



**BANDIRMA ONYEDİ EYLÖL UNIVERSITY**

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

# **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

# **INTRODUCTORY BROCHURE**

Understanding the Past through Scientific Methods, Building the Future with  
Knowledge

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## Message from the Head of Department



Dear Students,

History is not merely a chronological sequence of events that took place in the past. It is a shared memory that builds the identities of nations, shapes their values and guides their future. As the Department of History, we carry the responsibility of examining, interpreting and transmitting this memory to future generations within the framework of scientific criteria.

Our aim is not only to transfer knowledge to our students, but also to equip them with the ability to think critically, make analytical interpretations, evaluate sources and use scientific methods. Our department offers a broad range of research fields extending from the earliest Turkic states to the Republic of Turkey, from Antiquity to the Modern Era, and from the Near East to Europe and the Americas.

Our academic staff, each specializing in their respective fields, adopt a holistic approach to education that examines historical processes not only in their political and military dimensions, but also within their social, cultural, economic and diplomatic contexts. We encourage our students to carry historical knowledge beyond the classroom through practical activities such as museum and archive visits, fieldwork and technical trips.

Through national and international collaborations, academic events, scientific meetings and student exchange programs, our department aims to provide students with a rich academic environment. Our greatest source of pride is the valuable contribution of our graduates to academia, public institutions and different areas of society.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Zekai METE

**Head of the Department of History**

# About the Department of History



The Department of History at Bandırma Onyedi Eylül University aims to provide students with a broad and holistic historical perspective through its academic structure covering different periods and fields of specialization within the discipline of history.

The education offered in the department aims to enable students to evaluate historical events beyond chronological knowledge, to interpret them through cause-and-effect relationships, to use primary sources, to follow academic literature and to apply scientific research methods.

History education is supported by courses, seminars, conferences, fieldwork, museum visits and student society activities. In this way, students experience historical knowledge not only as a theoretical field, but also as a dynamic discipline connected with cultural heritage, society, space and contemporary debates.

## Program Information Card

The undergraduate History Program is carried out within the following academic framework.

DURATION	TOTAL ECTS
<b>4 years</b>	<b>240 ECTS</b>
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	PREPARATORY CLASS
<b>Turkish</b>	<b>No</b>
INTERNSHIP	PROGRAM
<b>No</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>
GRADUATE PROGRAMS	WEB
<b>History Master's Program with Thesis and History Non-Thesis Master's Program</b>	<b><a href="https://itbf.bandirma.edu.tr/tr/tarih">https://itbf.bandirma.edu.tr/tr/tarih</a></b>

## Mission, Vision and Fields of Study

### Our Mission

Our mission is to train well-equipped historians who adopt academic working principles, think analytically, question, conduct research, follow the literature in their field and use the methods of historical science; and to provide a scientific and contemporary history education at universal standards.

### Our Vision

Our vision is to become a department of history recognized as a model at national and international levels through its educational activities, scientific publications, research, students and contributions to society.

Our department conducts education, training and research activities through seven fields of study covering different periods and areas of specialization within the discipline of history.

- **Ancient History**
- **General Turkish History**
- **Medieval History**
- **History of Ottoman Institutions and Civilization**
- **History of the Republic of Turkey**
- **Late Modern History**
- **Early Modern History**



## Academic Staff and Fields

The academic staff of the Department of History conduct undergraduate and graduate educational activities through fields of study that span different historical periods and areas of specialization.

Field of Study	Head of Field	Academic Staff
<b>Ancient History</b>	Asst. Prof. Dr. Mustafa TÜRK	
<b>General Turkish History</b>	Prof. Dr. Serap TOPRAK	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ömer KARATAŞ Asst. Prof. Dr. Yusuf KILIÇASLAN Res. Asst. Selim ÇOLAK
<b>Medieval History</b>	Asst. Prof. Dr. Fatih SARIKAYA	Res. Asst. Burak HAYAT
<b>History of Ottoman Institutions and Civilization</b>	Asst. Prof. Dr. Cengiz ŞEKER	Asst. Prof. Dr. Sakine Akcan EKİCİ
<b>History of the Republic of Turkey</b>	Prof. Dr. Mehmet KARAYAMAN	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Resul YAVUZ Res. Asst. Safa Furkan KARACAKAYA
<b>Late Modern History</b>	Asst. Prof. Dr. Rıdvan KAŞIKÇI	Res. Asst. Uğur BELEN
<b>Early Modern History</b>	Prof. Dr. Zekai METE	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bekir GÖKPINAR Asst. Prof. Dr. Kadir PURDE



