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# PROF. DR. A. SAİM KILAVUZ

## The Rector of Bursa Uludağ University

Dear students,

The university is an educational institution that has a central importance in the education of you, the future of our country and our nation. The university you will be a member of will, on the one hand, train you academically and prepare you in terms of knowledge and professional competence, and on the other hand, it will contribute to your being a qualified individual with the social and cultural opportunities.

Bursa Uludağ University is one of the most prestigious educational institutions of our country with a history of nearly fifty years, with a deep-rooted tradition and a vision for the future. Based on its past accomplishments, with the breakthroughs it has made in recent years, it has succeeded in becoming one of the most outstanding candidate research universities of our country. The key to the technical and academic success of our university is its close relations and cooperation with the developed industrial organizations of the city, non-governmental organizations, educational and cultural organizations, as well as its competent academic staff and infrastructure opportunities in terms of both quantity and quality. The aim of our university is to ensure that students acquire and develop knowledge, skills and values, as well as to enable them to gain a sense of belonging, as in a



family environment by providing for their satisfaction in every aspect, and to develop our students as sophisticated and intellectual individuals, while at the same time, striving to raise our

university to an increasingly superior institutional position.

Within this structure, our Faculty of Theology, of which I am proud to be a member for more than forty years, has always been one of the most qualified and most esteemed theology faculties in our country. Our faculty, which has inherited the tradition of religious sciences that has blossomed in Bursa since the foundation of the Ottoman Empire and has been rooted for centuries, has combined this accumulation with today's understanding of science. In this context, it presents Islamic sciences as well as social and human sciences and Islamic arts as a balanced whole to our students. Therefore, the most important goal of our faculty has always been to provide a rich environment that will enable our students to become broad-minded, well-equipped theologians who know the world and human beings in addition to their field study. Of course, the most important role in the realization of this goal belongs to the distinguished academic staff who are strong, competent and well-known in their field. Our professors, who reflect the values coming from our past by living in accordance with them in their personal lives, who see their students not only as receivers of transferred knowledge, but as representatives of science and culture that will carry these traditions to the future, who value our students in this respect and welcome them as members of their family, are of great worth.

Our conscientious and diligent student population, including students from 72 different countries of the world and who reflect the varied colors of an Islamic mosaic, provides a unique environment where cultural interaction and scientific development will be experienced with a sense of companionship. Our new students who will come to our faculty with their styles, customs and their scientific, literary and artistic practices, play an important role in this community.

Considering that the city educates a person as much as the educational institution and the scientific environment he/she lives in, as one of the most beautiful cities of our country, offering all the possibilities of a big city as well as the warmth and spirituality of an Anatolian city, the advantages of Bursa should be recognized.

As our ancestors have said, “Evvel refik ba'de't-tarik”, which means one should choose a companion before departure. When you set out to become knowledgeable, well-trained, aware of your history and past tradition, well acquainted your own time and the people of the time, and eager to contribute to society without compromising your values, you want to choose a companion who will add value, encourage you when you stumble, and stand by you. If you seek good friends who will not abandon you on the road, and who will support you, our Faculty of Theology is waiting for you with its open arms.

Put your trust in Allah.

# PROF. DR. BİLAL KEMİKLİ

## The Dean of Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology

### OUR FACULTY

Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology is a faculty with a deep-rooted tradition. What do we mean by this sentence? We point out that our faculty has a strong learning environment and a robust education and training heritage. Indeed, knowledge, (*ilm/علم*) like education and training is a matter of tradition. It has a world of meaning surrounded by the concepts of tradition, history and experience. It refers to having a tested and lived past that has left a trace. In this sense, our faculty has reached its 45<sup>th</sup> year and graduated its 42<sup>nd</sup> term of students.

Our faculty, besides having a deep-rooted tradition, was established in a city that has trained qualified people in our history of science and thought. In this respect, it has the qualification of being an educational institution that inherits the historical heritage of the city. It is an institution that realizes the importance of the scientific heritage left behind by scholars and thinkers, especially Molla Fenârî and Kadızâde-i Rûmî, who grew up and served in these lands. Because of this realization, it not only trained qualified scientists and thinkers, but also served the state and the nation with the knowledge produced by its academic staff. As an educational institution that has graduated 42 terms, it



has served many public institutions and non-governmental organizations, especially the institutions of Religious Affairs and National Education. Our graduates took part in important positions in the Presidency of Religious Affairs, as well as performing important duties in the education bureaucracy, especially as teachers in institutions affiliated to the Ministry of National Education. I would also like to remind our students who provide services to our world of knowledge and thought with the works they wrote and the students they trained. Likewise, it



is a fact that we have graduates who direct society in social and political life and carry out pioneering work in NGOs. All this is the result of the effort to carry the historical background and values of the city in which it is located.

Our faculty met with Bursa. Our academic staffs have endeavored to present the history and experience of the city to the world of science in the theses and articles they have written or have contributed as a consultant, as well as in the scientific meetings they have organized. For example, our faculty members prepared a comprehensive encyclopedic work such as *Bursa Kütüğü* and an important resource work such as *Bursa Ulucami*. Why am I talking about this point? For this: Universities should present the historical background of the city in which they were founded, to the society through the work they are pioneering. In this sense, our faculty has fulfilled an important mission. Thus, it has pioneered the construction of an important science district within the theology knowledge in Bursa.

Recently, the vision and mission of our Faculty has been renewed as higher education policies have started to produce services for our geography. In this regard, with the support of Türkiye Diyanet Foundation, the task of opening a theology program in Turkmenistan in 1994 was entrusted to our Faculty. Thus, our faculty has become a gateway to Asia. The Balkans followed Turkmenistan.

Thus, our faculty has become an international educational institution addressing 72 different countries today. It has an institutional structure that educates theologians for almost the whole world and offers Turkish education to

students from different languages and cultures. The partnership has been enriched by joining Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) in recent years to the studies it initially carried out with Türkiye Diyanet Foundation (TDV). Besides TDV and YTB, some of the needs of our native and international students are provided by Bursa Theology Foundation (BIV).

Our faculty has a rich library collection and academic study environment besides its scientific tradition. BİLEM (Bursa Theology Education Center) participated in these studies in the last academic year. Established to raise qualified scientists, BİLEM offers different services to students who will carry out academic studies. Likewise, BİLEM TV and [www.dusuncefeneri.com](http://www.dusuncefeneri.com) established within BİLEM are the result of the effort of our Faculty to present its knowledge to our students, graduates and members. Apart from the *UU Faculty of Theology Journal*, *İlahiyat Studies (A Journal on Islamic and Religious Studies)* and *Oksident Journal (Journal of Judaism, Christianity and Western Studies)* bring highly qualified knowledge to our science scene and carry our country's academic achievements to an international arena. Bursa Theology Foundation (BIV) supports our faculty in carrying out all scientific and academic activities. BİV also supports our successful students with scholarship funds.

Our faculty offers a peaceful environment for our students on its own campus. In this peaceful environment, it is intended to enrich science, art and thought and turn students into useful resources for our nation. For this, besides the social and cultural activities of the groups

established by our students, the reading groups set up in the rooms of our teachers are also worth considering. Our wish is to lead the way to the training of people who are academically competent, peaceful, happy, free-willed, at peace with society and national history, respectful to people, sensitive to nature and the environment, who have internalized moral values. Ultimately, with many features that were mentioned here, BUU Theology Faculty is literally a

"big family". This big family will be renewed with its new students and will continue to be a bridge to the future.

We are a well-established family... I congratulate you, our esteemed students, who deserve to be a member of this family, and wish you success.





# BURSA ULUDAĞ UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

## BRIEF HISTORY

Founded in Bursa on April 11, 1975 under the name of "Bursa University", the foundation of our University is the Bursa Faculty of Medicine, which was established in 1970 under the Istanbul University, and the Bursa Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, which was established in 1974. Our university was renamed as "Uludağ University" on 20 July 1982. However, on May 18, 2018, the name of our university was changed to "Bursa Uludağ University". Within our university, there are 15 Faculties, 2 Colleges, 15 Vocational Schools, 1 Conservatory, 4 Institutes, 27 Application and Research Centers, 1 Research Center and 5 departments established under the Rectorate.

Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology started education and training in a primary school building in Geçitköy as the Bursa Higher Islamic Institute on 28 November 1975 under the directorate of Halis Ayhan. Later, the institute was moved to the Historical Sericulture Research Institute allocated to the High Islamic Institute and continued its education in the addi-

tional education building built there. In 1982, the High Islamic Institute was affiliated to Uludağ University with the name of "Faculty of Theology". The building in Fethiyeköy, whose construction was started as the Higher Islamic Institute, was completed after a year and the Faculty of Theology was moved to this building in 1983.

