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It is an **interdisciplinary program** that aims to understand **design as a creative, technological, and social practice**, and to examine the surrounding relationships along with its actors.

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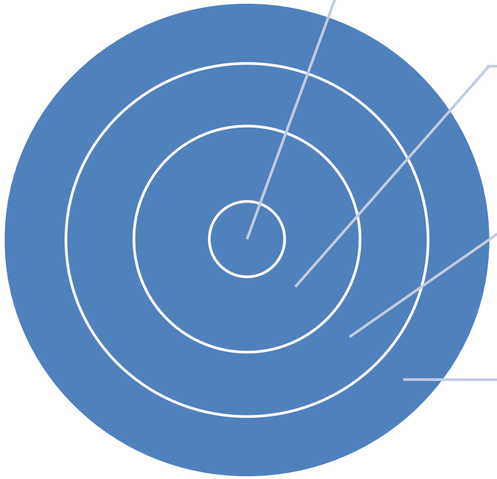

- Industrial Design
- Communicaiton and Design
- Architecture
- Interior Design and Environmental Design
- Gastronomy and Culinary Arts
- Engineering
- Social Sciences

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Industrial Design

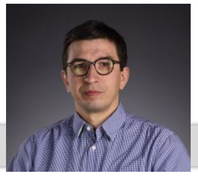




Gastronomy




Architecture






Communication and Design




Interior Architecture and Environmental Design



Mechanical Engineering



Social Sciences

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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Oğulcan İLHAN- Univ. of Cincinnati
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Canan AKOĞLU- Kolding School of Design
Assist. Prof. Dr. Celale KIRKIN- İstanbul Teknik Üniv.

Faculty members who have taught in the Design, Technology and Society Department Program from its start and are currently at other institutions.

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2025-2026 Başvuru Koşulları

EXAMINATION	Thesis Master's Program in Design, Technology and Society	Validity Period (As of Registration)
GRE - New System	At least 149 (Quantitative)	5 years
ALES*	At least 65 (In any score type)	5 years
TOEFL-IBT**/***	At least 90	2 years
YÖKDİL- e-YÖKDİL -YDS- eYDS**	At least 75	5 years
OzU English Proficiency Test*/**	At least 70	2 years
Grade Point Average	Minimum 2.5/4*****	
Department Graduated	From any department	

**English Proficiency Exam is only accepted for master's degree applications.*

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Course Plan

First Year					
First Semester/Fall			Second Semester/Spring		
Course Code	**Course Name**	**ECTS**	**Course Code**	**Course Name**	**ECTS**
DIS 505*	Academic Research Techniques and Publication Ethics	7.5		Free Elective 3	7.5
DIS 502*	Social Theory of Science and Technology	7.5		Free Elective 4	7.5
	Free Elective 1	7.5		Free Elective 5	7.5
	Free Elective 2	7.5	DIS 591*	Research Seminar on Design, Technology, and Society	6.5
			DIS 598*	Thesis Proposal	1
Total Semester ECTS		30	Total Semester ECTS		30
Second Year					
Third Semester/Fall			Fourth Semester/Spring		
Course Code	**Course Name**	**ECTS**	**Course Code**	**Course Name**	**ECTS**
			AP 540	Academic Practice	4
DIS 599	Thesis Study I	30	DIS 601	Thesis Study II	26
Total Semester ECTS		30	Total Semester ECTS		30
Total Credits: 120 ECTS					

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All Master's program students are required to make a presentation at at least one conference approved by the Department Chair.

GASTRONOMY and DESIGN TRACK

Gastronomy and Design Track takes **a holistic approach to the concept of gastronomy** and aims to bring a multidisciplinary, scientific, and innovative perspective to its study.

The track is intended for those who aspire to conduct original **academic research in the field of gastronomy and culinary culture,** while also offering a robust research-based knowledge base to those already in **design, agriculture, food and beverage sectors and/or the food industry** to help them further develop themselves professionally and expand their horizons.

Students will have the opportunity to develop new **interdisciplinary projects** and conduct research on all types of food and beverage production and consumption practices.

