



**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
TURKISH NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY  
NAVAL ACADEMY**



*Since the crucial and large parts of its borders are sea borders, the Turkish State shall also have a great Navy.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, which is the signature of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath it.

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## ■ Rector's Message

**Dear Students,**

Gathering military training and education in Turkey under a single roof, Turkish National Defense University took the necessary steps promptly and covered a lot of ground in order to meet the need for qualified officers and non-commissioned officers of the Turkish Armed Forces, although it was founded almost a year ago. On the one hand, Turkish National Defense University protects military training requirements and military tradition; on the other hand, it continues undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate education/training suited for the necessities of the time with modern methods.

Our military schools have recovered fast through the regulations made in a short time after July 15 coup attempt and taken the steps without a delay in order to reach an advanced level in all fields.

We invite the young, who are the future of our country, to join us as officers and non-commissioned officers of the Turkish Armed Forces, which has a history full of glorious victories and which is one of the most powerful armies in the world. **We are looking forward to seeing you in Turkish National Defense University to be the commander of the future.**



**Prof. Erhan AFYONCU**  
**Rector**



## ■ Organization

Turkish National Defense University was founded by the Decree Law numbered 669 and dated 25 July 2016, with the title of "Taking the Necessary Measures under the State of Emergency and Establishing the National Defense University and Making Amendments in Certain Laws". The Organization of the university was established by the Decree of the Council of Ministers numbered 2016/9522 and dated 14 November 2016, published in Official Gazette dated 25 November 2016. Staff Organization of Rectorate was established by the approval of the Ministry of National Defense dated 03 February 2017. Rectorate of the University became operational on 09 January 2017 in the campus located in Yenilevent/İSTANBUL. Three War Academies, four Service War Colleges, six Institutes and four Non-Commissioned Officer Higher Vocational Schools carry out activities under the roof of Turkish National Defense University.

## ■ Vision

To be a reference university and a leader institution, making a difference in military education and research particularly in the fields of defense, security, and strategy through its quality and innovative background.

## ■ Mission

To educate and train qualified work force which is loyal to its country, nation, and state, adopt the Principles of Atatürk and has national values, democracy culture, and historical consciousness.

To provide doctrinal solutions for military operational environment and development of military culture.





## ■ History

Educating and training gallant seamen for Turkish Navy whose history is full of glorious victories, Turkish Naval Academy, always provides the most distinguished training and education in accordance with the needs of the time. Graduating from Turkish Naval Academy, Naval Officers will constitute the command echelon of Turkish Naval Forces in the 21st century and they will be the assurance for our future.

Turkish Naval Academy was founded by Algerian Ghazi Hasan Pasha in 1773 under the name of "Tersane Hendeshanesi" in Kasımpaşa Shipyard. It was later named as "Mühendishane-i Bahri-i Hümâyûn" ("The Imperial Naval Engineering School") in 1784. Transferred to Heybeliada in 1851, Turkish Naval Academy later moved to a campus of 777 decares in Tuzla/İSTANBUL on 31 August 1985.





### ■ Military Training and Naval Training

In order to ensure that cadets become modern officers and seamen by improving their skills in the fields of management and decision making, special military training programs are prepared. Military trainings are carried out under the management and supervision of elite officers and supervisors of Turkish Naval Forces. Applied and hands-on naval trainings are carried out in yachts, training boats, school ships, and fleet ships throughout the year with the purposes of habituating the cadets to ships and marine life, by having the cadets transfer their theoretical information into practice and by preparing them to the mission. Our cadets visit various domestic and foreign harbors by the school ships during summer and thus, in addition to the naval training, they receive the privilege of seeing different countries while they are still cadets.





