The Department Of English Language Teaching

The fundamental aims of the Department of English Language Teaching are to help prospective teachers to attain a good command of the English language, and to equip them with the necessary skills to teach English as a foreign language. The Department also offers double major and minor programs. Following registration, students whose level of English is insufficient to follow undergraduate courses are required to enroll in the School of Foreign Languages for a year.

Professional courses including ‘Linguistics’ and ‘Approaches and Methods in Language Teaching’ are offered in the Department and constitute the basic components of the program. In addition, through elective courses, prospective teachers are offered alternative ways of self-development in various cultural and professional subjects of their interest.

Education

The 4-year undergraduate program consists of professional courses that offer pedagogical training, language development, and subject-area knowledge. Subject courses are offered at both theoretical and experiential levels. In addition, graduate programs leading to M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English Language Education are offered in accordance with the regulations of the Institute of Educational Sciences.

Facilities

The Department of English Language Teaching has an ERASMUS student exchange program at the undergraduate level with a number of universities in the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany and Poland. Prospective teachers who fulfill the necessary requirements are eligible to apply for admission to a double major program.

Employment Prospects

The graduates of this program can teach English as a foreign language at primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. Alternatively, they may choose to work in foreign embassies or in the tourism industry.

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About The Faculty
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'être 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 the FARABI national student exchange programme.