



ASBU is
the **only** and the **first**
social science oriented
state **university**
in **Turkey**



SOCIAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF ANKARA



ASBU University Model

Social Sciences University of Ankara (ASBU) was founded in 2013 as a state university at the center of the capital city (Ankara) in Turkey.

ASBU;

- is research oriented,
- is dedicated to post-graduate study,
- acknowledges the importance of international cooperation,
- prioritizes the most current areas of research,
- is a leader in the development of social science education in Turkey,
- has one of the most extensive libraries in Turkey,
- is multilingual and multicultural,
- positively contributes to university's surrounding community, and
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Vision

Our vision, as the Social Sciences University of Ankara, is to become a prominent research university at global scale with multilingual and multicultural profile, using high tech at historic buildings, embracing the whole world with its scope, giving priority to international collaboration, through focusing on undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Our mission, in line with the universal human values, is to have a leading role in the development of research as to the field of social sciences in Turkey, to shed light on the future of the region and the country alike through the research in social sciences, to contribute to the “universe” of researchers, and to transfer the outputs collected from research into the benefit of society.

Mission





ASBU University Profile

ASBU as a city university

ASBU is located in Ulus, at the old city center on the road from the Ankara Castle-Haji Bayram Wali to the First Grand National Assembly of Turkey, being the most spectacular parts of Ankara.

Combining history, art, wisdom and knowledge, this exceptional place is itself a “social laboratory”, stimulating learning environment, and a campus offering observations and social experiments. So ASBU has a integrated atmosphere with the rest of the society.

As a city university ASBU has buildings across Ulus where there is a greater range of options for students.

The main ASBU campus comprises several historical and culturally important buildings in the historical Ulus neighborhood of Ankara. Via the influx of the national and international academic staff, administrative personnel, and students ASBU will, no doubt, positively contribute to the intellectual, social, economic, and cultural transformation and development of the community surrounding the university.





ASBU as a research oriented university

ASBU is a research-oriented university for both undergraduate and graduate studies.

ASBU university model focus on research centers. Social problems and possible solutions are discussed firstly in research centers. Then discussions about problems and the possible solutions become publications such as reports, books, articles, papers and so on which aims to offer a specific contribution to the solution of social problems.

While institutes of the university reproduces the problems and solutions discussed in the research centers by feeding master's and doctoral programs, faculties of the university aim to disseminate this information.

The university model of ASBU which focuses on research centers is conscious and determined choice. This university model focus on original information production and it enables information to be used, spread and sustainable.