## ■ Academic Education

Turkish Naval Academy aims to educate active duty officers who are equipped with sense of mission, honor, loyalty, and responsibility, adopt the Principles of Atatürk, reach the adequate physical fitness, is open to improvement, have command and leadership qualifications, and devote themselves to service of Turkish Naval Forces. Cadets are provided with mainly the basic and common physical and social sciences education in the first year of the academy. Then they receive the education at the level of bachelor degree by selecting one of the departments of Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Electrical-Electronics Engineering at the beginning of their second year in the academy. Academic Education is provided by elite academicians and military instructors who have vocational and academic career. The education is given in modern classrooms and laboratories of 25 or 30-person in accordance with the standards of Council of Higher Education and European Union. Cadets use the library which is continuously renewed and has a rich collection via internet or internal information system at any time in all days of the week. Advanced level of English is taught to the cadets and an opportunity of learning a second foreign language is also provided to the eager cadets.





# Turkish Naval Academy Departments

## ■ Industrial Engineering

The Department aims to graduate cadets as Naval Officers who approach the possible problems by scientific perspective, have the ability to develop solution methods for the problems, and are qualified to take charge in research and development projects as team leaders.



## ■ Mechanical Engineering

The Department aims to graduate cadets as Naval Officers who have comprehensive knowledge in the mechanical and energy systems, material technologies, and production techniques especially in the naval field. The education in the department is supported by advanced laboratories in the field of energy, mechanics, manufacturing, and material.



## ■ Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering

Milli gemi projelerinin dizayn ve entegrasyon süreçlerinde görev alabilecek, ileri mühendislik uygulamalarının bütünlüğüne deniz platformlarını her yönüyle bilen ve kullanılan yüksek teknolojik çözümlere hakim mezunlar vermektedir.





## ■ Computer Engineering

The Department aims to graduate cadets as Naval Officers who provide research on mathematical and logical bases of computer systems, in which hardware and software components are integrated, and who produce methods, technique and technologies for the design, production, and use of computer systems depending on the said bases.



## ■ Department of International Relations

The Department aims to train qualified naval officers with strategic thinking skills, capable of analyzing changes in the international security environment and evaluating regional and global developments within the framework of Türkiye's national interests.



## ■ Electrical-Electronics Engineering

The Department aims to graduate cadets as Naval Officers who use the state-of-art combat operational systems developed by national sources in the fleet ships and develop technological solutions for emerging war environment.





SAĞLAM KAFA SAĞLAM VÜCUTTA BULUNUR.





### ■ Physical Training and Sports

All kinds of sporting opportunities such as tennis, basketball, shooting, and swimming are provided in Turkish Naval Academy with the purpose of preparing young cadets physically ready for naval conditions. Sailing, rowing, and yachting trainings as sea sports are given to future midshipmen; the Academy ensures that the cadets participate in competitions against other countries' Naval Academies at international level within the academic year. Also, "One Star Diver Badge", "Frogman Certificate", and "High Level Sailing Certificate", which are internationally recognized, are given to the cadets who successfully complete the trainings provided by the experts from the Turkish Naval Forces.



### ■ Social Activities

Club activities such as model ship, chess, cinema, theatre, music, photography, underwater sports, electronics, computer, meteorology, and shipping are organized in order to positively contribute to development of young cadets and to ensure that they make use of their time best. Also, a movie screening takes place weekly and performance of plays and music groups are allowed in our academy.



### ■ Other Facilities and Support

Free boarding education is provided in Turkish Naval Academy. The cadets stay in modern four-person rooms with internet access. Food, lodging, clothing, health, and all kinds of training/educational costs are covered by the state. Moreover, cadets receive a certain percent of ensign salary as allowance for their private expenses which they may use during their holidays or vacations. Cadets are registered in Social Security Institution at the age of 18, thus the years they spend as cadet are included in their retirement insurances.





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## Postgraduate Opportunities

### ■ Social Opportunities

Ensigns, who have completed their distinguished education in Turkish Naval Academy, start to receive salary from the day of graduation. Ensigns and their family members have right to benefit from OYAK (Turkish Armed Forces Assistance and Pension Fund) membership, social, medical, and lodging opportunities provided by Turkish Armed Forces.