In July 2012, the Faculty of Theology was temporarily moved to Uludağ University Görükle Campus, after it was determined that the existing building was not earthquake resistant and the classrooms of the building were demolished and rebuilt. As a result of the reconstruction of the building with the contributions of the benevolent businessman Faik Çelik, the Faculty of Theology returned to its former campus in September 2013 and continued its education and training under the name of Uludağ University Faculty of Theology Faik Çelik Campus. The Faculty of Theology still continues its educational and training activities in this campus.

## OUR VISION

Our primary vision is to be a respected faculty of theology which can produce solutions for the spiritual and social problems of our age and aims to improve spiritual evolutions of the individuals within the scope of Quranic and universal values and also leads scientific and social responsibility activities in Turkey and the world.

The students, who are trained in our faculty under the guidance of expert academic staff, work as religious officials, teachers and researchers all around the world and make a contribution to the world of science with qualified researches and publications.

## OUR MISSION

The main mission of Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology is to raise virtuous religious officials, teachers, researchers and academic staff who can learn and teach the religion from its original sources, enrich their intellectual minds with the authentic sources offered by Islamic tradition, contribute to the society's spiritual development with the awareness of their own cultural heritage, benefit from the knowledge provided by social and human sciences, produce solutions to the problems of the society and have the competence to contribute to science at a universal level, and the most importantly put their knowledge into practice.

Another mission of Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology is to train scientists equipped with the knowledge of history, culture and literature, especially the religious sciences and humanities, which are needed by our age. Bursa has hosted ancient civilizations, became the capital of the Ottoman Empire, raised many scientists with its Sultaniye madrasahs and has a scientific and spiritual atmosphere thanks to scholars, man of letters and artists such as Molla Fenârî, Hoca-zâde, Âşık Pasha. This atmosphere provides students with the opportunity to take part in activities that build awareness of civilization and develop their scientific, literary identities and artistic aspects, inspired by this cultural heritage.

# BURSA ULUDAĞ UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF THEOLOGY: ARCHITECT OF YOUR FUTURE

Theology faculties, the rising value of today and the future, are multifaceted educational institutions under the roof of social sciences, built on the accumulation of the past, enriched with classical and modern methods and redesigned in accordance with the age. Theology faculties, which have a wide course curriculum in the fields of Basic Religious Sciences, Social Sciences and Traditional Turkish Islamic Arts, raise qualified people of the future with the versatile and qualified education they offer. One of these educational institutions is Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology, the shining star of the Marmara region.

Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology equips its students with the religious and moral

values of Islam and supports their scientific, cultural and artistic development at the highest level and provides its students with various opportunities in this regard. It is a training center with a large and experienced teaching staff and qualified manpower.

Students who graduate from our faculty can work as a Religious Culture and Moral Knowledge teacher in primary and secondary education and high schools, and as teachers of vocational courses in Imam Hatip High Schools. They can also serve as a Mufti, a preacher, Quran Course instructors and religious officers within the Directorate of Religious Affairs. While many of our students work as research assistants at universities some of them are employed as a specialist in public institutions such as Presidential Archives General Directorate, General Directorate of Foundations, Ministry of Culture, Manuscript Directorate, YTB and TİKA. Among our graduates, there are eminent businessmen in business life as well as statesmen who stand out in the political and administrative fields. Our faculty trains theologians for our geography. Many of our graduates play important roles in many countries.





# THEOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The duration of the theology program is 5 years, 1 year being Arabic preparatory. 70% of the lessons are taught in Turkish and 30% in Arabic. The preparatory class program, which aims to benefit from the basic sources of the Islamic religion in Arabic and to gain medium level speaking and listening skills, has been created by taking into account four basic language skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening).

Classrooms are equipped with modern equipment and language teaching materials. Speaking, writing and listening lessons are mainly given by expert Arab lecturers. The aim of the theology program is to raise theologians who want to specialize in religious disciplines, who are engaged in matters of religious life and who can think systematically and critically. It is aimed for our students to be educated by conducting scientific research within the framework of the basic principles of religion and use this knowledge in national and international scientific platforms, and have knowledge about the subjects, methods and problems of classical and modern religious sciences.

After our students fulfill the necessary requirements, they can obtain two diplomas by following one of the programs of other faculties with the application of the Double-Major undergraduate program. In addition, they can get a certificate with the application of a minor undergraduate program.

## SYLLABUS OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

There are three departments in our faculty: Basic Islamic Sciences, Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Islamic History and Arts.

There are eight departments within the Department of Basic Islamic Sciences, namely Arabic Language and Rhetoric, Hadith, Islamic Law, History of the Islamic Sects, Islamic Theology (Kalam), Recitation of the Quran, Sufism and Quranic Exegesis (Tafsir).

There are eight departments within the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department, namely Religious Education, Philosophy of Religion, Psychology of Religion, Sociology of Religion, History of Religions, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Islam and Logic.

There are four departments within the Department of Islamic History and Arts: Islamic History, Turkish Religious Music, Turkish-Islamic Literature and Turkish-Islamic Arts.

In addition to the Arabic education they receive in the preparatory class, the students who are entitled to undergraduate education in our faculty also receive English education once a week for one year, as required. As of the second year of undergraduate program, optional courses are included in the curriculum of the theology program in addition to the compulsory



courses. Through these optional courses, our students gain the right to self-education and a kind of specialization in the relevant department. Some of these optional courses are taught in English and Arabic, as well as Persian, French, German and Latin texts, and therefore, our students are given the opportunity to choose from a wide range of six languages.

Our students who have completed their Arabic language education, which can be considered as the mother tongue of theology faculties, with at least intermediate level in four language skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening) in the preparatory class can carry these gains to an advanced level in the following years by means of Arabic optional courses. Thus, the learning adventure of Arabic language, which started with the daily use version of Arabic, continues through press and media texts and reaches its peak with Classical Texts and Rhetoric lessons. Thanks to this learning process, our students are not only limited to the daily spoken language, but also become able to follow the most up-to-date Arab and Middle Eastern geography through the press and media, make mutual readings in English and Arabic, and at the same time gain familiarity with classical literary texts.

Our faculty, where students from seventy-two

different countries are educated, does not limit the undergraduate curriculum to only Turkish and Arabic courses, but also allows its students to participate in optional courses through five different languages; Persian, English, French, German and Latin. Among the courses opened, the courses of Persian and Latin start from the basic level and are among the courses that all our students can choose without hesitation.

The courses with presentations in English, French and German are those that require intermediate pre-reading comprehension competence in terms of readiness, participation and success. In this context, our students can choose according to their own interests in line with the course contents.

The table showing the compulsory and optional courses in the curriculum of our faculty is as follows:



**1. SEMESTER**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
İLA1001	Recitation of the Quran and Tajwid I	Com-pulsory	3
İLA1003	Methodology and History of Tafsir	Com-pulsory	6
İLA1009	Fundamental Beliefs in Islam	Com-pulsory	4
İLA1011	The Life of the Prophet	Com-pulsory	4
İLA1013	Arabic Language and Literature	Com-pulsory	4
İLA1015	Turkish Religious Music (Theories)	Com-pulsory	3
AİT101	Atatürk's Principals and History of Revolutions I	Com-pulsory	2
TUD1011	Turkish Language I	Com-pulsory	2
YAD101	Foreign Language II (Eng.-Fr.-De.)	Com-pulsory	2
İLA1005	Career Planning	Com-pulsory	1

**2. SEMESTER**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
İLA1002	Recitation of the Quran and Tajwid II	Com-pulsory	3
İLA1018	Tafsir I	Com-pulsory	4
İLA1008	Principles of Worship in Islam I	Com-pulsory	5
İLA1010	History of Islam I	Com-pulsory	5
İLA1012	Arabic Language and Literature II	Com-pulsory	3
İLA1014	Classic Logic	Com-pulsory	2
İLA1016	Ottoman Turkish	Com-pulsory	2
ATA102	Atatürk's Principles and History of Revolutions II	Com-pulsory	2
TUD102	Turkish Language II	Com-pulsory	2
YAD102	Foreign Language II	Com-pulsory	2

