



Faculty of Health Sciences

Social Work Department

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Head of the Social Work Department



Department History

1961

The Social Works Academy, the inaugural institution dedicated to social work in Turkey, was founded within the Social Work Institute.

The department was first opened within a university under the name of the School of Social Work at Hacettepe University.

1967

2002

The establishment of the social work department at Başkent University has brought the total number of social work departments in Turkey to 2.

Ninety-five social work departments, sixty-two of which are in state universities, actively offer education.

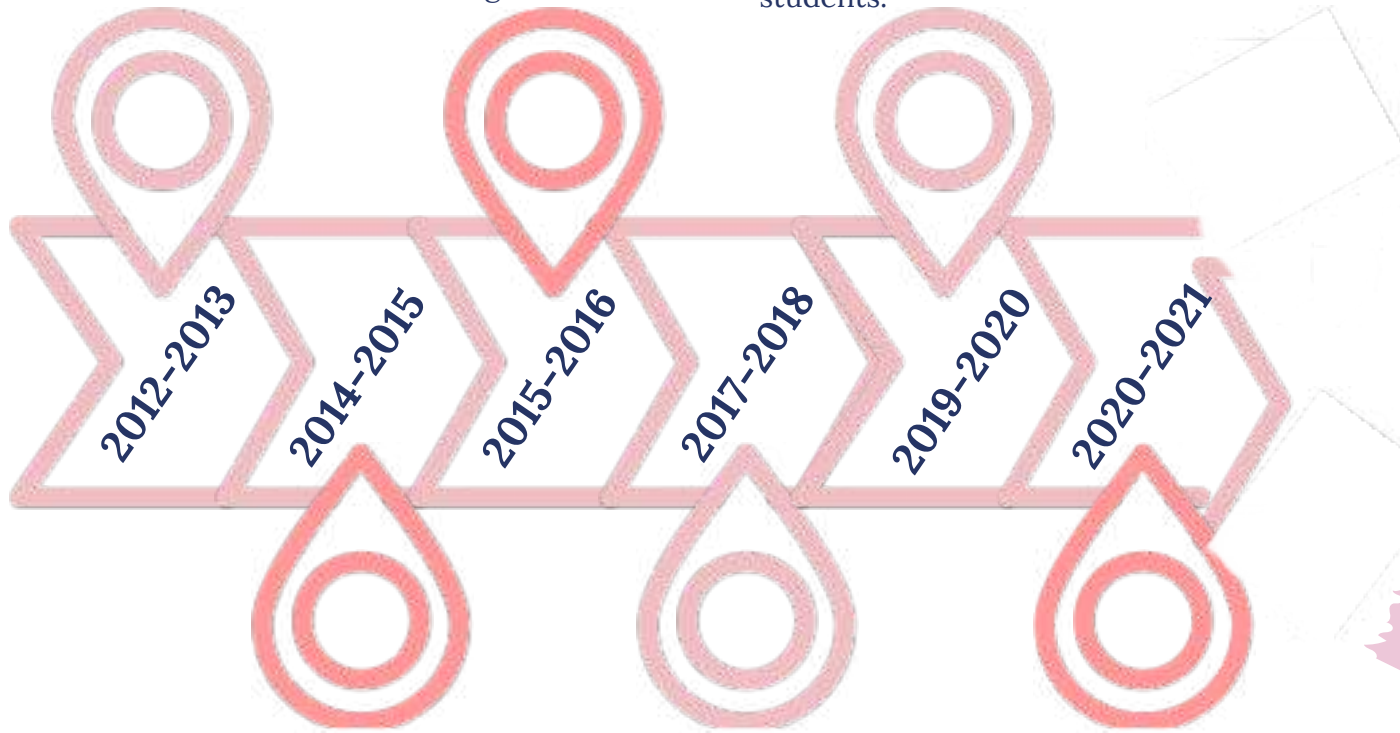
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History

The Social Work Department was established at Istanbul Gelisim University's School of Health Sciences.

The department produced its first graduates.

Admissions for the Department of Social Work have concluded for students.



The Department of Social Work is now admitting students.

The Department of Social Work has received accreditation from the Accreditation Agency in Health and Social Sciences (AHPGS) for a period of 5 years.

On November 25, 2020, the "School of Health Sciences" was rebranded as the "Faculty of Health Sciences".



Social Work Department

Head of the Department

Bachelor-1990

Hacettepe University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Social Work Department

Master's Degree-2000

Hacettepe University, Institute of Social Sciences Department of Social Work (MD)

PhD-2009

Hacettepe University, Institute of Social Sciences, Department of Social Work (PhD)



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and English Departments



Practices such as ensuring individuals have access to necessary resources to protect their basic human rights, contributing to the provision of social justice, and supporting individuals to discover their own potential form the foundation of social work practices.

 In the IGU Department of Social Work, social workers are trained who will ensure the participation of all people in decision-making processes within the scope of human rights and freedoms and carry out studies that will help bring them to a level where they can plan their own future, within the framework of the multidisciplinary understanding required by the social work profession and discipline.

 We support social workers who have finished their vocational training and entered the professional realm, ensuring they have a just and equitable framework to meet the needs and challenges of all individuals and groups within their professional scope, while upholding ethical principles.



