The Master of Arts in International Relations is a two-year program that aims to provide its graduates with the fundamental principles of international relations, and the skill set to evaluate international relations from multiple viewpoints and the academic competence to develop in-depth analyses in the field. The program, thus, targets training graduate students who are competent both in domestic and foreign policy analysis, masterful in conceptual and theoretical perspectives, specialized in their field, capable of analytical thinking and adapting to the dynamics of globalization processes, and equipped with the necessary academic tools to compete in the international arena. The medium of instruction of the program is English.

Students who have completed the Master of Arts in International Relations program earn the degree of “Master of Arts”, abbreviated as M.A.

Criteria for Successful Completion of the Program
The successful completion of the program requires submission and approval of a Master’s Thesis as well as having completed 8 courses (4 compulsory and 4 elective), totaling at least 21 course credits (60 ECTS) in the allotted time period indicated in the Graduate Education Directory.

Program Objectives and Structure
The field of international relations no longer deals exclusively with inter-state relations but also includes the analyses of interactions among societies, civil society organizations, transnational actors, and individuals. The Department of International Relations, thus, seeks to train its students to develop the necessary skills to assess the multilevel networks of relations on the global scene, conduct interdisciplinary research with theoretical and thematic explanations, and adapt themselves to the dynamics of ongoing globalization.

To that end, the Master of Arts in International Relations Program pays special attention to ensuring that its graduates are not only able to apply theoretical thinking to analyzing and evaluating a wide range of issues in the field of international relations but also possess the tools necessary to conduct solid scientific research. The compulsory courses offered during the first two semesters such as international relations theories and research methods reflect this focus. The students are then able to choose from a wide range of courses available, and concentrate their studies on topics of their choice.

Please see graduate course program for course descriptions and the list of elective courses.

The program seeks to prepare students for further graduate studies, as well as for professional life in international, governmental, and non-governmental organizations, multinational corporations, foreign ministry, and think tanks.

Why choose this program?
- Distinguished faculty with a wide variety of research interests allows students to choose from a large pool of topics to concentrate their studies.
- We admit a small number of students to ensure each student is given individual attention.
- The students have the opportunity to take courses and/or conduct research in prestigious institutions such as the Fundação Getúlio Vargas and Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations as well as Erasmus partner universities.
- We provide internship opportunities in NGOs such as TUSIAD’s Representative Office in Brussels, research centers such as METU Center for European Studies, and think tanks such as the Mediterranean Center at Yasar University. Students can also participate in Erasmus internship programs and work at EU-funded projects during their studies.
Faculty

- Aylin Güney, Professor (Ph.D., Bilkent University): Politics of the European Union, EU relations-Turkish, Turkish politics, Politics and Society in Southern Europe, the Cyprus issue, federalism and ethnicity.
- Knud Erik Jorgensen, Professor, (Ph.D., Aarhus University) (Visiting Scholar at Yasar University): EU politics, theories of European integration and governance, European foreign policy, international relations theory, the politics of international organizations.
- Nazif Mandacı, Professor (Ph.D., Ankara University): Contemporary Balkan politics, conflict analysis and resolution, peace studies, post-conflict peacebuilding, nationalism and ethnicity, diaspora politics, consociational regimes, Turkish foreign policy.
- Emre İşeri, Associate Professor (Ph.D., Keele University): International political economy, Eurasian politics, Middle Eastern politics, energy security, Turkey’s foreign policy.
- Arıkan Açar, Dr. Lecturer (Ph.D., Middle East Technical University): Foreign policy analysis, Euro-Atlantic integration, contemporary Balkan politics, international peacekeeping operations.
- Ayselin Gözde Yıldız, Dr. Lecturer (Ph.D., Middle East Technical University): EU migration and neighbourhood policy, EU enlargement, EU-Turkey relations, project management, EU education and youth programmes, Bologna process.
- Defne Günay, Dr. Lecturer (Ph.D. Sheffield University): European integration, foreign policy analysis, state transformation, EU-Turkey relations.
- Gökay Özerim, Dr. Lecturer (Ph.D. Dokuz Eylül University): European integration, European migration policies, security studies, European radical right parties.

Admission Criteria

Those who hold B.A. or B.S., or J.D. (Law) degrees in International Relations, Political Science, Public Administration, Management, Economics, History, Sociology, Psychology, Translation and Interpreting, Western Languages and Literatures departments of faculties of Management, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Political Sciences, or Social Sciences, as well as Law, Communications, or Engineering faculties can apply to the program. Applicants must have at least 55 standard points from ALES (EA)/ or 610 points from GRE (Quantitative section). The evaluation and admission of candidates to the program will be based on their ALES/GRE scores (50%), undergraduate grade point average (25%) and written exam score (25%).
Admission Quota and Scholarship for 2018-2019 Academic Year:

Quota for students holding Turkish citizenship: 16 in total including 6 students with 50% scholarship, 2 students with 25% scholarship

Quota for overseas students: 10 students

Application Period for 2018-2019 Academic Year

For students holding Turkish citizenship:

1. Round: 14 MAY-14 JUNE 2018
2. Round: 9 JULY-7 SEPTEMBER 2018

For the present, we cannot offer any scholarship for our students. You can see the links given below for those provided by TUBITAK:

For Turkish Citizens

- 2210/A Genel Yurt İçi Yüksek Lisans Burs Programı
- 2210/B Yurt İçi Sosyal Bilimlere Geçiş Yüksek Lisans Burs Programı
- 2210/E Doğrudan Yurt İçi Yüksek Lisans Burs Programı

For Overseas Students

- 2235 – Graduate Scholarship Prog. For The Least Developed Countries

Overseas Students should get in touch with the International Office for their application period.

For the detailed info, please visit the web page of the Graduate School of Social Sciences.