

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

**Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Economics,
Administrative and Social Sciences**



"The process of globalization also brings intense competition. To cope with this competition, it is essential to train human resources that are equipped with knowledge and skills, are inquisitive, and can understand and interpret the world."

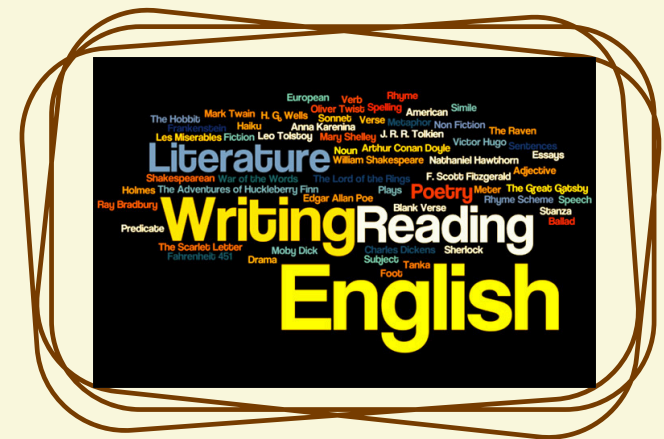


**Prof. Dr. Kenan AYDIN
Dean of the Faculty of Economics,
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Philologists to Analyze the Relationship Between Language, Culture and Literature

Language is undoubtedly of great importance in order to catch up with the world, integrate with it and take part in the future as a successful individual. Language, which is of great importance in every field ranging from economy to industry, from science to technology, has become an accelerating part of communication and intellectual development. In this direction, the world has created the use of a common language in order to achieve faster change and development on the path of globalization, thus making English the world language. English, the most spoken language in the world today, has enabled us to catch up with contemporary life and to get to know individuals, societies and countries closely.

In this regard, as the Department of English Language and Literature, our aim is to teach our students both the English language and English literature, with their novels, poetry, theater and philosophy, by examining them in depth, through offering a wide variety of quality, professional, rich and world-class course content during the four-year education period. As an educational institution that opposes teaching English mechanically, we teach English Language and Literature with help from many branches that can best explain Western culture, such as philosophy and sociology. We also examine language culturally and historically. We crown our applied and comparative professional education model by following the latest literature and approaches and using recent technological equipment. As the Department of English Language and Literature, we, on the one hand, prepare our students better for their future professions, and on the other hand, by closely following the world that has turned into a global village, we underline that we cannot be successful with a single culture, a single language, and only our own habits, education model and mindset.



Purpose of the Department

The Department of English Language and Literature, which provides education at international standards, has been established to train qualified human resources who know the English language with its literary and cultural riches and have advanced language skills. Our students, who receive written and spoken academic English education in the department curriculum, also learn English literature and culture in depth, make historical analyzes in the analysis of texts, and witness the historical relationship of language with culture.

“In addition to English literature, we train philologists who are well-equipped in American literature, philosophy, translation and teaching.”

Future of the Department

In an increasingly globalizing world, the position of literature, which is essential for understanding and analyzing society and culture, along with language, which is the basis of all written and oral communication, is gaining importance. In this context, Department of English Language and Literature, which is intertwined with fields such as philosophy, sociology, anthropology etc. is in a very important position for the analysis of self, culture and the meaning-producing mechanisms that constitute them at the textual and social level.



Program and Curriculum Information

In order to graduate from Istanbul Gelisim University, Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Department of English Language and Literature, it is necessary to complete a total course load of 136 credits and 240 ECTS.

The theme/focus of the English Language and Literature department is deconstruction theory. The reason why the department chooses to differentiate in this field is to distinguish itself from the standard curricula at other universities. The academic dimension of this choice is to increase the open-mindedness and social and political awareness of our students and to raise awareness about the "Other".

Interdisciplinary education is provided within the curriculum with elective courses offered to the entire faculty. In addition, our students can receive education on different subjects along with social elective courses aimed at strengthening their worldview and gaining additional skills.

Our aim through this curriculum is to teach our students both the English language and English literature, with its novels, poetry, theater and philosophy, by examining in depth, with a wide variety of quality, professional, rich and world-class course content during the four-year education period.

In order to learn and understand different cultures, we have to know English, the world language, very well. The biggest difference of this department is that it prepares its students for these new "multi-national" and "multi-cultural" relations.

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Department Accreditation

Istanbul Gelisim University, which attaches great importance to internationalization in education, offers education opportunities to its students and graduates with international accreditation and protocols signed with foreign universities.

IGU, which has made significant investments in its physical capacity, human resources and opportunities provided to its students in order to become a "Respected World University", started a very ambitious breakthrough process in 2017.

In these studies, which started in 2017, the Departments of the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences were found suitable to be accredited by the AQAS organization, which is a member of the European Quality Assurance Association, and received their accreditation documents. Founded in Germany in 2002 and a member of the European Quality Assurance Association, AQAS is an organization that has evaluated more than 5,000 programs around the world. It has accredited the educational programs of over 90 German universities. The accreditation it grants certifies that the accredited program complies with European standards and principles.

