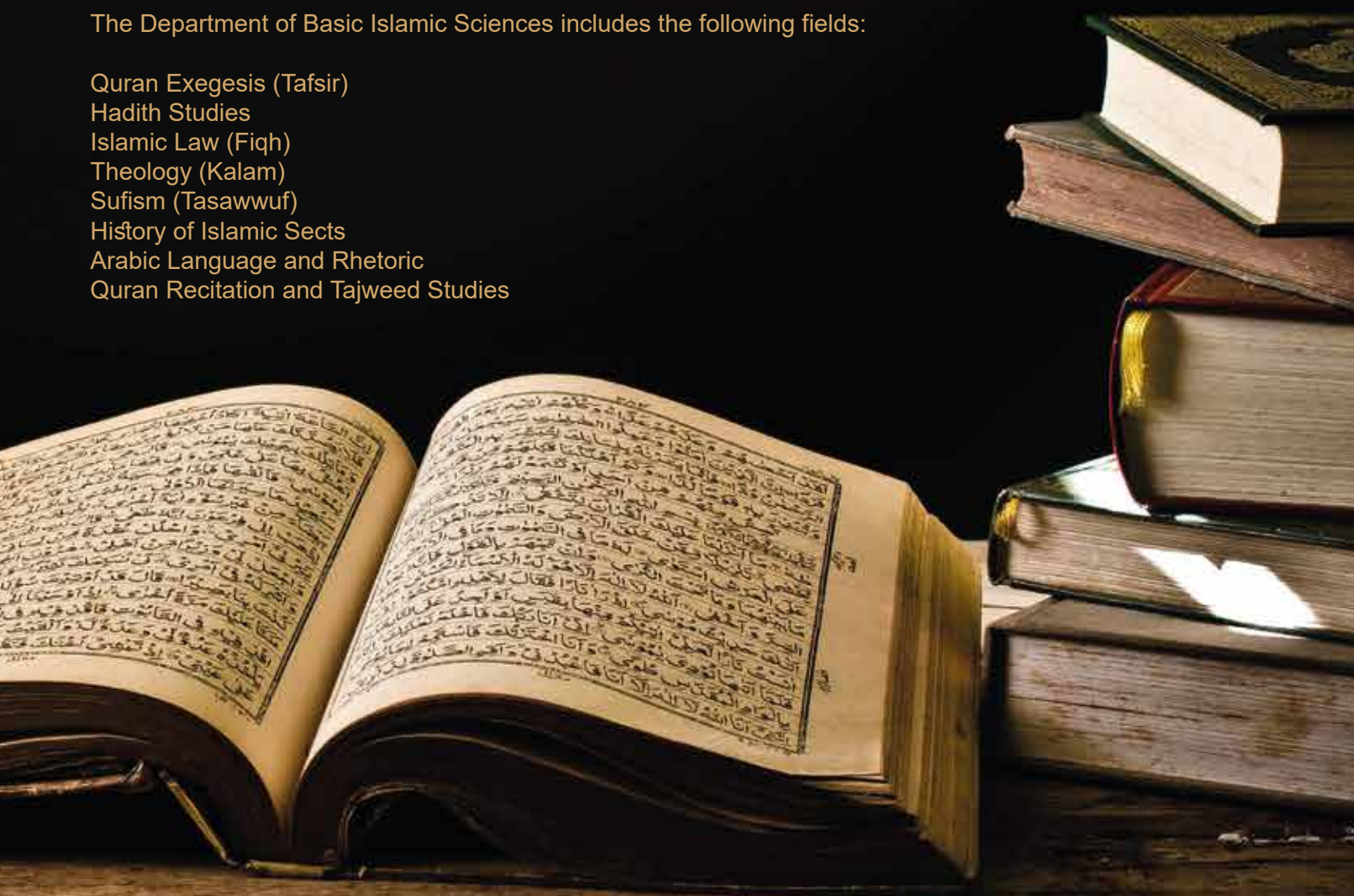
### DEPARTMENT OF BASIC ISLAMIC SCIENCES

This department's academic divisions focus on examining the fundamental sources of Islam and interpreting its core principles both theoretically and practically.

It uses Islam's primary sources to understand and analyze the principles of faith, worship, morality, and law. Additionally, it strives to develop modern solutions to contemporary issues by leveraging advancements in knowledge and technology.

The Department of Basic Islamic Sciences includes the following fields:

- Quran Exegesis (Tafsir)
- Hadith Studies
- Islamic Law (Fiqh)
- Theology (Kalam)
- Sufism (Tasawwuf)
- History of Islamic Sects
- Arabic Language and Rhetoric
- Quran Recitation and Tajweed Studies





## Why Study Basic Islamic Sciences?

- To learn and research religious sciences from their primary sources.
- To acquire knowledge in the fundamental fields of religious sciences and develop the intellectual and academic capacity to understand and provide solutions to contemporary issues.
- To benefit from interdisciplinary education across various fields of social sciences.
- To gain practical knowledge and scientific competence in societal service fields, especially within religious institutions.
- To learn classical source languages of religious sciences alongside Arabic, as well as modern Western languages.







## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The academic divisions within this department focus on studying the phenomenon of "religion" from various perspectives within human and social sciences. It explores the historical development of religious beliefs and practices, the relationship between religion and humans or society, the role and functions of religion in individual and social life, and the evolution of philosophical thought. It also examines the interaction between Islamic and Western thought, proper reasoning methods and principles, the history of religious education, and its current place in educational systems.

By utilizing the expertise of Basic Islamic Sciences, this department contributes to understanding, interpreting, and analyzing religion from social, psychological, and philosophical dimensions. The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies includes the following fields:

- Religious Education
- Philosophy of Religion
- Sociology of Religion
- Psychology of Religion
- History of Religions
- Philosophy of History
- Logic
- Islamic Philosophy



## Why Study Philosophy and Religious Studies?

- To learn the fundamental areas of religious sciences alongside the basic fields of social and human sciences simultaneously.
- To gain knowledge not only in core Islamic sciences but also in other religious and philosophical traditions.
- To receive interdisciplinary education across various fields of social sciences.
- To engage in contemporary intellectual debates and contribute meaningfully.
- To acquire practical knowledge and scientific competence in societal service fields, especially within religious institutions.





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## DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC HISTORY AND ARTS



This department focuses on the historical journey of Islam, from its emergence to the modern era, and examines key political, social, cultural, literary, and artistic events in Islamic history. It includes the study of pre-Islamic Arab society, the birth of Islam, the era of the Four Caliphs, and the Muslim states and civilizations established thereafter. The scientific and cultural heritage created by Muslims is also researched in this department.

The Department of Islamic History and Arts consists of the following fields:

- Islamic History
- History of Turkish-Islamic Arts
- Turkish-Islamic Literature
- Turkish-Islamic Music

## Why Study Islamic History and Arts?

- To gain an education grounded in the history and culture of our religious and cultural heritage.
- To specialize in both the core fields of Islamic sciences and the history and arts of Islam.
- To contribute to the preservation and continuity of Islamic culture and arts.
- To develop expertise in traditional Islamic arts.
- To acquire practical knowledge and scientific competence in societal service fields, particularly within religious institutions.







**The primary educational and research strategy of the Faculty of Divinity is to cultivate researchers, intellectuals, and leaders who serve society.**

## Research Areas

At the ASBU Faculty of Divinity, religious sciences are explored both within their own fields and in interdisciplinary interaction with social and human sciences. Establishing interdisciplinary connections and fostering collaboration are central objectives.

The Faculty, which houses various academic disciplines, conducts interdisciplinary research and builds strong relationships between departments. It emphasizes utilizing the methodologies and expertise of different fields for mutual enrichment.

The departments of Basic Islamic Sciences, Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Islamic History and Arts at the Faculty integrate distinct disciplines and encourage students to gain an educational foundation enriched by diverse approaches to address modern social and religious issues.

With its holistic approach, the Faculty equips students with an advantageous position in understanding, interpreting, and analyzing the social, psychological, and philosophical dimensions of religion.

## Contribution to Society

The ASBU Faculty of Divinity takes an active role in addressing societal needs, especially in matters of religious understanding, by offering education grounded in primary religious sources. In this context, the Faculty organizes activities, programs, and workshops focusing on social, cultural, educational, and artistic topics to raise awareness and ensure societal well-being. These events are tailored to contribute to public health and education by aligning with the shared values and knowledge of society.

# Research Topics

## 1. Values Research

Research into values such as religious, moral, philosophical, and aesthetic principles—referred to as higher values—is increasingly critical in today's world, including in Türkiye. These values, which have been overshadowed by utilitarianism, self-interest, and economic concerns, are gradually vanishing from people's lives. This has led to the necessity of developing theoretical and practical studies to strengthen and revive higher values both individually and societally.

## 2. Religious Groups and Communities

Religious groups and communities spanning the Islamic geography from Indonesia to Morocco are significant subjects of research. While some of these groups positively contribute to their societies, others negatively interfere with political structures. The sociopolitical, psychological, and economic influences of these groups require detailed academic investigation, free from bias.

## 3. Regional and Cultural Studies: Culture and Mentality Research

The sociopolitical, economic, moral, and intellectual attitudes of states and societies are closely related to their cultural and mental frameworks. In Türkiye, there is a pressing need for studies focusing on the cultural and intellectual dimensions of religion, particularly regarding its philosophical and moral aspects, to better understand local and national dynamics.

## 4. Islamic Economics and Finance

Islamic economics is often perceived as a theoretical model or an alternative to conventional economic paradigms. However, its practical application is critical in creating viable alternatives for the modern world. Research in this area seeks to bridge theoretical understanding and practical implementation, focusing on Islamic financial models and solutions.











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