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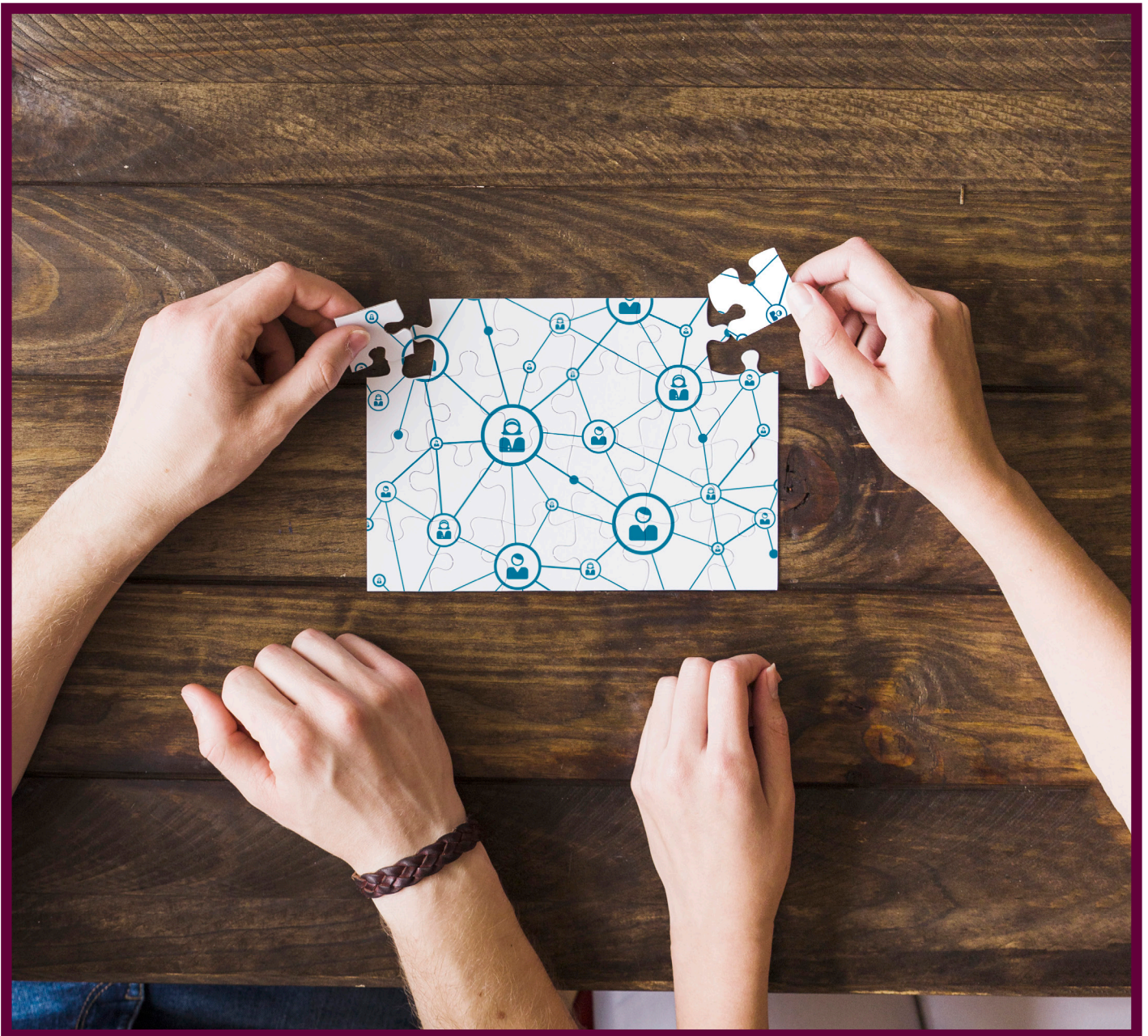
Among the university's primary aims is the publication of social sciences research that positively contributes to the international literature. To that end, ASBU encourages its academic staff and students to engage in national-international scientific projects, and supports their effective use of social sciences research funds provided by national and international bodies.



Interdisciplinary Approach

Undergraduate and post-graduate programmes of ASBU are designed in a manner that support interdisciplinary activities and enable our students to be informed about the output of various disciplines.

Our undergraduate and post-graduate programmes provide opportunities for our students to choose from a large pool of elective courses from different Departments, and in this manner, enhance their knowledge in the chosen field of their own interest.





Active Studentship

At ASBU, our students are regarded as active participants in learning processes; our aim is to equip them with skills, which will enable them to acquire critical knowledge, to evaluate and to interpret it after assessing it analytically and critically, and to apply it to current affairs and discussions.

Our education at ASBU is not limited to theoretical knowledge; we aim to teach our students research methods and processes by enrolling them actively in research projects and by assigning them tasks and responsibilities.

In this way, our students will not only be participants in theoretical and conceptual discussions, but also become knowledgeable about the national and international institutions that are active in their fields of interest and to develop contacts with them.

Our University offers extra-curricular programmes to improve the non-academic skills of our students, to provide opportunities for participation in social activities at their leisure time.





Academic Staff

In our university we have a strong team of competent university researchers and lecturers who have acquired their degrees at prestigious universities abroad and who have the experience of managing international scientific projects. Our academic team aspires to transfer their experiences to students by running projects together.

ASBU is highly selective when it comes to making academic appointments for its academic team, and adheres to stringent international standards in the evaluation and recruitment of candidates. Consequently, ASBU has been fortunate to bring together a dynamic group of academics coming from a wide-range of professional and educational backgrounds.





Sociocity

The Sociocity to be established in Ankara would enable innovative solution offers and products to be easily distributed to the whole country by means of its geopolitical position and being the public policy production center of the country. Thus, it has a potential to create solutions in many areas where both public and private sectors are insufficient.