3. SEMESTER			
Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA2001	Recitation of the Quran and Tajwid III	Compulsory	2
İLA2019	Tafsir II	Compulsory	4
İLA2023	Hadith History	Compulsory	2
İLA2021	Methodology of Islamic Law	Compulsory	4
İLA2009	History of Islam II	Compulsory	2
İLA2011	Arabic Language and Literature III	Compulsory	2
İLA2017	Turkish-Islamic Literature	Compulsory	3
İLH2021	Psychology of Religion	Compulsory	3
	Optional Courses	Optional	8

4. SEMESTER			
Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA2002	Recitation of the Quran and Tajwid IV	Compulsory	2
İLA2022	Methodology of Hadith	Compulsory	4
İLA2020	Islamic Law I	Compulsory	4
İLA2010	History of Islamic Theology	Compulsory	3
İLA2012	Arabic Language and Literature IV	Compulsory	2
İLA2014	Sociology of Religion	Compulsory	3
İLA2016	History of Islamic Civilization	Compulsory	2
İLA2018	History of Turkish Islamic Art	Compulsory	2
	Optional Courses	Optional	8

5. SEMESTER			
Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
ILH3083	Systematic Islamic Theology II	Com-pulsory	4
İLA3001	Recitation of the Quran and Tajwid V	Com-pulsory	3
İLA3017	Hadith I	Com-pulsory	4
İLA3019	Islamic Law II	Com-pulsory	3
İLA3011	Arabic Language and Literature V	Com-pulsory	2
İLA3013	Islamic Mysticism I	Com-pulsory	2
İLA3015	History of Philosophy I	Com-pulsory	2
İLA2013	Religion Education	Com-pulsory	2
	Optional Courses	Optional	8

6. SEMESTER			
Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA3002	Recitation of the Quran and Tajwid VI	Com-pulsory	3
ILH3088	Fundamentals and Philosophy of Islamic Ethics	Com-pulsory	2
İLA3020	Hadith II	Com-pulsory	6
İLA3010	Systematic Islamic Theology II	Com-pulsory	3
İLA3012	Arabic Language and Literature VI	Com-pulsory	3
İLA3014	Islamic Mysticism II	Com-pulsory	2
İLA3018	History of Philosophy II	Com-pulsory	2
	Optional Courses	Optional	9

7. SEMESTER			
Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA4001	Recitation of the Quran and Tajwid VIII (Professional Practice)	Compulsory	4
İLA4009	History of Islamic Sects	Compulsory	5
İLA4011	History of Islamic Philosophy	Compulsory	6
İLA4015	History of Religions I	Compulsory	6
	Optional Courses	Optional	9

8. SEMESTER			
Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
A4002	Recitation of the Quran and Tajwid VIII (Professional Practice )	Compulsory	4
İLA4016	History of Religions II	Compulsory	5
İLA4012	Philosophy of Religion	Compulsory	4
	Optional Courses (Turkish)	Optional	8
	Optional Courses (Arabic)	Optional	9



### 3. SEMESTER Optional Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA2201	Religious Education in Family	Optional	8
İLA2207	Turkish Marbling Paper Art I	Optional	8
İLA2209	Philosophy and Literature	Optional	8
İLA2211	Major Themes in Epistemology	Optional	8
İLA2215	Contemporary Muslim Countries	Optional	8
İLA2217	Criticism of Sanad in Hadith	Optional	8
İLA2225	History of Spread of Islam	Optional	8
İLA2229	Librarianship	Optional	8
İLA2231	Comparative Studies on Islamic Worship	Optional	8
İLA2233	Political History of Ottomans	Optional	8
İLA2235	History of the Prophets	Optional	8

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA2247	Introduction to Islamic Theology	Optional	8
İLA2249	Basic Subjects in the Quranic Sciences	Optional	8
İLA2251	Religious Music I	Optional	8
İLA2253	Recitation of the Quran I	Optional	8
İLA2257	Latin I	Optional	8
İLA2259	Astronomy and Religion	Optional	8
İLA2263	Contemporary Problems of Tafsir	Optional	8
İLA2271	Religious Content in Diwan Poetry	Optional	8
İLA2273	Literature and City	Optional	8
İLA2275	Persian Language I	Optional	8
İLA2277	Contemporary Problems of Tafsir	Optional	8

İLA2279	Paleography	Optional	8
İLA2283	Orientalistic Approaches to the Recitations of Quran	Optional	8

İLA2285	Islamist Thought in Turkey	Optional	8
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#### 4. SEMESTER Optional Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA2204	Turkish Marbling Paper Art II	Optional	8
İLA2208	Contemporary Problems in Islamic Law	Optional	8
İLA2210	Contemporary Problems in Islamic Theology	Optional	8
İLA2212	The Universal Message of the Prophet Muhammad	Optional	8
İLA2216	Introduction to the History of Islamic Thought	Optional	8
İLA2218	Muslims Minorities	Optional	8
İLA2220	Orientalism and Islam	Optional	8
İLA2222	Islamic Law in the Ottoman Period	Optional	8
İLA2256	Islamic Calligraphy II	Optional	8
İLA2258	Persian Language II	Optional	8
İLA2260	Recitation of the Quran II	Optional	8

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA2224	Ottoman Social History	Optional	8
İLA2226	The Place of Sunnah in Religion	Optional	8
İLA2230	Hadith in Turkish Culture	Optional	8
İLA2232	Problems of Religious Education in Turkey	Optional	8
İLA2234	Religious Geography of Turkey	Optional	8
İLA2236	Text of Turkish Islamic Literature	Optional	8
İLA2246	Islam and Mysticism	Optional	8
İLA2252	Religious Music II	Optional	8
İLA2276	Orientalistic Approaches to the Recitations of Quran	Optional	8
İLA2278	Attachment Religion and Mental Health	Optional	8
İLA2280	Religious Education in Europe	Optional	8

İLA2262	Latin II	Optional	8
İLA2264	Epigraphy	Optional	8
İLA2266	Islam in Modern World	Optional	8
İLA2268	Education Religieuse Informelle II (French)	Optional	8
İLA2272	Selected Readings in Islamic Thought	Optional	8

İLA4316	Relationship of Philosophy and Religion	Optional	8
İÖMB2008	Sociology of Education	Optional	4
İLA2286	Classical Texts of Tafsir	Optional	8
İLA2288	People of the Book in the Quran	Optional	8

### 5. SEMESTER Optional Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA3201	Philosophy of Science	Optional	8
İLA3207	Religions and Ecology	Optional	8
İLA3209	Islamic Calligraphy III	Optional	8
İLA3211	Contemporary Religious Movements in the Islamic World	Optional	8
İLA3215	Textual Criticism in Hadith	Optional	8
İLA3219	Human and Universe in Islamic Theology	Optional	8
İLA3221	Judgments Regarding Women in Islamic Law	Optional	8
İLA3223	Comparative History of Religions	Optional	8
İLA3229	History of Logic	Optional	8
İLA3231	Al-Majalla and General Principles	Optional	8
İLA3233	History of the Civilization	Optional	8
İLA3237	Literary Texts	Optional	8

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA3239	History of the Prophets	Optional	8
İLA3241	History of Turkish Thought	Optional	8
İLA3261	Education Religieuse Formelle I (French)	Optional	8
İLA3263	Introduction to Sufism	Optional	8
İLA3265	Islam and Education	Optional	8
İLA3267	Schools of Thought in Islamic Philosophy	Optional	8
İLA3301	Religious Music III	Optional	8
İLA3303	Recitation of the Quran III	Optional	8
İLA3307	Human and Education in the Quran	Optional	8
İLA3309	Adult Religious Education	Optional	8
İLA3311	History and Philosophy of Science in Islam	Optional	8
İLA3313	Turkish-Islamic Moralists	Optional	8

İLA3315	Comparative Islamic Law	Optional	8
İLA3317	Selected Readings in Hadith	Optional	8
İLA3321	Personal Growth and Religiosity	Optional	8
İLA3323	Social Change and Religion	Optional	8
İLA3333	Selected Topics in Islam	Optional	8

İLA3341	Hadith V	Optional	8
İLA3375	Psychology of Moral and Values	Optional	8
İLA3377	Sects in Christianity	Optional	8
İLA3379	Bursa Ulu Cami in the Context of History Culture and Calligraphy	Optional	8
İLA3383	Sects in Judaism	Optional	8



## 6. SEMESTER Optional Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA3264	Classical Texts in the Culture of al-Andalus	Optional	9
İLA3268	Prophetic Traditions on Legislation	Optional	9
İLA3270	Literature of History of Islamic Theology	Optional	9