The undergraduate History Program consists of 240 ECTS credits over a four-year period of study. The language of instruction is Turkish; there is no preparatory class and no compulsory internship.

The program is structured to provide students with the fundamental concepts of historical science, research methods, source evaluation and academic writing skills. Course contents cover Ancient History, Medieval History, Early Modern History, Late Modern History, Ottoman History, History of the Republic of Turkey and General Turkish History, ensuring both chronological and thematic diversity.

Students develop the ability to analyze, interpret and report historical knowledge in a learning environment supported by seminars, assignments, presentations, projects, fieldwork and scientific events.

### History Master's Program with Thesis

This program is offered for students who wish to conduct academic research, specialize in the field of history and contribute to scientific production.

### History Non-Thesis Master's Program

This program is designed for students who wish to deepen their knowledge of history for professional and personal development.

## Why BANÜ History?

The Department of History offers prospective students a strong academic staff, a rich culture of events and opportunities for applied learning.

<p><b>Academic staff specialized in their fields</b></p> <p>Academic staff conducting education and research in different fields of study.</p>	<p><b>Broad historical perspective</b></p> <p>Comprehensive courses and research areas extending from Antiquity to the Republican era.</p>
<p><b>Applied learning</b></p> <p>Museum visits, fieldwork, technical trips and cultural heritage visits.</p>	<p><b>Culture of academic events</b></p> <p>An educational environment supported by conferences, panels, talks, commemorative programs and workshops.</p>
<p><b>International opportunities</b></p> <p>A structure open to student mobility through Erasmus+ bilateral agreements.</p>	<p><b>Career and graduate opportunities</b></p> <p>Opportunities for academic development through master's programs with thesis and non-thesis options.</p>



# Erasmus+ and Internationalization



The undergraduate History Program maintains cooperation agreements with various higher education institutions in order to support students in gaining international experience, develop academic collaborations and carry educational activities to an international dimension.

Within this scope, our department has bilateral agreements under the Erasmus+ program with Sapienza University of Rome in Italy, Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen in Bulgaria and the University of Osijek in Croatia.

Erasmus+ opportunities help students become familiar with different academic cultures, improve their foreign language and communication skills, and approach history education from an international perspective.

<p>ITALY</p> <p><b>Sapienza University of Rome</b></p>	<p>BULGARIA</p> <p><b>Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen</b></p>	<p>CROATIA</p> <p><b>University of Osijek</b></p>
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# Academic Events, Conferences and Panels

The Department of History supports its educational activities with conferences, panels, talks and workshops held with the participation of scholars who are experts in their fields. These events contribute to students' perspectives on different historical periods, contemporary debates and professional career fields.