The Sociocity will increase the region's potential in creating value-added products and contribute to turning the currently countrywide locomotive R&D potential into an innovation activity that is responsive to social problems, has measurable social benefits, has a high marketability both in domestic and foreign markets and is under legal protection through intellectual property rights (copyright, patent, trade secret etc.). Thus, in addition to contributing to economic and technological benefits of technological development regions, it will also provide a solution-oriented technology development process that mainly touches upon social problems. Sociocity also aims to improve and transform the business culture through common areas, professional marketing and strong cooperation between institutions. In other respects, bringing such a structure into the TR51 region, which is one of the best in the whole country in terms of education, research and university, will also strengthen the competitiveness of the region in social innovation and entrepreneurship areas and contribute to solving the problems regarding its social fabric primarily and urgently.

ASBÜ students and faculty, students and faculty of other universities and young people will be channeled correctly as entrepreneur resources; this way, the entrepreneurship potential of the region will be improved and its social entrepreneurship capacity will be increased. In this regard, methods and mechanisms regarding the analysis and determination of the social innovation and entrepreneurship potential will come to life in Sociocity.

Sociocity will also have support from academicians in theoretical and applied laboratories. For instance, workshop participators (particularly academicians) stated that they can actively make contributions to scientific studies and social impact assessments. Moreover, they reported that they can uplift competition by developing common projects with think tanks in Ankara.

Public institutions can also be cooperated on areas such as detection of social problems and obtaining data. Moreover, cooperation with the public sector can be developed; hence mutual studies can be carried out through ex-ante and ex-post simulation and impact analysis.

Multi-lingual Education



With the help of the Language Studies Center, the university provides its students the opportunity to learn other foreign languages in addition to English, according to their area interest, in an environment that facilitates broadening of their horizons through use of language.



School of Political Sciences

School of Political Science has been established with the aim of becoming a research faculty that produces, rather than solely disseminates, knowledge that will have an impact on social, political, economic, administrative and international areas.

In accordance with its institutional philosophy, our School takes advantage of being a new institution, focusing on the quality, originality and value of teaching and research, moving away from traditional and established understandings and practices that are generally still adhered to despite their limited contribution.

Within this framework, our School aims to produce high quality and original knowledge that contributes to a holistic understanding of contemporary issues and resolving problems, at local as well as global levels, in Turkey as well as in different parts of the world, in the areas of Economics, Business Studies, Political Science and Public Administration and International Relations. Our School also strives to generate students with a strong command and understanding of current problems and disputes in Turkey and the world, who are also well connected with a wide range of local and international networks.

Consequently, our School regards enrolled students as active contributors to learning and teaching processes. In this context, students are not passive recipients of lectures and reproducers of knowledge in exams, but engaged actors, who actively take part in projects and in research processes. Therefore, our aim is to equip graduating students with advanced skills to acquire, to evaluate, and to interpret knowledge, after assessing it analytically and critically.

Faculty of Political Science consists of four Departments that reflect our international orientation, multi-disciplinary and research-intensive character and entrepreneurship. The language of instruction is English. In addition to English, our students are encouraged to learn a second language. The expertise and experience of our University in foreign languages, provides our students with a competitive advantage in international exchange programmes.





Departments and Undergraduate Programs

Economics

Business Administration

Political Science and Public Administration

International Relations



School of Foreign Languages

School of Foreign Languages, as the first and only of its kind, aims to teach and conduct research in depth on the languages, literatures and cultures of world nations. The reason behind the foundation of our Faculty as an independent unit from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is to draw attention to the richness and necessity of this scholarship in the humanities, and to conduct research and educational activities which are of high quality, authenticity and benefit for all the society.

Our School believes that it is no longer an option, but an obligation to comprehend other cultures and to be in communication with these cultures in the globalised world of the 21st century, in an age when communication at the speed of light from the Pacific to the Mediterranean is more than a possibility. In this day and age, an event in a distant place may have effects in our country. From this starting point, our School aims to raise individuals who have high-level language skills, critical thinking and writing abilities, and are able to read analytically into different cultures and literatures through cultural and literary texts they have produced, in order to contribute to our country's efficiency and effectiveness in global politics and cultural relations.



Department and Undergraduate Program

English Language and Literature

School of Religious Sciences

School of Religious Studies aims to build interdisciplinary relations with the other religious programs and other social sciences and humanities.”