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA3272	Classical Texts in Islamic Law	Optional	9
İLA3304	Contemporary Texts in Islamic Theology	Optional	9
İLA3306	Modern Texts on the Life of Muhammad	Optional	9



### 7. SEMESTER Optional Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA4253	Methodology of Fiqh Texts	Optional	9
İLA4257	Media Arabic I	Optional	9
İLA4259	Practical Arabic III	Optional	9
İLA4261	Texts on the History of Sufism	Optional	9
İLA4301	Classical Arabic Texts I	Optional	9
İLA4303	Practical Arabic I	Optional	9

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA4307	Prophetic Traditions on Worship	Optional	9
İLA4309	Classical Texts on the Life of Muhammad	Optional	9
İLA4313	Classical Texts in Islamic Theology	Optional	9
İLA4315	Texts in Classical World History	Optional	9
İLA4317	Sufi Literature	Optional	9

### 8. SEMESTER Optional Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA4202	Contemporary Problems in Ethics	Optional	8
İLA4204	Religion and Politics	Optional	8
İLA4206	Religious Music IV	Optional	8
İLA4208	Ethics in Religions	Optional	8
İLA4214	Recitation of the Quran IV	Optional	8
İLA4224	Islamic Penal Law	Optional	8
İLA4226	Islam and Economics	Optional	8
İLA4230	Social Institutions and Religion	Optional	8
İLA4232	Hadith in Public Education	Optional	8
İLA4238	Texts in the History of Religions	Optional	9
İLA4240	Hadiths on al-Ghayb and al-Fitan	Optional	9

Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	ECTS
İLA4242	Texts in Islamic Philosophy	Optional	9
İLA4244	Media Arabic II	Optional	9
İLA4246	Modern Fiqh Texts	Optional	9
İLA4248	Practical Arabic IV	Optional	9
İLA4250	Texts in the Philosophy of Sufism	Optional	9
İLA4258	Die Quellen und Auslegung-sarten im Islamischen Recht	Optional	8
İLA4264	Tafsir VI	Optional	8
İLA4266	Hadith VI	Optional	8
İLA4270	Religious Movements in the Muslim Word	Optional	8
İLA4302	Classical Arabic Texts II	Optional	9
İLA4304	Practical Arabic II	Optional	9

İLA4312	Religions and Pluralism	Optional	8
İLA4314	The Mythological Elements in Turkish Islamic Literature	Optional	8
İLA4320	Logical and Methodological Problems in Contemporary Islamic Disciplines	Optional	8
İLA4326	Islamic Thought in the Ottoman Period	Optional	8
İLA4328	Philosophy of History	Optional	8
İLA4330	Ottoman Turkish Texts on History	Optional	8
İLA4332	Modern Approaches to Sirah	Optional	8
İLA4336	Psychology of Personality	Optional	8

İLA4340	Turkish Marbling Paper Art IV	Optional	8
İLA4346	Sufi Literature in Turkish	Optional	8
İLA4350	Quranic Semantics	Optional	8
İLA4352	New Religious Movements in the West	Optional	8
İLA4356	Contemporary Philosophical Movements	Optional	8
İLA4358	Contemporary Matters in History of Religions	Optional	8
İLA3393	Classic Topics of Historical Thought	Optional	9





# GRADUATE DEPARTMENTS

Our faculty offers master's and doctoral programs within the departments of Basic Islamic Sciences, Islamic History and Arts, and Philosophy and Religious Sciences coordinated by the Institute of Social Sciences.



## THE DEPARTMENT OF BASIC ISLAMIC SCIENCES

Department of Basic Islamic Sciences consists of the departments of Quranic Exegesis, Hadith, Islamic Law, Theology, History of Islamic Sects, Recitation of Quran, Sufism and Arabic Language and Rhetoric. Master's and doctorate degrees are awarded in each branch of science within the Department of Basic Islamic Sciences.

The aim of Basic Islamic Sciences graduate programs is to train expert researchers who are able to produce knowledge in relevant disciplines, encourage them to do research and carry out comprehensive examinations at national and international level, and create an academic environment in which these researchers find opportunities to make unique contributions to their field using their acquired analysis and synthesis skills as well as their talents and critical thinking skills. Every person who has achieved the necessary qualifications and successfully defended his doctoral thesis is awarded a PhD diploma in the relevant discipline.

One of the primary qualifications of Basic Islamic Sciences Graduate programs is to provide insight into the basic resources in the field of Basic Islamic Sciences. Students who have completed graduate programs are equipped with the necessary skills and qualifications to carry out scientific research and use their findings in ap-

appropriate contexts. Students who achieve this competence evaluate the information they obtain from different sources within the framework of scientific criteria. Moreover, they interpret the knowledge they have acquired in their particular fields by integrating it with information from different fields in order to produce new knowledge. To achieve this objective, students are expected to learn Arabic, which is considered to be the "mother tongue" of the Depart-

ment of Basic Islamic Sciences, and in addition, a Western language that is considered to be essential in terms of equipping students with the required reading skills to better understand and interpret information that exists in various academic sources related to their field of study. In this way, our students find opportunities to have access to local and foreign resources related to their field.



## THE DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC LANGUAGE AND RHETORIC

This branch of science aims to teach Arabic language and grammar with modern scientific methods and modern tools and equipment, and carries out studies to gain expertise in subjects such as Arabic language structure, classical and modern Arab literary history, Arabic language rhetoric.

### Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. İsmail GÜLER (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. Şener ŞAHİN
- 3 Prof. Dr. Hüseyin GÜNDAY
- 4 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan TAŞDELEN
- 5 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fadime KAVAK
- 6 Res. Assist. Figen AKAY
- 7 Res. Assist. Murat ATAMAN
- 8 Res. Assist. Hatice ERBAY
- 9 Res. Assist. Emine UZUNER
- 10 Res. Assist. Salih ZOR
- 11 Res. Assist. İslam BATUR
- 12 Res. Assist. Mensure SÖNMEZ

### Academic Staff of the Arabic Language in the School of Foreign Languages

- 1 Lect. Tuncay TAN
- 2 Lect. Fatih TOKUR
- 3 Lect. Sara AMANOVA
- 4 Lect. Faysal YILDIRIM
- 5 Lect. Yusuf BULUTLU
- 6 Lect. Muhammed Faruk ÇAKIR
- 7 Lect. Fatih Mehmet ALBAYRAK
- 8 Lect. Maruf TOPRAK
- 9 Lect. Memet AK
- 10 Assist. Prof. Dr. A. Hassan M. ALY
- 11 Assist. Prof. Dr. Arwa Ali A. ALTAWQI
- 12 Lect. Dr. Abdelwahab ELMEZAIN
- 13 Lect. İslam OMARA
- 14 Lect. Ahmad KARAH MOHAMAD
- 15 Lect. Mohamad Abdulrahman  
ABO HAMO
- 16 Lect. Qusai Talal Abdullah BAWAZİR

## THE DEPARTMENT OF HADITH

It is the department that aims to analyze the reliability of *hadiths* in the light of the principles of Hadith methodology and to gain the ability to read and understand hadith texts, taking into account the *hadith* texts that constitute the written part of the Sunnah of the Prophet and the history of the development of Hadith science.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Salih KARACABEY (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. Hüseyin KAHRAMAN
- 3 Prof. Dr. Abdullah KARAHAN
- 4 Assist. Prof. Dr. Mutlu GÜL
- 5 Assist. Prof. Dr. Serkan BAŞARAN
- 6 Res. Assist. Mehmet ŞAKAR
- 7 Res. Assist. Tahir AYAS
- 8 Res. Assist. Mehmet ANGAY
- 9 Res. Assist. Betül ÖZ
- 10 Res. Assist. Ayşe Yasemin SAİTOĞUL-LARI

## THE DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC LAW

It is the department that aims to comprehend the basic concepts and principles of Islamic law, especially the emergence and development processes of Islamic law, and to produce solutions to new problems based on these principles. In addition, it aims to study the main techniques, philosophy and the history of the Islamic jurisprudence and different ijtihaids arising from the differences of methods and interpretations in a systematic way.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Ali KAYA (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. Halil İbrahim ACAR
- 3 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdurrahim KOZALI
- 4 Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Salih KUMAŞ
- 5 Assist. Prof. Dr. Eren GÜNDÜZ
- 6 Res. Assist. Emine YELBEY AYDIN
- 7 Res. Assist. Sümeyye KARAŞ

## THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF THE ISLAMIC SECTS

It is the department that aims to learn the formation of Islamic sects, the richest and most colorful area of Islamic culture, the reasons that led to this wealth, the issues discussed in the early Islamic society and their contribution to the sect/school systematic.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet ÇELENK (Head)
- 2 Res. Assist. Zeynep Sena KAYNAMA-ZOĞLU
- 3 Res. Assist. Muhammed Usame KARADENİZ

## THE DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC THEOLOGY (KALAM)

It is the department that provides information about the general structure of the science of Kalam, which is one of the basic building blocks of Islamic thought, and its place in Islamic thought systematics and history. It aims to teach the ability to use the basic concepts and terms of Kalam correctly and appropriately, and also periodic features about Kalam terminology, literature, scholars and schools of thought.

### Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Orhan Şener KOLOĞLU (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. A. Saim KILAVUZ
- 3 Prof. Dr. Çağfer KARADAŞ
- 4 Prof. Dr. Tevfik YÜCEDOĞRU
- 5 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ulvi Murat KILAVUZ
- 6 Assist. Prof. Dr. Asiye TIĞLI
- 7 Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammet KOÇAK
- 8 Res. Assist. Kevser DEMİR BEKTAŞ
- 9 Res. Assist. Hayrunnisa KEKLİK
- 10 Res. Assist. Fatıma Zehra ERDOĞAN

## THE DEPARTMENT OF RECITATION OF THE QURAN

This department aims to teach the science of Tajwid, which is necessary for the correct reading of the Quran. It is the department that teaches how to pronounce Arabic letters in accordance with its origins and adjectives, and also enables the memorization of verses and chapters of the Quran. In addition to this, one of the goals of this department is to distinguish the ways of reading the Quran and the differences between them.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF SUFISM

It is the department that aims to explain the formation process of Sufism thought and to reveal its connection with Islamic thought, the foundations of Sufism in the Quran and Sunnah, its place in Islamic thought and its relationship with other branches of science.

### Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Abdullah KARTAL (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. Abdurrezzak TEK
- 3 Prof. Dr. Salih ÇİFT
- 4 Res. Assist. Serhat GÜLTAŞ
- 5 Res. Assist. Büşra CANBAZ

## THE DEPARTMENT OF QURANIC EXEGESIS (TAFSIR)

This branch of science examines the Quran as a whole, and efforts to understand the Quran. It examines the activities of people in understanding and explaining the Quran and interpreting it according to the problems and needs of the period in a chronological and systematic integrity. It deals with all aspects of Tafsir schools that are formed depending on differences in approach, understanding and interpretation.

### Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Celil KIRAZ (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. Remzi KAYA
- 3 Assist. Prof. Dr. Mustafa BİLGİN
- 4 Assist. Prof. Dr. Ömer Faruk BİLGİN
- 5 Assist. Prof. Dr. Selahattin ÖZ
- 6 Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet EFE
- 7 Lect. M. Şevket ÖZTÜRK
- 8 Lect. Abdulhalim BAŞAL
- 9 Res. Assist. Samed YAZAR
- 10 Res. Assist. Hüseyin HALİL
- 11 Res. Assist. Muhammet ÇOL



## THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies consists of eight main departments: Religious Education, Philosophy of Religion, Psychology of Religion, Sociology of Religion, Religious History, History of Philosophy, Islamic Philosophy and Logic. The Department provides both Master's and Doctoral level education in all disciplines.

The aim of the graduate programs in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies is to educate and train expert researchers who can produce knowledge in relevant disciplines/fields, enable them to share this knowledge at the national and international level, learn critical thinking skills, acquire the ability to conduct original research using the analytical skills provided by the department, and to learn how to systematically evaluate information related to their field.

Philosophy and Religious Studies graduate programs provide students with advanced knowledge about the history of thought. The department also aims to provide students with the ability to examine religious sciences within a certain methodology. Our programs enable students to comprehend interdisciplinary interaction. Students acquire the ability to deal with the issues of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies with a critical eye employing the methods used in social sciences. It makes it possible to systematize new and complex ideas about the field by subjecting them to the analysis, synthesis and assessment processes. In addition to the Western languages required by the field, our programs encourage the effective use of Arabic as a part of interdisciplinary research. We prioritize sharing research results at the national and international level and encourage examinations with academic stakeholders at the national and international level.





## THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It aims to make beliefs, moral values and other areas of knowledge of the religion practicable by teaching it to its affiliates/believers. In doing so, it benefits from the accumulation of educational psychology and generates knowledge for the values offered by religious knowledge to be transformed into behaviors and gain vitality.

### Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Mehmet Emin AY (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. M. Akif KILAVUZ
- 3 Prof. Dr. İsmail SAĞLAM
- 4 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Turgay GÜNDÜZ
- 5 Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet ŞANVER

## THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

The Philosophy of Religion deals with the meaning of religion, its relation to science, and the place of religion in human life, and aims to understand, explain and evaluate the pieces of evidence in relation to the existence of God.

### Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. İsmail ÇETİN (Head)
- 2 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zikri YAVUZ
- 3 Res. Assist. Merve YAVUZ
- 4 Res. Assist. Halis ÇAVUŞOĞLU





## THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION

The Psychology of Religion is a sub-discipline of psychology that deals with religious and spiritual life psychologically, and examines religious feelings, thoughts and behaviors within the framework of the data and methods of the psychology of religion.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. İbrahim GÜRSES (Head)
- 2 Lect. Dr. Akif HAYTA
- 3 Res. Assist. Esra İRK
- 4 Res. Assist. Sümeyra SARI AL-BAYATI

## THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

The Sociology of Religion studies religious institutions and religious structures, the relationship between religious themes and social structures, and the effects of religion on society and society on religion.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Vejdi BİLGİN (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. Abdurrahman KURT
- 3 Res. Assist. Dr. Sümeyra ÜNALAN  
TURAN
- 4 Res. Assist. Ahmet Selim DEMİRYÜREK
- 5 Res. Assist. Muhammet Talha SAĞLAM

## THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF RELIGIONS

A branch of science that aims to investigate the relations between all religions that have existed in the world by objectively comparing their similarities and differences.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Ahmet GÜÇ (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. Muhammet TARAKÇI
- 3 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENAY
- 4 Assist. Prof. Dr. Süleyman SAYAR
- 5 Res. Assist. Fatma Seda ŞENGÜL
- 6 Res. Assist. Mahmut Sami ŞENGÜL

## THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

It is a branch of science concerned with the essence of philosophy and theoretical problems that address what is included in philosophy. This branch of science does not only provide a historical sequence of philosophers' philosophical views, but also evaluates questions and problems related to existence, knowledge and values according to the views of philosophers and tries to systematically reveal their results.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Kasım KÜÇÜKALP (Head)
- 2 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet DAĞ
- 3 Res. Assist Sema ÇEVİRİCİ
- 4 Res. Assist Pınar ZARARSIZ

## THE DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY

Islamic Philosophy, which is closely related to disciplines such as Kalam, Tasavvuf/İslamic Mysticism and Fiqh method, deals with and examines the opinions and intellectual activities of philosophers who grew up in the Islamic world from Kindi to Ibn Rushd with philosophical thought and methods.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Yaşar AYDINLI (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. Enver UYSAL
- 3 Prof. Dr. Mehmet Fatih BİRGÜL
- 4 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hidayet PEKER
- 5 Res. Assist. Dr. Seda ENSARİOĞLU
- 6 Res. Assist. Nursema KOCAKAPLAN

## THE DEPARTMENT OF LOGIC

The science of Logic is defined as the science that helps to differentiate between the unknown and the known and that employs reasoning to distinguish between right and wrong. Logic is both a science in itself and a method.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Aytekin ÖZEL (Head)

## THE DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC HISTORY AND ARTS

The Department of Islamic History and Arts consists of the following branches: Islamic History, Turkish Religious Music, Turkish-Islamic Literature, and Turkish-Islamic Arts. The Department provides both Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in all these branches.

The aim of the graduate programs in the Department of Islamic History and Arts is to educate expert researchers who can produce knowledge in relevant fields, encourage them to share this knowledge at the national and international level, equip them with critical thinking skills, help them to acquire the ability to conduct original research using the analytical skills provided by the department, and to learn how to systematically evaluate information related to their field.

The programs enable students to comprehend interdisciplinary interaction. Students acquire the ability to deal with the issues of the Department of Islamic History and Arts with an approach that is oriented towards problem-solving employing the methods used in social sciences. It makes it possible to systematize new and complex ideas about the field by subjecting them to the analysis, synthesis and assessment processes. In addition to the Western languages required by the field, our programs encourage the effective use of Arabic as a part of interdisciplinary research. We prioritize sharing research results at the national and international level and encourage examinations with academic stakeholders at the national and international level.