## Selected events organized by our department:

- 17.06.2020 - The Abolition of the Janissary Corps and the Establishment of the Modern Army
- 19.05.2020 - The National Struggle and Mustafa Kemal through the Eyes of the British
- 14.05.2020 - Pandemics in World History
- 21.04.2020 - The 100th Anniversary of the Opening of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and Its Importance in the Turkish State Tradition
- 05.01.2021 - Archaeology Days Conferences: Yenikapı Shipwrecks
- 21.03.2021 - The Last Bullet in the National Struggle and the Liberation of Bandırma
- 25.03.2021 - On Oral History
- 09.04.2021 - The Establishment of Turkish Air Power and Its First Struggles
- 23.05.2021 - Bandırma Archaeology Museum
- 24.05.2021 - Introduction to the Museums of Bursa
- 26.05.2021 - The Conquest and Mehmed the Conqueror
- 03.06.2021 - The Place of Pre-Islamic Uyghur Turks in History
- 10.06.2021 - The Black Death in Medieval Europe
- 11.06.2021 - From University to Professional Life: Dreams and Realities
- 24.06.2021 - Don Cossacks around Lake Manyas: Culture, Migration and History
- 09.07.2021 - Women from the Past to the Future: The Place of Women in History
- 10.07.2021 - The Sultan's Underwater Guardians: Abdülhamid and Abdülmecid Submarines
- 17.09.2021 - The Importance of Afghanistan for Turkish History
- 27.10.2021 - The Turkish War of Independence and the Proclamation of the Republic in a Changing World
- 02.11.2021 - The Deportation of the Karachay Turks on 2 November 1943
- 05.11.2021 - 8th Historiography Workshop
- 10.11.2021 - Talking about Mustafa Kemal Atatürk with Young People
- 17.03.2022 - Why Could Çanakkale Not Be Passed?
- 23.03.2022 - Maritime History in the Context of the Montreux Convention
- 31.03.2022 - Ottoman-Russian Relations in Historical Perspective
- 23.04.2022 - National Will and the Opening of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey
- 18.05.2022 - May 19 and the Great Offensive in Their 100th Anniversary
- 25.05.2022 - Conquest, Mehmed the Conqueror and the Ottoman Empire in the 569th Year of the Conquest
- 17.09.2022 - The National Struggle and the Bandırma Last Bullet Exhibition in the 100th Anniversary
- 17.09.2022 - The National Struggle and Bandırma Last Bullet in the 100th Anniversary

31. 27.10.2022 - The Process Leading to the Proclamation of the Republic
32. 03.11.2022 - Current Status of the Kyzikos Excavations
33. 10.11.2022 - Mustafa Kemal Atatürk from the Perspective of Youth
34. 14.12.2022 - Bursa on the UNESCO World Heritage List
35. 22.12.2022 - Panel on İsmet İnönü on the 49th Anniversary of His Death
36. 26.05.2023 - 570th Anniversary of the Conquest of Istanbul: An Intellectual Sultan, Mehmed the Conqueror and the Conquest of Istanbul
37. 26.10.2023 - How Did the Process Leading to the Republic Take Place?
38. 10.11.2023 - November 10 Atatürk Commemoration Program
39. 05.12.2023 - The Exile of the Karachay Turks
40. 20.12.2023 - Historical Continuity from the Ottoman Empire to the Republic
41. 03.01.2024 - Transition to Teaching as a Career Profession
42. 18.03.2024 - Why Could Çanakkale Not Be Passed?
43. 15.05.2024 - The National Forces in Bandırma
44. 21.05.2024 - Commemoration Program for the Circassian Exile
45. 22.05.2024 - Career Path in the Public Sector: KPSS
46. 28.05.2024 - Ottoman World Politics after the Conquest of Istanbul
47. 09.10.2024 - Return from the Balkans
48. 16.10.2024 - How Was the Modern Middle East Shaped? How Did Palestine Become a Problem?

## Technical Trips, Fieldwork and Student Life



The Department of History does not confine history education to the classroom; it values students' direct observation of historical sites, museums, archives and cultural heritage areas. In this context, technical trips are organized to Istanbul, Çanakkale, Bursa and nearby historical centers.

Within the scope of local history studies, students develop their research skills by engaging with historical settlements, cemeteries, cultural heritage areas and oral history sources in and around Bandırma.

The History Research Society is an important student society that supports students' academic, cultural and social development. The society organizes conferences, talks, commemorative programs, technical trips, cultural activities and career-oriented events.

## Graduation and Career Opportunities



Graduates of the Department of History can pursue careers in various fields thanks to their skills in research, analysis, written and oral expression, source evaluation and critical thinking.

Our graduates may pursue opportunities in academic careers and graduate education, teaching and the education sector, archives, libraries, museums, cultural heritage institutions, public institutions, local governments, publishing, media, editing and research centers.

Our department organizes career talks, graduation events, academic seminars and professional information activities to strengthen students' career awareness.





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