

Marmara University Department of Sociology

The discipline of sociology is a major branch of social sciences, akin to history, economics, anthropology, psychology and political science. The aim of our department is to establish an interdisciplinary academic unit in accordance with the national and international standards of proficiency in the development and transmission of sociological knowledge in Turkey by use of knowledge and methods developed in sociology as well as in other major disciplines in the social sciences.

Our department, established under this general purpose, has been operating in the educational area since 2001. The language of instruction is English. Students not equipped with sufficient knowledge and use of English take the preparatory language class before they begin their under-graduate education.

Our department aims to train the students with the ability of sociological thinking as individuals who are aware of domestic and worldwide issues and who aim to promote this awareness. We want them to be able to develop communications with the members of the society and be equipped with the ability to do research, interpretations and publications on social and professional issues, as well as, act as citizens with social sensitivity and responsibility.

Our graduates are equipped with the qualifications and ability to acquire admittance to and academic success in graduate programmes in social, educational or administrative sciences whether in Turkey or abroad and to acquire positions in fields whereby basic knowledge of social science and

sociological perspective can be applied, such as education, research, planning, health and social services, management, mass communication, advertising, marketing, public relations.

Why the department of sociology?

- A strong academic staff with international networks, research experience and publications,
- Instruction in English,
- Location of the campus in the center of the city,
- A constructive relationship between lecturers and students,
- An up-to date education programme with worldwide recognized standards,
- The opportunity of becoming a visiting student via Erasmus exchange programme,
- Seminars and conferences by invited speakers which enrich the sociological perspective of the students,
- The opportunity to do social research by participating in research projects held by the department staff,
- Encouragement of students' activities via participation in student congresses and the Sociology Students' Club,
- Social and cultural activities,
- Access to various job positions and graduate programmes after graduation.

For more information

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Major Goals of Our Under-graduate Programme

A student who has successfully graduated from our department would be able to:

1. comprehend the discipline of sociology and methodology of social sciences on a level whereby he/she can plan, carry out and report a research under the supervision of an expert.
2. have an accumulation of knowledge on the historical development of sociological thought and its recent outcomes.
3. have an accumulation of knowledge on various research and application areas of sociology and the basic debates and modes of studying them.
4. build up a synthesis by linking the theoretical knowledge acquired during lectures with the social and economic history of Turkey
5. have general knowledge about other social science disciplines like economics, political science, anthropology, psychology and general debates within the scope of social sciences
6. comprehend the relationship between sociology and the fields of human sciences, law, management and education.

Employment Fields Available for Our Graduates

- NGO's
- Human resources management
- Social services - Hospitals / Public Centers
- Research Companies – public research, market research and social research
- Advertisement sector
- Media
- Museum management
- City museums – social history museums
- Museums of folklore and ethnography
- Art galleries
- Cultural organizations – Cinema, theater, documentation
- Guidance / Consultance (on organizations, institutions, groups and families)
- Planning and Consulting positions in both public and private sectors
- Consultancy in International organizations like UNDP, WB, UNICEP, ILO
- Tourism and promotion

Universities of Mutual Contract

Our co-partners within the Erasmus Exchange Programme are as follows:

- Södertörns College, Stockholm, Sweden
- Erasmus University of Rotterdam, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy
- University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

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