## THE DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC HISTORY

The Department of Islamic History, which is also one of the basic courses of theology faculties, examines the events around Muslims, starting with Prophet Muhammad, and the institutions that derive their origin from the religion of Islam. Islamic historiography attempts to reveal the social, cultural, economic and political dimensions of events and phenomena by considering them in a chronological classification, as well as evaluating them in terms of time and space. It aims to understand the role of Islamic Civilization in history and analyze its future position by examining the sources belonging to Islamic Civilization. This research is based on a wide range of sources, from poetry to archival materials, from written works to museum materials.

### Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. M. Asım YEDİYILDIZ (Head)
- 2 Prof. Dr. Mefail HIZLI
- 3 Prof. Dr. Salih PAY
- 4 Prof. Dr. Adem APAK
- 5 Prof. Dr. Ali İhsan KARATAŞ
- 6 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghani A. AL-AHJURY
- 7 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saadet MAYDAER
- 8 Assist. Prof. Dr. İlhami ORUÇOĞLU
- 9 Assist. Prof. Dr. Şevket YILDIZ
- 10 Res. Assist. Esra Keskin ARI
- 11 Res. Assist. Büşra TAMAÇ
- 12 Res. Assist. Sümeyye ELİTAŞ
- 13 Res. Assist. Furkan ARDIÇ

## THE DEPARTMENT OF TURKISH RELIGIOUS MUSIC

In this branch of science, the active role of music, especially in the religious field, is studied, including the role of our pre-Islamic and post-Islamic music in Turkish Civilization, the source works of the Turks in terms of musical theory and practice, examples of classical and religious Turkish music, the life and arts of prominent musicians, and practical fields of study such as saz/instrumental and lyrics forms.

### Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Zinnur KANIK (Head)
- 2 Lect. Fatma Zehra KARIŞMAN



## THE DEPARTMENT OF TURKISH-ISLAMIC LITERATURE

The Department of Turkish-Islamic Literature conducts noteworthy studies in research areas such as "Ottoman Turkish" embrace of Islam. It refers to the literature that the Turks produced under the influence of the Islamic Religion. Significant works and commentaries by distinguished scholars and poets are analyzed within the framework of an ancient literary tradition.

Academic Staff of the Department

- 1 Prof. Dr. Bilal KEMİKLİ (Head)
- 2 Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Murat YURTSEVER
- 3 Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali İhsan AKÇAY
- 4 Res. Assist. Hümeýra MERMER TURNER

## THE DEPARTMENT OF TURKISH ISLAMIC ARTS

Since the aim of the Faculty of Theology is not only to be a theology faculty in the classical sense, but also to be an institution that comprehends all civilizations, especially Turkish-Islamic Civilization, and that imbues young people with high aesthetic awareness, besides the human sciences such as history, philosophy and sociology, we attach importance to art history in our faculty. The important tangible and intangible heritage of Turkish-Islamic civilization is presented to the academic world with the studies carried out in this field.

Academic Staff of the Department

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hicabi GÜLGEN (Head)
2. Res. Assist. Maşide Betül KAYA

## OUR SOCIAL FACILITIES

### BURSA THEOLOGY EDUCATION CENTER (BİLEM)

Bursa Theology Education Center (BİLEM), affiliated with the Bursa Theology Foundation, carries out activities for undergraduate and graduate students studying at Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology. These activities are mentioned below.

- a) to conduct scientific and practical research in the field of theology,
- b) to support scientific research,
- c) to organize activities such as courses, seminars and conferences that supplement the theology curriculum in line with the academic needs of Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology in undergraduate and graduate education,
- d) to help Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology to supply the needs of social facilities such as dormitory, library, guest house, etc.
- e) to engage in knowledge activities by cooperating with research and education centers and NGOs operating in the national or international arena,

f) In line with the long-term goals of our country, our aim is to contribute to the training of qualified scholars by considering the need for academic staff at our Faculty and other institutions providing higher religious education and training, and by combining our ancient heritage and today's academic knowledge.

### BİLEM TV

BİLEM TV is the digital education channel of Bursa Theology Education Center (BİLEM). It started broadcasting on YouTube on March 19, 2020. It aims to present accurate and reliable information on religious issues to society with the contributions of academics who are experts in the field of theology.

### DÜŞÜNCE FENERİ

Düşünce Feneri is the publishing platform for the Bursa Theology Education Center (BİLEM). Düşünce Feneri includes writings on knowledge, ideas and art. The purpose of Düşünce Feneri is bringing the reader up to date with current writings by scholars in Turkey.

## BURSA THEOLOGY FOUNDATION (BURSA İLAHİYAT VAKFI)

Bursa High Islamic Institute Foundation was established on 27.03.1980. In 1982, after the Bursa High Islamic Institute was converted to the Uludağ University Faculty of Theology, the Foundation was renamed the Uludağ University Theology Faculty Foundation. Its name was changed as “Bursa Theology Foundation” according to article 2 of the Law No. 5072, which regulates the relations of associations and foundations with public institutions and organizations and published in the Official Gazette dated 29.01.2004 and numbered 25361, "foundations cannot take the names of public institutions and organizations.”

The aim of the Bursa Theology Foundation is to assist and support the Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology in educating research students and staff with high moral qualities, sound-minded, qualified in the fields of religion-knowledge (*‘ilm*) arts in accordance with the special purposes of theological teaching, in learning and teaching İslamic knowledge in real terms and all aspects, and to enlighten society about religion.

Bursa Theology Foundation helps Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology by meeting its needs such as the teaching building, sem-

inar hall, library, conference hall and mosque; encourages scientific research in its field; organizes seminars, conferences and symposiums; and supports students and staff who participate in education programs or scientific activities in Turkey and abroad.

Another very significant contribution of the Bursa Theology Foundation is the support it gives to our faculty library, which aims to be a rich specialized library in theology, by providing domestic and foreign resources. The faculty library serves academic staff, university students and researchers as one of the most important libraries in Bursa with its number of books reaching to nearly sixty thousand. The Foundation undertakes all kinds of book purchases and reproduction in order to supply the needs of the library, and procures publications in religious, philosophical and cultural fields published in Turkey and abroad.

Bursa Theology Foundation is also the financier of an international academic journal called *Ilahiyat Studies*, which is published twice a year in English. Bursa Theology Foundation helps students to meet their needs such as accommodation, dormitory, food, scholarship, books, etc.

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## MARUF AKADE-MİM

Mâruf Akade-mim is a Bursa-based research center operating under the Maruf İlim İrfan Kültür ve Eğitim Derneği (Maruf İlim İrfan Culture and Education Association), which was established in 2011. The executive committee of the Maruf Akade-mim, where Faculty Member Dr. Mehmet Salih Kumaş is the chairman of the board, consists of Prof. Dr. Abdullah Karahan, Prof. Dr. Abdurrezzak Tek, Prof. Dr. Celil Kiraz, Assist. Prof. Dr. İlhami Oruçoğlu, Prof. Dr. Kasım Küçükalp, Prof. Dr. Muhammet Tarakçı, Lect. M. Şevket Öztürk, Assist. Prof. Dr. Şevket Yıldız, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ulvi Murat Kılavuz.

Mâruf Akade-mim began operating in Bursa in 2016 in order to educate competent and qualified scholars in Islamic studies and to contribute to the establishment of Islamic knowledge and practice in society in accordance with the words "The highest rank is the rank of knowledge" ("رُبَّةُ الْعِلْمِ أَعْلَى الرَّتَبِ"). For this pur-

pose, regular programs are organized for both undergraduate and graduate students.

The Maruf Academic Development Program (M-AGEP), which trains scientists who are involved in academic studies in the field of theology, has been the most important academic activity carried out within Mâruf Akade-mim.

Since 2016, within the framework of the Mâruf Language School program at Maruf Akade-mim, courses that aim at teaching languages such as Arabic, English, Persian and German have been offered, and important instruments and resources in terms of theology have been provided.

Lastly, with the contributions of Bursa-Nilüfer District Mufti within Mâruf Akade-mim, 'Women's Fiqh School' courses are offered to female students in the Faculty of Theology and active courses that deal with 'the Concept of Islamic Sufism' are directed by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kara.



