العهدة العمرية عبداله: عمر أمير المؤمنين الهرا بالداء من الامان. مم إمانًا لأنفسهم واموالهم، واكنائسهم وصلبانهم، وسقيمها وريتما وسائرماتها ، إنه لا تسكر كنائسهم ولا تهدم ، ولا ينقص منها

educating the next generation of scholars in Beytülmakdis



Further Studies and Career Objectives

Individuals with a Master's degree in Quds Studies have a great diversity of opportunities in furthering their postgraduate studies and in finding employment in in academia or in governmental and nongovernmental organisations as well as other sectors. They will be able to provide consultation and work closely with politicians and none governmental organisations (NGOs) to advance resolving the complicated issues and conflict in the region. It is important to note that because the field of Beytülmakdis Studies is interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary, one can find a career in many disciplines derived from social sciences.

Application Information and Admission Requirements

- An undergraduate degree (in any field of inquiry, in particular of social sciences and humanities).
- A minimum GPA of 2.50/4.00
- A minimum score of 55 on ALES or an equivalent GMAT score (Not required for international applicants)
- Teaching takes place solely in English. Any applicant whose first language is not English is required to have Proven proficiency in English (A minimum score of 70 on ÜDS/KPDS/YÖKDİL/e-YDS or an equivalent score on an exam designated by Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK)) or TOEFL-IBT score of 84 for international applicants as a condition of entry. Applicants who do not meet these criteria should contact the coordinator to establish how to develop their language skills.

Beytülmakdis Studies a branch of human knowledge based on interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches



STUDIES **ARTS IN QUDS** OF MAST



The First Unique and Innovative Taught Master of its Kind in Turkey

Beytülmakdis Studies is an intellectually exciting and stimulating field of inquiry that seeks to understand the region of Beytülmakdis from an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary perspectives. The field explores the theoretical and conceptual framework within which Muslims approach Beytülmakdis, as well as examining the ways in which the region has been manifest within the contexts of international relations, politics and history from the time of the rise of Islam to the present day. The approach consists of political, social, religious, historical, and geographical perspectives on Beytülmakdis with in-depth studies and critical analyses of particular aspects and approaches. Beytülmakdis Studies addresses how can the region be understood within the context of the relationship between the land, the people, and the vision of Beytülmakdis as a model for multiculturalism.

This master programme at the Social Sciences University of Ankara (ASBÜ) is not only the first taught Master in Turkish Universities but is also the first of its kind in West Asia (Middle East) as well as the whole of the Muslim World. The origin of this field of inquiry dates back to its academic establishment within British Universities nearly two decades ago and currently at Malaysian Universities with the founder of the field Prof. Dr. Abd al-Fattah El-Awaisi.

Turkey's long standing historical connections with Beytülmakdis together with its rich heritage makes it the ideal place to analyse and study Beytülmakdis and its impact locally, regionally and internationally. Being part of this exciting and timely programme, local and international students at ASBÜ enjoy the opportunity to study and engage with the founder as well as internationally renowned pioneering scholars and experts in this field of inquiry.

The program is based on current and progressive research and takes into consideration the needs and preferences of national and international students. It will address the Intellectual Nakba (crisis in knowledge) and provide a solid combination of established and research-led teaching that would provide the necessary environment for fostering research. As well as engaging students with the contemporary academic debates on several aspects of Beytülmakdis, such as, the geopolitical uniqueness of the Beytülmakdis region and its effect on the rest of the world in the past, present and future; the programme will highlight how modern Beytülmakdis is shaped in part by dialogue with its own past and in part by response to external influence in the region; and how contemporary Muslims seek to relate their heritage in Beytülmakdis from the past to the radical situation of today.

It encourages postgraduate students to specialised on this timely needed field of inquiry, to educate and produce the next generation of scholars in Beytülmakdis Studies who will produce progressive research in the field. It will give the student a solid theoretical, conceptual and historical grounding in order to better comprehend and interpret the current development in the region.

Why Social Sciences University of Ankara?

- Social Sciences University of Ankara is the first and only social sciences state university in Turkey.
- It adopts an interdisciplinary approach in social sciences.
- It has the advantages of being in the capital of Turkey.
- It has strong Turkish and international academic scholars.
- It has a number of research centers including Quds Studies Application and Research Center (KAM) as well as five postgraduate research institutes.



Credits and Graduation Requirements

The total credits for the Master's program is 120 ECTS. All courses count for 7.5 ECTS credits and the Master's thesis counts for 60 ECTS credits. Students are required to earn 60 ECTS credits during the first two semesters, which means that in addition to the 3 compulsory courses students should enrol in 5 elective courses.

For the further information on the local grading system and academic calendar and the entry requirements, please see the link: https://www.asbu.edu.tr/en/akademik-takvim

Programme Structure

The Masters programme is offered as a two-year intensive program taught in English. The course work will be completed in the first year given by the ASBÜ faculty on a weekly basis according to the academic calendar. The second year of the program is dedicated to completing the required Master's thesis, submission and the oral defence of the given theses. During this time period students enjoy the support of an academic supervisor assisting them throughout their writing processes. After having successfully submitting and defending the M.A. theses, students will be awarded the degree 'Master of Arts in Quds Studies'.



Curriculum

The table 1 below demonstrates the module structure and the duration of the programme more closely.

The First Year		The Second Year	
Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
Introducing Beytulmakdis Studies	Research Methods and Publication Ethics	Master Thesis	
Elective Course I	Seminar		
Elective Course II	Elective Course IV		
Elective Course III	Elective Course V		

Elective Cluster

Strategic and Geopolitical Theories and Models of Beyulmakdis

Theories and Models of Beytulmakdis: Aman and Multiculturalism

Sacred Geography of the Holy Land

Turkish Foreign Policy towards the Holy Land and West Asia

Turkish NGOs and Beytulmakdis

Beytulmakdis in International Law

Beytulmakdis: Quranic and Hadith Perspectives

Muslim Juristical Rulings on Beytulmakdis

Al-Aqsa Mosque: The Place and Its Significance

Sacred Architecture: Development of Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Early Muslim Period

The Ancient History of Beytulmakdis

The History of Beytulmakdis in The Early Muslim Period

The Occupation and Liberation of Beytulmakdis During the Crusades

Ottoman History and Contributions in Beytulmakdis

Contemporary Colonization of the Holy Land and Its Future

Women and Beytulmakdis

Zionism and Beytulmakdis

Muslim-Christian Relations in Beytulmakdis

Imperialism and Religion in West Asia