The School of Religious Studies includes different fields of studies, and it conducts interdisciplinary research. The development of the programs will be ensured through building strong close relations in-between departments for research and education and with the help of methodologies and support of other departments. In the principles of the program, both research methods and techniques of Basic Islamic Studies and Philosophy and Religion Studies will be focused on. Also, with the Islamic History and Arts courses included in the curriculum, students will be able to acquire knowledge and different perspectives. Combining the opportunities of different disciplines in terms of methodology and practice, the school will decorate students with the abilities to help them reflect this knowledge in real life and find themselves in social environments. With its multi-perspective approach, the School will have an advantageous status in terms of understanding, interpreting and analyzing social, psychological and philosophical dimensions of religion. Indeed, Islamic History and Arts Disciplines, especially Calligraphy and Religious Music, will function as a tool for the development of both researchers’ and students’ spiritual well-being and sensitivity.

Departments and Undergraduate Programs

Philosophy and Religious Studies
Islamic History and Science
Basic Islamic Studies





School of Humanities and Social Sciences

The primary educational and research objectives of our School are to provide a greater understanding of the basic structures of societies, determining their needs and responding to those needs. With this objective in mind, there is a recognized need for an interdisciplinary approach that effectively brings together the knowledge and methods from different disciplines in order to better understand the foundations, general functions, and basic problems prevalent within various societies.

Our School aims to be at the forefront of academic research and instruction in the social sciences by reinforcing an interdisciplinary approach between different subjects.

The School of Social Sciences and Humanities recognizes critical thinking as an indispensable constituent of both education and a well-rounded individual. Therefore, our aim is to provide the necessary education and knowledge to our students for them to excel in the modern world. Our priority is to equip students with the required theoretical and practical knowhow that they may positively contribute to today's changing world.



Departments

Anthropology
Philosophy
Media and Communication
Psychology
Sociology
History
Turkish Language and Literature
Statistics

A detailed stone statue of Lady Justice, the personification of the law. She is depicted from the waist up, wearing a classical-style dress with intricate carvings. Her right arm is raised, holding a pair of scales of justice. Her left arm is bent at the elbow, holding a sword. The background is a clear, bright blue sky with some light clouds. A dark red horizontal bar is positioned across the upper part of the image, containing the text 'School of Law'.

School of Law

School of Law aims to educate its graduate students with advanced knowledge of the law, as well as hone their research skills to provide our students with a comparative advantage for careers in both academia and practice. Our students will be instructed in accord with democratic principles, human rights, and the universal doctrines of law.



Institutes and Graduate Programs

Institute of Social Sciences

Institute of Western World Studies

Institute of Eastern and African Studies

Haji Bayram Wali Islamic Research Institute

Institute of Turkish World Studies



Graduate Programs

Master of Science in Economics (English)
Master of Science in Business Administration (English)
Master of Science in Law of Intellectual Property (Turkish)
Master of Science in Private Law (Turkish)
Master of Science in Political Science (English)
Master of Science in Peace and Conflict Studies (English)
Master of Science in International Relations (English)
Master of Science in Beytulmakdis Studies

Ph.D. in Management and Organization (English)
Ph.D. in Middle East Studies (English)
Ph.D. in Women's Studies (English)
Ph.D. in Social Media Studies (Turkish)
Ph.D. in Private Law (Turkish)

Non-Thesis Master Programs

Master of Management and Organization (Turkish)
Master of Spiritual Care
Master of Techonology Politics and Innovation
Management (Turkish)
Master of Business Administration



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Research Centers

- Research and Application Center for Methods Education
- Research and Application Center for Higher Education
- Research and Application Center for Social Innovation
- Research and Application Center for Islamic Economy and Finance
- Research and Application Center for Oral History
- Research and Application Center for Field Research
- Research and Application Center for Lifelong Learning
- Research and Application Center for Experimental Economics
- Research and Application Center for Culture and Civilization
- Research and Application Center for Competition and Regulation
- Ahmet Özsoy Research and Application Center for Democracy
- Research and Application Center for International Migration
- Research and Application Center for Beytulmakdis Studies
- Research and Application Center for Human Resource Management and Strategy

