The Department of Turkish Language and Literature Teaching (DTLTT) started operating at Marmara University as a 4-year undergraduate program in 1982. In accordance with the restructuring in 1998 supervised by the Turkish Council of Higher Education (IHE-“YÖK”), the duration of the program was extended from 4 to 5 years in faculties of education. Regarding the current 10-semester program at DTLTT, the majority of the courses offered during the first 7 semesters include subject-specific topics while those offered during the final 3 semesters include mainly topics in education. The DTLTT aims at providing education for prospective teachers of Turkish language and literature who will work at institutions of secondary education.

**Education**

The undergraduate program of the department consists of courses on topics regarding field-specific knowledge, general culture and pedagogical formation. The period of education and training is 5 years, during which both theory and practice are covered. The department also provides graduate (M.A.) and doctorate (Ph.D.) programs offered through the Institute of Educational Sciences.

**Facilities**

The campus of Atatürk Education Faculty is located on the Anatolian side of Istanbul, one of the most important metropolitan cities in the world. Thus, compared to students of other universities in Turkey, our students have the great advantage of getting much easier access to all kinds of social, cultural, educational and sporting activities. These opportunities enhance our students’ cognitive, affective and psycho-motor development. Students who fulfill the prerequisites can participate in double-major program.

**Employment Prospects**

Graduates are entitled to teach at government and private institutions of secondary education and at private study centers. They can also work as experts at several research centers and institutes or as newspaper and journal editors.

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Atatürk Education Faculty is one of the oldest teacher-training institutions in Turkey. As a result of drawing from its distinguished past, and by means of continuous improvement and expansion, the Faculty has succeeded in becoming a leading school of its kind and one of Turkey's most important sources of new teachers.

On the one hand, this Faculty possesses a long historical heritage and on the other, the Faculty is proud to carry the name of the august leader and founder of the Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Atatürk once said: “Teachers! The Republic wants to see guardians who know of ideas and science, have physical strength and strong characters. The task of raising a new generation with these features and capabilities is in your hands.”

These words acknowledge the responsibility with which teachers are entrusted and can be seen as the raison d'etre for training well-qualified teachers.

Our Faculty seeks to produce teachers who have inculcated modern civilisational standards and who are fully equipped to contributing to the store of national and universal knowledge.

With nearly 8,000 students and around 220 teaching faculty members, the Faculty is located on the Goztepe Campus, which is itself spread over a 15 acre site on the Anatolian side of Istanbul. The Faculty is home to a complex of buildings containing approximately 100 classrooms. These classrooms are, to a very large extent, fully equipped with the necessary technological infrastructure. Furthermore, according to the features of each programme, music rooms, individual music practice rooms, seminar rooms, art and drawing workshops, science and computer laboratories, an art gallery and a student reading room and library are all available for use by students. Atatürk Education Faculty meets the needs of supplying the country’s demand for teachers via a total of 31 programmes (22 of which are daytime programmes and 8 of which are evening programmes). In addition to their teaching duties, the Faculty's lecturers are closely involved in making a contribution to academic activities at both national and international levels. Lecturers are also actively involved in providing various in-service training programmes to serving teachers and educational administrators.

The Faculty also participates in national and international student and teaching staff exchange programmes. In this context, the Faculty has seen a steadily increasing number of outgoing and incoming students in respect of both the Erasmus international student exchange programme and in the FARABI national student exchange programme.