## FACULTY GROUPS

There are 163 student groups within Bursa Uludağ University. These communities are active in the fields of sport, science, vocation and culture. There are 22 student groups specific to the Faculty of Theology. Groups active in knowledge fields such as Fiqh, Hadith, Tafsir and Recitation contribute to the vocational development of students by providing them with valuable knowledge. Groups such as the International Society of Theologians, the Balkan Students' Society, and the African Society are active in the international arena. Groups that work on a voluntary basis such as Sisterhood and Brotherhood, benefit the cultural and moral development of our students in terms of social solidarity. During the academic year, our societies organize panels and meetings with competent figures in our country and internationally on different topics.

Below, you can find detailed information about two of the student groups in our faculty:

### ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Academic Development Group is active in Bursa Uludağ University in general and in the Faculty of Theology in particular. Book reviews, culture and nature trips, movie reviews, social responsibility projects and conferences are held regularly. For instance, Sezai Karakoç's book, "İslam'ın Dirilişi" (The Resurrection of Islam), and Ibn Tufayl's "Hayy bin Yakzan" (Hayy ibn Yaqdhan) were analyzed in the fall period of

2019-2020. A conference on "Digital Minimalism" was held with clinical psychologist Gökhan Ergür, movie screenings were made, and a nature trip was organized to Bolu Yedigöller. Every Friday, chanting (tilavet) was continued regularly in Bursa Uludağ University Veterinary Faculty masjid.

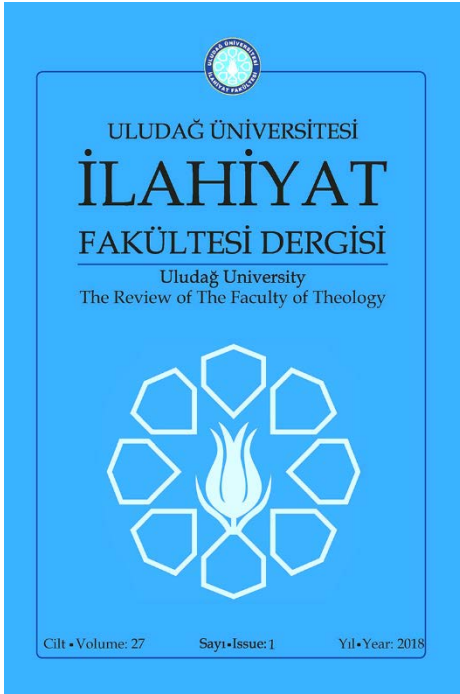
### VOLUNTARY BROTHERHOOD GROUP

Brotherhood Volunteers is a community that deals with disadvantaged individuals and groups on the basis of volunteering and continuity. They visit and take care of elderly people in nursing homes, and provides support to children under state protection in orphanages and children's centers by organizing activities such as educational games and helping them with their homework. In addition to helping children in the Syrian Orphanage to learn Turkish, the volunteers of this organization organize game-like activities to boost the morale of children who have received cancer treatment in oncology services and are waiting for a diagnosis.



## JOURNALS PUBLISHED BY OUR FACULTY

Our faculty has three different publications, namely, *Uludağ Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Dergisi*, *İlahiyat Studies* and *Oksident*, which cover research in the field of theology and social sciences. These journals present important studies in the field of religious sciences and Islamic sciences to the academic world with the contributions of Turkish academics, as well as academicians from all around the world.



### ULUDAĞ ÜNİVERSİTESİ İLAHİYAT FAKÜLTESİ DERGİSİ (Journal of Uludağ University Faculty of Theology)

Journal of Uludağ University Faculty of Theology took its place in the academic world in 1986 as the first publication of the faculty. The journal continues its publishing life as a reflection of the tradition of the faculty in the academic world since the first issues of our faculty founding professors.

The Journal of Uludağ University Faculty of Theology aims to contribute to the knowledge in the field of theology and social sciences by publishing national and international scientific studies. Although the journal is published in Turkish, scientific studies in Arabic and English are also included.

Within the scope of the journal, scholarly articles, article translations, text publishings and translations, book reviews, experimental, theoretical and descriptive studies in all fields of social sciences related to religion and morality are published. Journal of UU Faculty of Theology is a national, refereed, academic journal published twice a year, in June and December. It is scanned by ULAKBIM National Databases, EBSCO HOST International Data Index and ASOS Akademia Social Sciences Index. Editor of the

journal is Assoc. Dr. Mehmet Fatih Birgöl who is an academic of our faculty.

## ILAHİYAT STUDIES

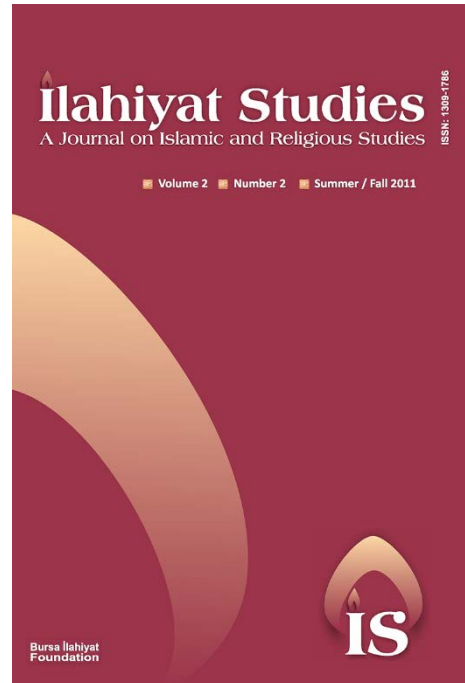
*Ilahiyat Studies* is an international, peer-reviewed multidisciplinary journal dedicated to publishing scholarly articles on all aspects of Islam, Muslim people and religious studies. Available in print and online and published in English twice a year, the journal aims to become one of the leading platforms in the world for publishing new findings and initiating discussions in all the fields of Islamic and religious studies.

Shortly after its publication, *Ilahiyat Studies* has become a journal that has been scanned by important indexes in its field such as the American Theological Library Association (ATLA), Religion Database, Index Copernicus, Index Islamicus, Atlas PLUS, Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science), Humanities International Index, Humanities International Complete, Humanities Source Ultimate, Religious and Theological Abstracts, Scopus, TR Dizin [Turkish Index] and has gained a considerable recognition in national and international academia.

Many academic institutions, including world-renowned university and research institution libraries, have online access to this journal through corporate subscription such as Harvard University, Yale University, Stanford University, Cornell University, University of California, University of North Carolina, University of Notre Dame, Princeton University, Indiana University, Duke University, McGill University, Tel Aviv University, Institute of Ismaili Studies

(IIS)ISMC Joint Library, Marquette University, Exeter University, Zentralbibliothek Zürich, Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies and Bar-Ilan University. The editorial board of the journal consists of academics from major universities in Turkey, Germany, America, South Africa, United Kingdom, Spain, Israel, Canada, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. The journal publishes articles of authors from Turkey, Western Europe, America, Middle East, Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa.

*Ilahiyat Studies*, is one of the two Turkey-based journals scanned by Scopus today (2020). According to InCites 2020 data, it is among the 8 journals scanned by Web of Science (ESCI).

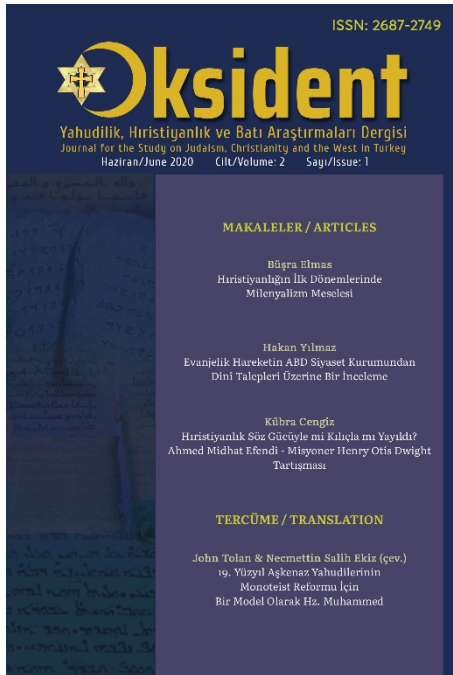


*Ilahiyat Studies*, with the contribution of many academics from Turkey including our faculty members, is an important initiative on the international level in Islamic and religious studies and it has managed to gain a place in the world of academia in a short period of time. Editors in chief are Prof. Dr. Kemal Ataman from Marmara University, Faculty of Theology and Assoc. Dr. Turgay Gündüz from Uludağ University, Faculty of Theology.

