



## UNIVERSITY OF ANKARA FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

### MUSLIM THEOLOGY and RELIGIOUS STUDIES (ENGLISH) AT ANKARA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Theology at Ankara University has a distinguished place in the history of Islamic and religious thought in Turkey. The intellectual sources of the Faculty are rooted in the rich legacy of classical Islamic sciences advanced throughout a long-lasting and multi-cultured Islamic and Turkish history. Since its establishment in 1949, the Faculty has played an important role in the academic teaching of Islamic and religious scholarly disciplines by integrating the traditional spirit of Islamic disciplines with modern improvements of religious studies. It thus has been a distinctive character of the Faculty of Theology to accommodate traditional Islamic values and the advantages of critical thinking in religious matters.

Starting from the academic year of 2010-2011 Ankara University establishes a new department under its Faculty of Theology in order to open its gates to international students who seek to gain a well-grounded academic education in the fields of Islamic theology and religious studies. Ankara University aims at exemplifying an international community of dedicated students, scholars, and intellectuals in an intercultural milieu.

The courses will be conducted in English and there will be a preparatory English language class (one year) for the students who do not have the required level. At the end of the fourth academic year, the students will be qualified for BA degree. The students are expected to receive a comprehensive knowledge in the fields of Islamic theology and religious studies, as the courses range from the basic traditional Islamic disciplines such as Arabic language, Qur'anic exegesis (*tafsir*), Prophetic tradition (*hadith*), Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*), Islamic theology (*kalam*), Islamic philosophy (*falsafa*), Islamic mysticism (*tasawwuf*) and Islamic history to the modern disciplines such as philosophy of religion, the study of comparative religions, sociology of religion, psychology of religion and religious education.

Ankara University Faculty of Theology is an international center of educational excellence which integrates traditional and modern intellectual studies on Islam and other religions of the world. It provides this education with

contextualizing Islamic studies within the general picture of social sciences and humanities and thus blends harmoniously modern academic disciplines with traditional scholarly fields. It provides a virtually unparalleled opportunity to study Islam within a living Muslim society and with professionals who are well versed in both traditional and modern techniques of academic study. It aims at bringing together the rich intellectual resources of faculty and students at Ankara University with an international scholarly network to explore issues of religion in today's complex, globalizing, and changing world.

Ankara University Faculty of Theology enhances intercultural and interreligious understanding and fosters civilizational dialogue across religious communities and nations. It develops an environment which instils commitment for life-long learning and a deep sense of social responsibility. It works towards building a deeper and broader understanding of the histories and contemporary patterns of the world's religious communities by exploring the possibilities for incorporating their insights in the context of modern religious studies. In light of the increasing prominence of religion in conflicts globally, the Ankara University's mission of promoting a broad, sympathetic understanding of the world's religions in cooperation with individuals and institutions in Turkey and internationally has assumed a special and compelling urgency.

Ankara University's students come from all over the world. The university is culturally diverse and open to all nationalities from across the globe. Undoubtedly this is one place where great leaders of the future are being trained and nurtured to actualize and show their potentials. Accordingly, the university strives to create knowledge, to open the minds of students to that knowledge, and to enable students to take best advantage of their educational opportunities. To these ends, Ankara University Faculty of Theology encourages students to respect ideas and their free expression, and to rejoice in discovery and in critical thought; to pursue excellence in a spirit of productive cooperation; and to assume responsibility for the consequences of personal actions. The Faculty of Theology is an scholarly institution that exemplifies an international community of dedicated intellectuals, scholars, professionals.

### **Ankara University Admission Policy**

Ankara University makes all decisions concerning applicants, students, faculty and staff on the basis of the individual's qualifications to contribute Ankara University's educational objectives and institutional needs. Discriminating against individuals on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, or disability unrelated to course requirements is inconsistent with the purposes of a university and with the law.

Ankara University offers the combination of a remarkable student body, a world-renowned faculty and all the resources of an extraordinary university. We hope that as you plan your academic future, you will take time to look closely at the special opportunities Ankara University offers.

The University is committed to making educational opportunity accessible. Admission is based on achievement and promise. Its financial aid program ensures the affordability of a Ankara University education for students and families across the economic spectrum. All students—Turkish and international—benefit equally from the university’s admission and financial aid policies.

Our admissions procedures are designed to give you maximum freedom and flexibility to present yourself in your own words. We hope you will respond in whatever ways you feel will best demonstrate your interests and accomplishments.

### **Program/Curriculum Structure**

The program includes a variety of courses as follows;

Recitation of the Qur’an and *Tajwid*  
History of the Qur’anic Exegeses  
Methodology of Hadith  
Methodology of Islamic Jurisprudence  
Major Themes of the Qur’an  
History of Sufism  
Psychology of Religion  
Sociology of Religion  
Sources of Hadith

Systematic Kalam / Theology  
History of Islamic Sects  
Methodology of Religious Sciences  
Introduction to Social Sciences  
Islamic Moral Philosophy  
Contemporary Qur’anic Studies  
Systematic Islamic Philosophy  
Comparative Islamic and Western Thought  
Problems of Philosophy of Religion  
Contemporary Islamic Trends  
Arabic, Persian, Greek, Latin, Hebrew

### **Financial Aid Data**

Students will financially be supported throughout their education, provided that they succeed in their courses.

### **Applying**

**Entry Requirements** (All documents should be original or in the form of ratified copy)

The academic ability and potential of a student required for entry to the Islamic Theology and Religious Study program can be established from a number of ways of evidence.

### **1. Language Testing Requirements**

Applicants must submit a score of the level of their ability in the English language. For applicants who are not native speakers in English we accept the following test scores. If you don’t have language certificate, on condition that you are accepted the program, you will have to take English preparatory class in

Ankara University School of Foreign Languages.

- TOEFL, a score of 550 or above on the paper test, or 213 or above on the computer test. Standardized test results more than three years old may not represent your ability.

- IELTS, a score of 6.5 or above

- FIRST CERTIFICATE, a score of B or above

- In either of KPDS and UDS the score of 70 or above is required.

## 2. **High School Diploma and Transcripts**

An official high school diploma and transcript are required. All applicants should provide an official English translation of their diploma and transcripts and send an explanation of the marking system, if their marking system differs from the standard letter or numerical grade systems.

It is important that you take **equivalent certificate** for your diploma from the Turkish Embassy in your home country or from the Ministry of Education in Turkey.

3. You must take any one of the exams which enables you to enter the University in your country that is equivalent to that of Turkish university entrance system. You can take ABİTUR, Sat 1, Tawjihi, GSE,

International Baccalaureate, Al-Shahada al-Thanawiyya, etc.

For the details of these and other exams please visit:

[http://oidb.ankara.edu.tr/?bil=bil\\_icerik&icerik\\_id=127](http://oidb.ankara.edu.tr/?bil=bil_icerik&icerik_id=127)

## 4. **Application Form**

The candidates will download the application form on their computer and send it with other documents. You can download the form at

[http://oidb.ankara.edu.tr/?bil=bil\\_icerik&icerik\\_id=127](http://oidb.ankara.edu.tr/?bil=bil_icerik&icerik_id=127)

## 5. **For bank statement and other conditions please visit**

[http://oidb.ankara.edu.tr/?bil=bil\\_icerik&icerik\\_id=127](http://oidb.ankara.edu.tr/?bil=bil_icerik&icerik_id=127)

## **Application and deadlines**

From mid June to mid July (the date varies annually, so the exact date will be declared by the Ankara University later).

## **Whom to contact**

Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you during the admission process. For any question please do not hesitate to write to;

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