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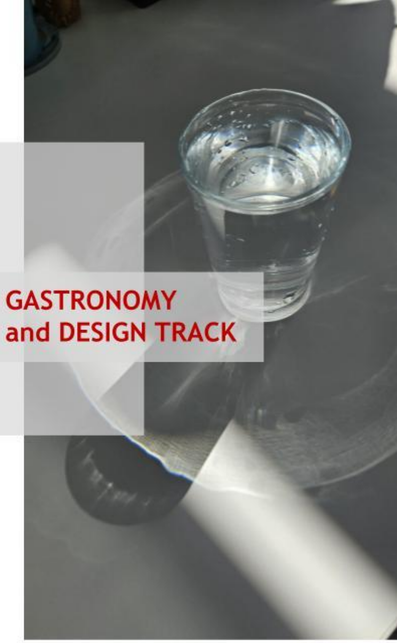

DATES OF APPLICATION
09 MARCH - 07 JUNE
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GASTRONOMY and DESIGN TRACK

For the Gastronomy and Design Specialization, students are required to take the compulsory courses of the Design, Technology and Society Master's Program (Thesis Track):

DIS 505 Academic Research Methods and Publication Ethics
DIS 502 Social Theory of Knowledge Production
as well as the following compulsory courses of the Gastronomy and Design Master's module:

DIS 567 Food Culture and History
DIS 566 Food and Consumer Behavior
DIS 568 Sensory Analysis and New Product Development
In addition, students must take two (2) field elective courses and complete the program with one (1) conference paper presentation, a Seminar, AP course and a Master's Thesis Study.

Program Coordinator: **Prof. Dr. Özge Samancı**
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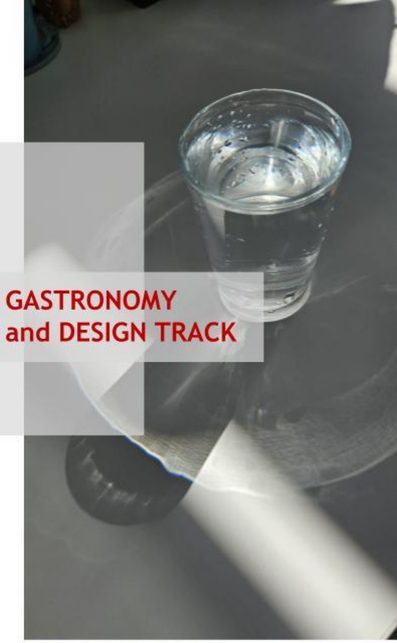

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DESIGN: HISTORY, THEORY, CRITICISM TRACK

Design: History, Theory, Criticism track addresses the researchers who aim to explore issues about **design as a social concept from a critical, conceptual, and historical perspective** and to specialize in a specific context.

The track focuses on different fields such as **design, technology, society, aesthetics, art, and visual culture** from a holistic perspective, with a multidisciplinary and innovative approach.

It offers researchers from different disciplines the opportunity to specialize in a **historical, critical and theoretical context** and produce original studies on issues related to area of interest.



DESIGN: HISTORY, THEORY, CRITICISM TRACK

For the Design: History, Theory and Criticism Track, students of the Design, Technology and Society Master's Program (Thesis) are required to take:

in addition to the two **(2) compulsory courses** of the program, at least four **(4) courses from the elective course** list provided and one (1) field elective course.

Students will complete the program with one (1) conference paper presentation, a Seminar, AP course and a Master's Thesis Study.

Program Coordinator: **Prof. Dr. Alpay Er**
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2026-2027 Application Requirements

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GRE - New System	At least 159 (Quantitative)	5 years
ALES*	At least 80 (In any score type)	5 years
TOEFL-IBT**/***	At least 96	2 years
YÖKDİL- e-YÖKDİL -YDS- eYDS**	At least 80	5 years
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Grade Point Average	Minimum 3/4*****	
Department Graduated	From any department	

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	Elective Course 1	7,5		Elective Course 5	7,5
	Elective Course 2	7,5	DIS 690*	Research Seminar	7,5
Total Credits ECTS		30	Total Credits ECTS		30
Second Year					
Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
Course Code	Course Name	ECTS	Course Code	Course Name	ECTS
DIS 900	PhD Proficiency Study	30	DIS 901	PhD Thesis Proposal	30
Total Credits ECTS		30	Total Credits ECTS		30
Third Year					
Fifth Semester			Sixth Semester		
Course Code	Course Name	ECTS	Course Code	Course Name	ECTS
DIS 902	PhD Thesis Study I	30	DIS 903	PhD Thesis Study II	30
Total Credits ECTS		30	Total Credits ECTS		30
Fourth Year					
Seventh Semester			Eighth Semester		
Course Code	Course Name	ECTS	Course Code	Course Name	ECTS
			AP 540	Academic Practice	4
DIS 904	PhD Thesis Study III	30	DIS 906	PhD Thesis Defense	26
Total Credits ECTS		30	Total Credits ECTS		30
Total Credit 240 ECTS					

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*As of the 2017-2018 Fall semester, all doctoral students are required to have at least **one publication published in one of the indexed journals** recognized by the department.*