## OKSİDENT (Journal of Judaism, Christianity and Western Studies)

Oksident started its publication life in 2019 as a publication of the Garbiyat Research and Application Center established within Bursa Uludağ University. It is a peer-reviewed and electronic journal published twice a year to present the studies of Turkish academics on Judaism, Christianity and the West to the academic world. The journal primarily includes articles on Judaism, Christianity, and the West. In addition, it covers articles on the relations and polemics among Muslims, Christians, and Jews. The articles that evaluate Western studies on Islam and Turkey may also be published in the journal.

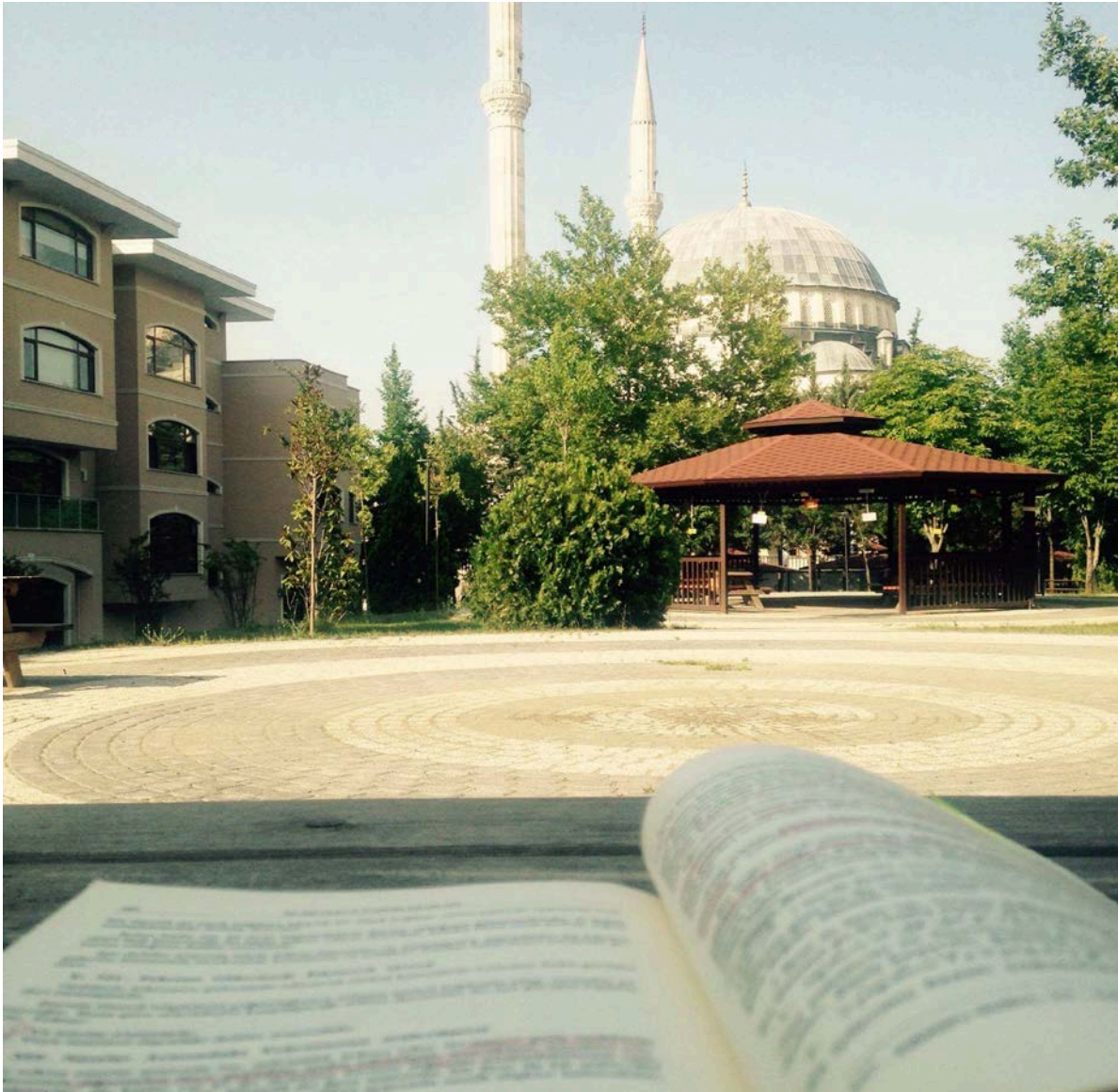
These studies are carried out by a group of Muslim researchers using the methods and methodology of modern Western religious studies, trying to understand and interpret the History of Religions with a mindset that highlights the importance of getting to know the West with its religion, history, culture and sociology in the footsteps of Bîrûnî, who is worthy of being remembered as the founder of the History of Religions in the world history. Unlike Orientalist works that are accused of orienting the East, Oksident sets out with the principles of learning and understanding in an objective manner and is dedicated to fair interpretation and presentation of facts as well as avoiding making categorical distinctions between the East and the West or marginalizing ‘the other’. Oksident offers qualified studies to the world of academia in a special field such as the History of Religions



with its perspectives that strive to recognize without marginalizing.

A lot of scholars from different universities in countries like Turkey, the US, Germany, Albania, Azerbaijan, India, Britain, Italy, Macedonia and Romania make their contributions in the

advisory board. *Oksident* accepts articles which are penned in Turkey in Turkish and English languages. Chief editor of the journal is Prof. Dr. Muhammet Tarakçı.



## A FACULTY WHICH OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE WORLD

Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Theology, which has an international student density, hosts students from various parts of the world to receive undergraduate and graduate education. The majority of these students are from the Balkans, Central Asia and Middle Eastern countries, which have cultural and historical connections with our country.

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

There are Erasmus, Farabi and Mevlana programs in our faculty. Within the framework of these programs, there is student exchange between universities both in our country and in foreign countries. Our faculty has agreements with some universities in countries such as Germany, Finland, Romania, Macedonia, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Kazakhstan, Algeria, Pakistan within the scope of Student and Instructor Exchange Program. In this context, student and academic staff exchange are made every semester.

### ERASMUS PROGRAMME

It provides opportunities to study abroad, volunteer in social activities, engage in learning mobility and gain experience by working. Our undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to do internships at various institutions. In addition, our students have the opportunity to get to know different cultures and

build new friendships thanks to the Erasmus program. For detailed information about the Erasmus Program, please refer to the following address: <http://intoffice.uludag.edu.tr>.

The educational institutions that our faculty signed for the Erasmus Program are: University of Eastern Finland, University of Bucharest, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Universität Bayreuth, Osnabrueck University, University of Paderborn, International Balkan University, University College Cork.

### MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Mevlana Exchange Program is an international program that enables student and academic staff exchange between higher education institutions providing education in Turkey and higher education institutions abroad. Unlike other exchange programs, the mobility within the exchange program includes higher education institutions all over the world, regardless of geographical region.

Associate, undergraduate, graduate and doctorate students registered in formal education programs can take part in the program. While students participating in this exchange program can benefit from this opportunity for at least one and a maximum of two semesters, teaching staff can be a part of the program to teach at higher education institutions around the world for at least one week and a maximum of 3

months. Similarly, students and instructors from all regions of the world may come to higher education institutions in Turkey. For detailed information about the Mevlana Program, please refer to the following address:

<https://uludag.edu.tr/mevlana>.

The educational institutions with which our faculty signed an agreement for the Mevlana Exchange Program are as follows: Mascara Mustapha Stambouli University (Algeria) Philosophy and Religious Studies, Islamic History and Fundamental Islamic Studies, Ahmet Yesevi University (Kazakhstan) Faculty of Theology, University of Pristine (Kosovo) Faculty of Theology, University of Peshawar (Pakistan) Islamic History and University of Punjab (Pakistan) Faculty of Theology.

## FARABI EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The "Student and Faculty Exchange Program Between Higher Education Institutions", shortly known as the Farabi Exchange Program, is a national exchange program for students and faculty members among higher education institutions that provide education at associate degree, undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels

within universities and high technology institutes.

The Exchange Program provides the opportunity for a student enrolled in a domestic higher education institution to continue his or her education and training activities at a state university other than their institution for one (Fall) or two (Fall and Spring) semesters. Only students who have successfully completed the first semester of their first year can benefit from this program. Applications are accepted by the Farabi Program Office of Bursa Uludağ University and the application process starts in March. Scholarships are provided for those who prefer the program. Each faculty has a coordinator to provide information to students and staff and to assist them in the application process. For detailed information, you can visit the website:

<https://uludag.edu.tr/farabi>.







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