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International Relations: Turkey, Europe, and the Middle East

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MIR



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* Master of Arts Program in International Relations: Turkey, Europe, and the Middle East (MIR) was founded in 2013 based on the revised curriculum of the MAPES (Master of Arts Program in European Studies) taught at Boğaziçi University between 2002 and 2012. MIR offers a solid training in the politics, economics and history of Europe, Turkey, and the Middle East. It provides new visions and concrete tools of assessment and analysis for any professional.

* MIR is an international and interdisciplinary program not only with its curriculum and faculty, but especially with its students who come from the Balkans, North and South America, Africa, Europe, Turkey, the Middle East, Central and the East Asia. The program's curriculum brings together faculty members from political science and international relations, economics, modern Turkish studies, history and sociology.





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* The requirements for graduation consist of completing thirty-six credits of course work that includes six required, four elective courses and a term project. The non-thesis program has one-year duration which lasts three semesters (Fall, Spring and Summer) to complete, and it runs in parallel with the academic calendar of Boğaziçi University. The thesis MIR program has a two-year duration with two semesters (Fall and Spring) in each.

* Students who have successfully completed the requirements of the Program will be awarded an MA (Master of Arts) degree in International Relations: Turkey, Europe, and the Middle East.

* The program's language of instruction is English. Candidates must therefore provide valid proof of their English language skills at the time of their application. (Please see the part "application conditions and procedures" for more information.)

* MIR is a fee-based program.





* In order to apply, students should have an undergraduate degree in social sciences or humanities. Applicants from science and engineering backgrounds may also be considered. Prior academic and professional experience is welcome but not required.

FACULTY

Department of Political Science and International Relations

- Prof. Mine Eder
- Prof. Hakan Yılmaz
- Assoc. Prof. Murat Akan
(Program Coordinator)
- Assoc. Prof. Zühre Aksoy
- Assoc. Prof. Dilek Çınar (Director
of the Center for European Studies)
- Assoc. Prof. Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu
- Assoc. Prof. Gün Kut
- Assist. Prof. Mert Arslanalp
- Assist. Prof. Volkan Çıdam
- Assist. Prof. Başak Taraktaş
- Assist. Prof. Alper Yağcı





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Department of Economics

- Assoc. Prof. Kıvanç Karaman
- Assoc. Prof. Murat Koyuncu
- Assoc. Prof. Tolga Umut Kuzubaş

Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History

- Prof. Cengiz Kırılı
- Prof. Nadir Özbek
- Assoc. Prof. Z. Umut Türem
- Assoc. Prof. Berna Yazıcı
- Assist. Prof. Irmak Ertör
- Assist. Prof. Ramazan Hakkı Öztan

History

- Prof. Arzu Öztürkmen

Department of International Trade

- Assist. Prof. Mehtap Işık

Plus visiting national and international faculty and leading experts.





CAREER OPTIONS FOR THE GRADUATES

* Some graduates benefit from MIR by finding public or private sector jobs, others by advancing in their current positions, others by turning to new career paths, and yet others by continuing with a doctoral degree.

* Some of our former graduates are currently employed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade Commissions of EU Member States, the United Nations, Economic Development Foundation (İKV), Habertürk, WWF-Turkey, companies such as İşbank, Arçelik, Vestel, GfK Turkey, Kraft and media groups like NTV, Universal Music Turkey, as well as academic posts of national and international universities.

* The program encourages internships with international relations related institutions and is actively seeking internship possibilities with İKV, NATO, TÜSİAD Brussels, Paris, Berlin, Turkish Secretariat General for EU Affairs (ABGS), Médecins Sans Frontière, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV), İstanbul Chamber of Commerce (İTO), Center for Economic and Foreign Policy Research (EDAM), Eurohorizons etc.





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APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSION

Application Conditions and Procedures

Application to MIR requires uploading of the following documents to the electronic application system of the Boğaziçi University:

1. Application form (available on the Electronic Application System).
2. Payment of application fee.
3. A soft copy of the undergraduate diploma must be uploaded to the application system. The applicants who have not yet received their diplomas can present an official letter from their universities certifying their graduation.
4. A soft copy of the official transcript of undergraduate (and graduate, if any) courses and grades.

For non-thesis program, a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.00/4.00 or 50/100 and for thesis program, a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.50/4.00 or 75/100 is required.

5. Two reference letters, at least one academic, are required.
6. For non-thesis program, statement of purpose is required. For thesis program, the candidates should upload academic writing sample and research proposal. Please check MIR website for details.