### ■ National and Foreign Postgraduate Education

Among the graduates of Turkish Naval Academy, those whose grade point averages are above a certain score have a chance to receive postgraduate education in Barbaros Naval Sciences and Engineering Institute within Tuzla Campus of Naval Academy and also in other elite national and international universities.



### ■ Aircraft and Helicopter Pilotage

In order to train aircraft and helicopter pilots needed by Turkish Naval Forces, a selection among volunteers is made every year. Selected naval pilots acquire all the rights which other pilots have. Also, graduated Ensigns have the chance to become pilots of F-35 Fighter Jets, taking off from the first aircraft carrier (LHD) "TCG ANADOLU" which will be put into service in 2023.



### ■ Foreign Missions

Our cadets visit the foreign harbors such as France, Italy, Spain, and Portugal through the open sea trainings carried out in Turkish Naval Academy every year, finding the chance to see many countries around the world. Naval Officers also get to know different cultures within the scope of their foreign harbor visits, temporary (from one or two weeks up to one year) assignments or permanent (two or three years) foreign missions and courses throughout their service time.



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## Frequently Asked Questions



**Question:** In what ways can the applications be made for War Academies of the Turkish National Defense University as International Cadets? Can I make individual application?

**Answer:** Individual application is not allowed for War Academies of the Turkish National Defense University. If there is a Military Training Cooperation Agreement between Turkey and the country wishing to send International Cadets, Military Attachés of the Republic of Turkey in the mentioned country conduct a selection process among the candidates determined by the sending country within the scope of the mentioned agreement.

**Question:** Do International Cadets pay fees for training and education in the War Academies? Are health expenses covered by Turkey? Do the International Cadets receive allowance?

**Answer:** The issues such as training and education fees, health expenses, and allowances are determined in the Military Training Cooperation Agreement between Turkey and the sending country and the procedures are carried out as set out in the agreement.

**Question:** What is the language of education in War Academies?

**Answer:** The language of education in War Academies is Turkish. If the International Cadets already have proficiency in Turkish, they can start training and education immediately.

**Question:** I do not know Turkish at all / I do not have proficiency in Turkish for the training and education in War Academies. Can I still apply?

**Answer:** Yes, you can. War Academies provide Turkish Preparatory Class for one year to the International Cadets who do not know Turkish at all or who do not have proficiency in Turkish. You can continue your education in the Academy after successfully completing the Turkish Preparatory Class.

**Question:** There are various academic departments (engineering, management, etc.) in War Academies. What is the procedure for the selections of departments?

**Answer:** International Cadets select their academic departments in accordance with their own choices, the sending countries' preferences, students' qualifications, and quotas set in the Academies.



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**Question:** Are the diplomas and other documents, which the International Cadets receive after their graduation, internationally recognized?

**Answer:** War Academies are deep-rooted and elite faculties and the Turkish National Defense University is a reputable university in Turkey. The diplomas and other documents received from War Academies are internationally recognized.

**Question:** Is there any difference in the success criteria for the courses and other training between the International Cadets and Turkish Cadets in War Academies?

**Answer:** There is no difference in the success criteria for academic and military evaluation between International Cadets and Turkish Cadets.

**Question:** How long is the period of study in War Academies?

**Answer:** The period of study is four years in War Academies.

**Question:** Do International Cadets also have to wear uniform as Turkish Cadets?

**Answer:** Yes, they have to. International Cadets wear the same uniforms as the Turkish Cadets. However, they wear flags of their countries on their sleeves.

**Question:** Do International Cadets have free time in weekends and public holidays just as the Turkish Cadets?

**Answer:** Yes, they have. The International Cadets take leave for weekends and public holidays. Moreover, they celebrate their own national holidays in the War Academies.

**Question:** How can I get detailed information on War Academies of the Turkish National Defense and the procedures of application for International Cadets?

**Answer:** You can get detailed information about War Academies by visiting the web site of the Turkish National Defense University ([www.msu.edu.tr](http://www.msu.edu.tr)). In order to get information on the procedures for application, you can apply to Turkish Embassy and Turkish Military Attaché Office in your country.





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