The Department of English Language and Literature is also an accredited program and its compliance with European standards has been documented. The department is accredited until 2024.





Learning Outcomes

The learning outcomes of the department are as follows:

- Students; will be able to identify the main characteristics of literary movements such as modernism, postmodernism, and postcolonialism during the process of analysing a literary text verbally or in an essay.
- Students; will be able to identify the language and the writing style of a wide range of authors, poets, and playwrights from different periods.
- Students; will be able to interpret literary works produced in various cultures with different ethnical background.
- Students; will be able to explain the key terms and concepts associated with language, literature, and culture.
- Students; will be able to compare and contrast different periods of time such as the Middle Ages and the Victorian Era in accordance with their distinctive literary, theoretical, social, and political background verbally or in an essay.
- Students; will be able to compare and contrast characteristics of different literary genres.

Opportunity to Practice in Laboratories and Workshops

- Computer Laboratories
- Clinical Psychology Laboratory
- Clinical Interview and Observation Laboratory
- Experimental Psychology Laboratory
- EEG Laboratory
- Keyboard Spss Computer Laboratory
- Pocket Cinema
- Radio, Television and Cinema Studio
- Workshops Hall
- Advertising Workshop (Block A)
- Design Workshop



More than a Diploma!

Education Strengthened by Work Experience:

Our department's application courses help students prepare for their post-graduation careers by combining their theoretical knowledge with real-world experience. In this way, students take an important step in their journey of specialization by adapting to the expectations in the sector.

Practical and Theoretical, Integrated Approach:

Our students graduate with the skills of using the program that they need to master in today's world and theoretical knowledge about the profession. This allows our students to stand out in their professional lives.



Curriculum That Directs the Current

Our curriculum is updated to address today's problems and approaches in the field. In this way, our students not only master today's topics but also have the capacity to offer suggestions with their own approaches.

Solution-Focused Approach:

The student-instructor relationship in our department is solution-oriented and inclusive. With this approach, mentoring, individual guidance and academic counseling methods are used to increase students' success.

Innovative Courses

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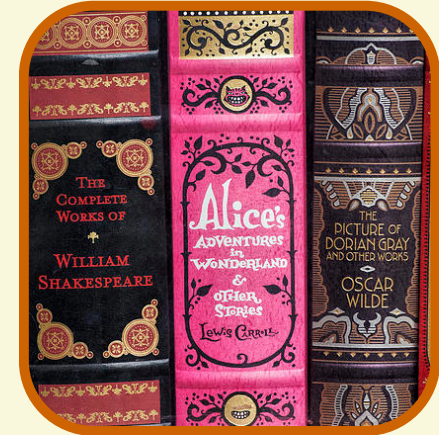
The Department of English Language and Literature, where mostly theoretical courses are given and has a curriculum intertwined with American literature and philosophy in addition to English literature, continues to improve itself every year and always aims to contribute to science and society.

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- Literary Criticism and Theory I & II
- Gender Studies
- Women's Literature
- Modernist Literature
- Postmodern Literature
- Postcolonial Literature
- Race and Ethnicity



Academic Staff



**Asst. Prof.
Tuğba A. KAPLAN**

Department of English
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Chair of Department



**Asst. Prof.
Vahide Metin**

Department of English
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**Prof.
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Ercan Tugay Akı**

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**Res. Asst.
Tuğçe Gül Babacan**

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“ In our department, the academic staff consists of faculty members with a wide range of areas of expertise. This diversity ensures that our students are nourished by a broad perspective and become competent philologists.

Our academic staff, who have in-depth knowledge of English Language and Literature, aims to raise individuals who can become world citizens with the ability to understand the relationship between language and culture through the English language, to evaluate their own language within this framework, to have the knowledge to conduct international cultural research, to have advanced written and oral communication skills in English, to analyze literary texts.

Socially Oriented Philologists Who Criticize, Question, Research

Our university and our department contribute not only to gaining knowledge and skills, but also to progress towards becoming an individual who will make his own difference and contribute to society. Our students have the opportunity to improve their skills in various workshops, learn by having fun at festivals, raise awareness in social responsibility projects and participate in unforgettable events, and have the chance to show themselves off in competitions. Our activities develop collaboration and team skills. These activities also offer valuable career opportunities.

The activities held in our department are as follows:

- Workshops
- Entertainments
- Tours
- English Writing/Speaking Activities
- Social Responsibility Projects
- Seminar ve Symposiums
- Talks



Career Opportunities

Graduates of English Language and Literature Department have a wide range of career opportunities

- English teaching jobs in state or private schools
- English Language Lecturer jobs in private or state universities
- Translator positions in offices
- Freelance translation
- Subtitle translation jobs for films or TV channels
- Book criticism in various journals
- Assistant editor or editor in various magazines or publishing houses
- Specialized officer position at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- specialized officer in Consulates
- Research Assistant positions at public or private universities, provided that graduates continue their education with a master's degree

Who should choose?

The Department of English Language and Literature is a suitable choice for those who are interested not only in English or English literature, but also in world literature and philosophy, and who want to develop advanced written and spoken English skills, literary knowledge, and critical thinking and analysis skills.