7. Official proofs of English proficiency:

- TOEFL: In the paper-based test (TOEFL PBT), a minimum total score of 550 with a minimum score of 4.5 in the TWE section (Test of Written English); or in the internet-based test (TOEFL iBT), a minimum total score of 79 with a minimum score of 22 in the 'Writing' section.
- IELTS: A minimum combined score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 6.5 in the 'Writing' section.
- BUEPT (Boğaziçi University English Proficiency Test): A minimum score of 'C'.

Important note: All exam scores of English proficiency should be valid at the time of your application.

8. For the thesis program, foreign students should provide GRE score while Turkish students can present ALES score if they wish. A minimum total score of 146 in the "Verbal Reasoning" Section of GRE Revised General Test (400 according to old scale or "GRE General Test"), a minimum total score of 146 in the "Quantitative Reasoning" Section of GRE Revised General Test (560 according to old scale or "GRE General Test"), and a minimum total score of 3.0 in the "Analytical Writing" Section of GRE Revised General Test (3.0 according to old scale or "GRE General Test") is required. For ALES, minimum score of 65 is required in Equally Weighted section.

Admission

Admission to MIR requires:

- a. A complete application package to be submitted by the announced deadline,
- b. An interview.





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A sample of MIR courses

Core Courses

Fundamentals of International Relations
Politics of European Integration
International Economics and Trade
Political Economy of Globalization
Issues in Turkish Politics
Turkey and Its Neighborhood

Elective Courses

Diplomatic History
European Cities in a Globalized World
Legal and Institutional Issues in Global Politics
International Politics of the Middle East
Economic and Social Development Prospects in the EMENA Region
Gender, Islam and Globalization
Relations Between the Middle East and the EU
Islamic Movements in the Global System
Citizenship, Identity and the Nation-State: Global Forces in Turkey and Europe
Modern Empires, Global Politics
Social Policy in the European Union
European Union Institutions and Policy Making
Civil Society and Democracy in Europe
Global Peace and Security
Borders, Cultures and Identities: Globalization and International Migration
Emergence of Modern Europe
History of European Turkish Relations
Politics and Vision of the European Community



GRADUATES



Emine Baysoy, 2018, Ministry of Education, English Teacher

As a teacher working with refugee students, I believe that MIR program helped me to develop a more holistic picture of the global politics, economics, and international development by investigating the topics in an academic context. Currently, I implement projects at public schools to support the educational needs of refugee students thanks to the multidisciplinary approach of MIR program.



Alica Dubinska, 2018, IBM Company, Data Analyst, Client Master Data Execution

MIR program enriched my knowledge of political and cultural Turkish issues and helped me to understand them better in current global context. At the same time, it successfully developed my analytical and communication skills, what I find very useful now in my everyday work. MIR program is a great choice for those who want experience a high level education enhancing professional and personal development.



Çağan Koç, 2018, Bloomberg News, Economy and Government Reporter

MIR is an intellectually-stimulating program that focuses on essentials of international relations with interesting courses on Turkey and its region. The program has highly talented professors and the student body is composed of hardworking and gifted individuals from diverse backgrounds.





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**Ingeborg Huse Amundsen, 2017, VG
Norway, Staff Journalist**

I had a wonderful and educating year at MIR, that taught me how to see the bigger picture of geopolitics. The MA made me qualified for the job as a middle east correspondent, and I'm applying the knowledge every day as a journalist.



**Lionel Genoud, 2017, University of
Oxford, Modern Middle Eastern Studies
MPhil Candidate**

Studying in the MIR programme was an immensely enriching journey which not only provided me with a solid multidisciplinary academic foundation but also motivated me to continue deepening my understanding of Turkey and its neighborhood through a Ph.D. degree at the University of Oxford.



**Senem Aydoğan, 2016, UN Women
Headquarters, New York, Programme
Analyst**

Boğaziçi University's MIR programme helped me extensively to anticipate new responsibilities in my job at UN Women as part of a long-term professional career development plan. After my graduation, I was promoted to Programme Analyst position at UN Women HQ in New York as an UN international staff member.





Eren Ergin, 2016, Amazon EU
Luxembourg, Product Manager

MIR program has provided me great academic knowledge of European politics, economy and law which I needed to succeed in the EU. MIR program has opened the doors to new job opportunities and significantly improved my career especially in EU.



Denislav Filipov Mollov, 2016,
Speedflow, Software Sales Expert

MIR program did not only improve my carrier, but it also contributed to my professional personality and general intellectuality.



Sevgi Gizem Şenyurt, 2016,
AstraZeneca, Corporate
Communications Specialist of
Turkey

Now I assess the risks in our European and Middle Eastern based projects much better. I manage the funding and marketing of our projects much more efficiently. Thanks to MIR Program!





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