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Compulsory and Elective Courses

DIS 502* – Social Theory of Knowledge Production
DIS 505* – Academic Research Methods and Publication Ethics
DIS 501 – Design in Social Context
DIS 518 – Design Anthropology
DIS 522 – Political Economy of Design in the Periphery
DIS 523 – Concepts and Methods for Interaction Design
DIS 525 – Praxis in Design Research
DIS 526 – Practice of Design Research
DIS 558 – Film Theories
DIS 559 – Critical Reading of Design History
DIS 560 – Independent Study
DIS 566 – Food and Consumer Behavior
DIS 567 – Food Culture and History
DIS 568 – Sensory Analysis and Food Product Development
DIS 574 – Spatial Construction in Urban Films
DIS 575 – The Body in Documentary Cinema
DIS 576 – Value-Sensitive Design
DIS 577 – Design With and For Children
DIS 579 – Modernity and Spatial Design
DIS 584 – The Formation of Modern Visuality in Turkey
DIS 626 – Critical Making

Courses Offered in the Design, Technology and Society Graduate Program in the Last 3 Years:
**Compulsory Courses*

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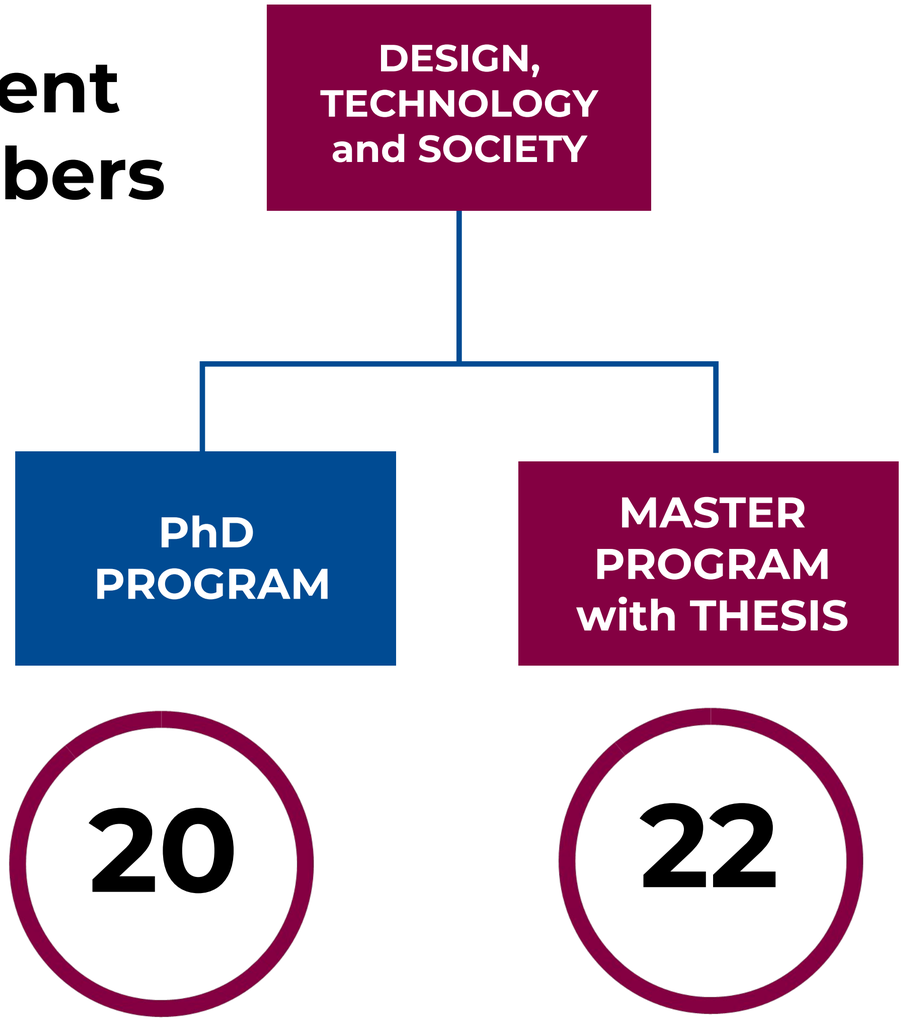
Student Numbers



All newly enrolled graduate students are exempt from tuition fees.

All of them take on various responsibilities as **Teaching Assistants (TAs)** within educational, instructional, and research activities as part of the **Academic Practice** course.

Transportation support and a **Category C scholarship** package have been granted to **6 of our students**.

In the 2025–2026 academic year,
5 Master's theses and
5 PhD dissertations were successfully completed.

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