İSTANBUL
MEDENİYET ÜNİVERSİTESİ

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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PROGRAM

We live in an environment where current issues have been shaped by historical events as well. It is almost impossible not to come across in our daily lives with the traces of communities which used this environment before us in different periods of time. In such an environment, history represents what belongs today rather than just what belongs to the past. In an atmosphere where history is such a living thing, knowledge and understanding of history is an immense resource to be in concord with the environment, city and culture. In order to form a scientific method to sterilize this resource from heroism, superstition and baseless rumors, there are history departments in many universities.

With these ideas in mind, the history department of Istanbul Medeniyet University, which aims to be one of the best universities in Turkey, intends to educate open minded individuals who focus on problem solving and willing to research and learning with her skilled and dynamic academic staff by offering education in %100 Turkish and %100 English languages since 2012-2013 Academic Year.

OUR DEPARTMENT

- Our curriculum is designed to allow students to dedicate time to research alongside their coursework. Accordingly, students are expected to successfully complete eight courses per semester during their first year, and six courses per semester for the remaining three years. In addition, they are required to conduct research on a topic of interest and submit a thesis upon graduation.
- Our undergraduate program offers students the opportunity to specialize in their field of interest. Starting from the second year, the curriculum includes a wide range of elective courses, enabling students to develop expertise in a specific area.
- The department offers opportunities for students to pursue a Double Major Program or a Minor Program.
- In their third and fourth years of undergraduate study, students are offered the opportunity to learn a second foreign language. As of the 2025–2026 Academic Year, the department offers courses in the following languages: Ottoman Turkish, Persian, Arabic, Russian, Korean, Ancient Greek, Latin, and Classical Syriac.

- The academic expertise and research interests of our faculty are not confined to a limited set of periods or topics. As a result, students have the opportunity to take courses covering a wide temporal and geographical range—from Antiquity to the modern era, and across regions including Central Asia, Iran, Anatolia, the Balkans, the Mediterranean, the Arab world, and Europe.
- The curriculum offers exposure to a variety of historical subfields, including political, economic, social, and cultural history, as well as women's history, urban history, military history, intellectual and religious history, and more. Methodological training in these areas is also emphasized.
- The Department of History provides education at undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels. In addition, students benefit from the university's strong interdisciplinary environment, with access to departments such as sociology, psychology, philosophy, history of science, and art history.
- Our faculty's international academic experience enriches the program with global perspectives. Students are introduced to international scholarly debates and are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities abroad for language learning, archival research, and academic exchange.

- Our department is located at Istanbul University's South Campus, situated in one of the most central and accessible areas of Istanbul.
- Students benefit from close proximity to Turkey's most prominent archives, manuscript collections, and research libraries, offering valuable resources for academic work.
- The department actively organizes academic events such as symposiums, seminars, and workshops. Istanbul, as a vibrant cultural and intellectual center, serves as an ideal setting for such scholarly activities.
- The Society of History (İMÜ Tarih Topluluğu) founded by our students and supported by faculty members, plays an active role in organizing academic events and creating a dynamic intellectual community.
- Our university's library offers a modern, accessible research environment and serves as a hub for academic events. With a rapidly growing collection of print and electronic resources, students can benefit from a wide range of books, journals, and digital databases for their research.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Alumni graduated from the History Department of Istanbul Medeniyet University acquires the title "historian" and are able to make research in the related field. They may further their studies by continuing MA / PhD programs as an academician or take part in private education corporations. By means of free certificate programs, our students may also find job opportunities in archives, museums or in tourism sector, in press or visual media which requires historical knowledge

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Our students have the opportunity to study at selected universities within Turkey, Turkic republics, and European countries through the Erasmus, Farabi, and Mevlana exchange programs. Some of our partner universities under the Erasmus program include the University of Bonn (Germany), Ghent University (Belgium), University of Zagreb (Croatia), and University College Dublin (Ireland). The list of partner universities is regularly updated and expanding, providing increasing opportunities for international academic mobility.

ACADEMIC MEMBERS

- Prof. Recep KARACAKAYA (Head of Department)
- Assoc. Prof. Fatih Gürcan (Deputy Head of Department)
- Asst. Prof. Gülseren DUMAN KOÇ (Deputy Head of Department)
- Prof. Hayrunnisa ALAN
- Prof. Cihan PİYADEOĞLU
- Prof. Adnan ESKİKURT
- Prof. Fatih DURGUN
- Prof. Selim KARAHASANOĞLU
- Prof. Güneş IŞIKSEL
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- Prof. Kahraman ŞAKUL
- Prof. Adem ÖLMEZ
- Prof. İsmail Hakkı KADI
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- Prof. Muhammet Talha ÇİÇEK
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- Assoc. Prof. Elif BAYRAKTAR TELLAN
- Assoc. Prof. Tuğba İSMAİLOĞLU KACIR
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- Res. Asst. Murat Berkan KUŞKONMAZ
- Res. Asst. Gülşen YAKAR
- Res. Asst. Bahri ÖZEL
- Res. Asst. Sevde BOLAT
- Res. Asst. Hasan YALVAÇ
- Res. Asst. Samet ÖZDOĞAN

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Faculty members in our department have numerous national and international publications in Turkish, English, and various other languages. Many of our academics have received prestigious awards and scholarships at both national and international levels. With its experienced and dynamic academic staff, the İMÜ History Department not only contributes significantly to historiography but also successfully fulfills the vital mission of training the historians of the future.

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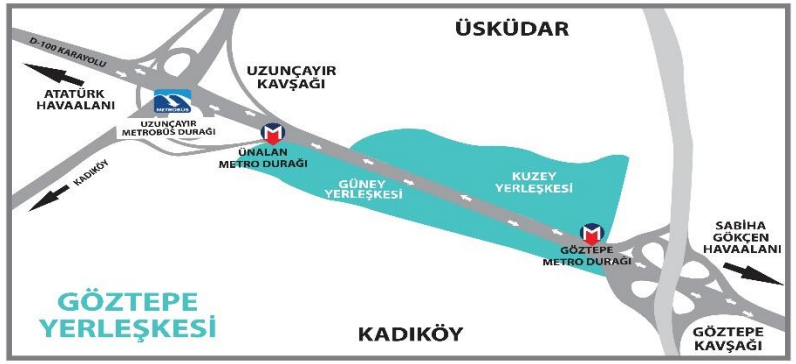
Our university, located in a central area, is easily accessible via Kadıköy/Üsküdar buses and minibuses running on the D-100 highway, as well as by metro and metrobus lines.