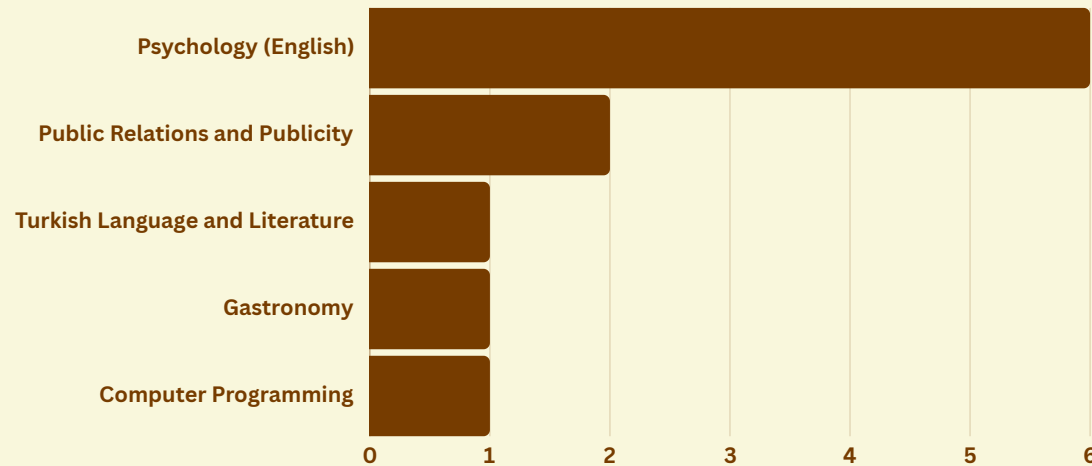
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Double Major Opportunity

The purpose of the double major program is to enable students who complete their major programs with outstanding success to also receive a diploma in a second branch free of charge. Students who have a GPA of 2.90 out of 4.00 in their major program and who are in the 20% success bracket in their undergraduate/associate degree program can start their second major diploma program free of charge.

In which departments do English Language and Literature Department students do their double major?



“Hello, I'm Mert Çingirler. I am a 3rd year student in the Department of English Language and Literature. I am the president of the science club and my choice among private universities was, of course, Istanbul Gelisim University. Our university has a wide range of facilities and opportunities, especially student clubs, accredited programs and Double Major Programs, so we can improve ourselves in different fields and complete our education at an international level because being in Gelisim means being open to Gelisim.

Mert Çingirler
Department of English Language and
Literature Student

Sector Cooperation for a Strong Future

Our university attaches great importance to cooperation with the public, private sector and non-governmental organizations in its pursuit of excellence in education and research. These collaborations enable us to build a stronger future by sharing our knowledge and resources, working together to achieve common goals.

Some of the institutions we cooperate with as stakeholders are as follows:



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Start Your Internship Journey and Shape Your Future!

There is no internship requirement in the English Language and Literature department. However, if they wish, our students can do a voluntary internship at an institution with which our university has a bilateral agreement or at an institution they find by individual connection.

Towards the Future with Strong Steps: Our Graduates



Nazlı Deniz DEDEOĞLU

Graduate of the Department of English Language and Literature

I am Nazlı Deniz Dedeoğlu. I graduated from Istanbul Gelisim University, Department of English Language and Literature in 2021. Thanks to our valuable professors in our department, my interest in the field increased day by day; My professors encouraged me to do research and analysis, showed me different windows to look at a literary text, and always supported me in forming my own ideas. I participated in the Erasmus program, one of the opportunities offered by our school to improve ourselves in the academic field, and continued some of my undergraduate education in Poland. With the education I received in Poland, I had the chance to improve myself both in my field and in the language. Following in the footsteps of my teachers, I decided that I wanted to specialize in English Language and Literature. For this reason, I started preparations for graduate education during my undergraduate education and I am currently doing a master's degree in Hacettepe University's British Cultural Studies program. Istanbul Gelişim University and my valuable professors have contributed greatly to me reaching this point. I wish success to all my friends studying in our department, I hope you can achieve your dreams as soon as possible.



Nazan RAVLI

Graduate of the Department of English Language and Literature

I am Nazan Ravlı, I graduated from Istanbul Gelisim University, Department of English Language and Literature. I think Erasmus is a project that everyone should experience in their lives. It provides people with beautiful experiences in every sense; You can experience the culture, people, food and lifestyle of the country you are in, helps make friends from many different cultures, and most importantly, expands your vision. Moreover, the internship will help establish an international network and will be beneficial in professional business life. I did my Erasmus internship provided by Istanbul Gelisim University in Italy. Italy is a truly fascinating country, its cities are unique and different from each other. I don't think there will be a person who doesn't like their kitchen. I did not feel alienated because the people were similar to the people of our country; They are friendly and love to have fun. These years of ours are very valuable, so we need to use the opportunities, make our youth memorable and live it to the fullest. One of the most valuable investments a person can make in him/herself!

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Let's Learn
Together

Let's Explore
Together!

Let's Connect to
the World!

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