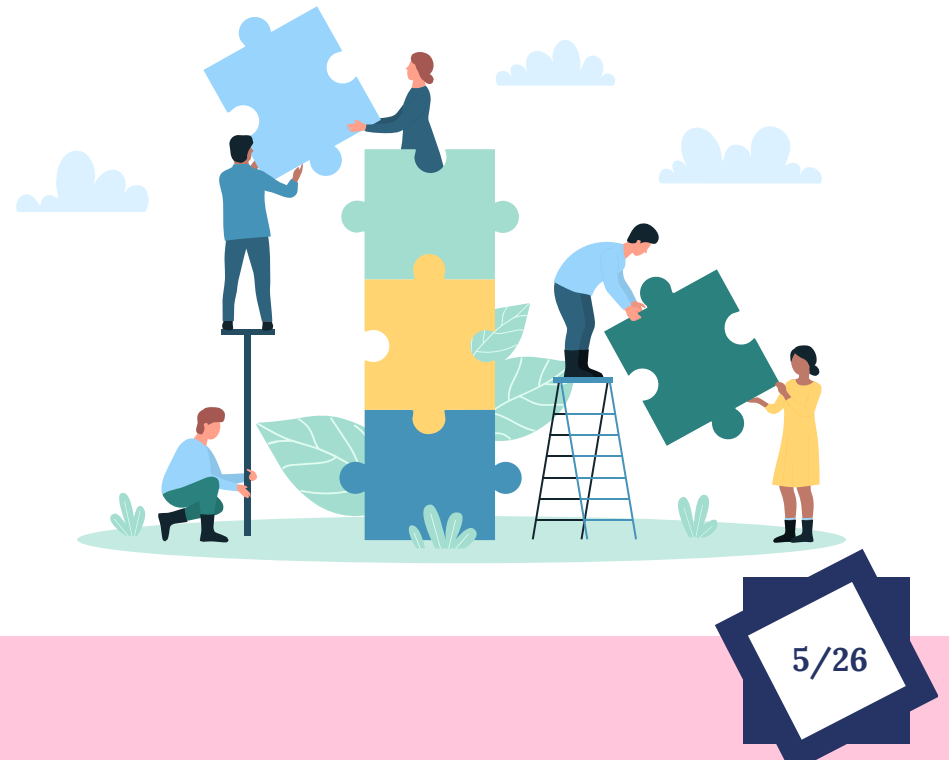


Department's Purpose

The Social Work department aims to educate skilled social workers with scientific expertise capable of delivering essential services to individuals, families, and communities facing social challenges of diverse scales. Its goal is to enhance the academic growth of individuals interested in specializing in the field both theoretically and practically, and who demonstrate sensitivity towards social issues. Program graduates are conferred the designation of "Social Work Specialist/Social Worker."

Department's Future

The Social Work Department will persist in its proactive efforts in the future by monitoring national and international developments to effectively combat social issues and strive to provide innovative solutions in this regard.



Program and Curriculum Details

*To graduate from the Department of Social Work,
students must fulfill a course load requirement of
160 credits and 240 ECTS.*

*The existing department curriculum comprises
theoretical and practical training aligned with the
National Core Education Program and AHPGS.*



Program Details

After the AHPGS Team's inspections in 2020, the department initiated curriculum development studies and conducted revisions on the curriculum. The courses in the Social Work Undergraduate Program are structured in alignment with Bloom's taxonomy. Each week of the 14-week course is centered around a specific theme. Learning and teaching strategies are tailored to be learner-centered activities both pre and post-course. The instructor's syllabus entry in the PERSIS system ensures regular monitoring of all regulations, which are accessible to all stakeholders on the university's web pages.

Curriculum Details

During the initial semester, students enroll in classes like "Philosophy," "Sociology," and "Psychology," along with fundamental courses to familiarize themselves with the terminology used in social work and to establish foundational principles relevant to the field.

During the second semester, students study "Social Structure of Turkey," "Social Anthropology," and "Social Psychology" to gain professional insight into the social environment. Additionally, they enroll in fundamental social work courses along with "Vocational Orientation" and "General Law" courses.

During the third semester, students engage in "Human Behavior and Social Environment I" and "Social Problems" courses to deepen their understanding of the social environment. Concurrently, they acquire social work expertise and competencies through "Social Work Interview Principles and Techniques," "Social Work Legislation," and "Social Work Theories I" courses, aiming to equip students with theoretical insights into social work interventions.

During the fourth semester, students take advanced courses in "Human Behavior and Social Environment II" and "Social Work Theories II," along with supplementary courses in "General Economics" and "Statistics" to complement the core social work curriculum.

Curriculum Details

During the fifth semester, students will take professional knowledge courses such as "Social Work with Families" and "Social Work Research I," along with professional knowledge and skills courses like "Social Work Management" and "Report Writing and Presentation Skills."

The "Social Policy and Planning" course in the sixth semester is essential for the practical aspect of the profession. Alongside the "Social Work Research II" course, it aims to acquire additional information and insights. Furthermore, the "Social Work with Children" course enhances comprehensive knowledge in the field of child welfare, a crucial area in social work.

During the seventh and eighth semesters, students must engage in field studies (vocational training/internship) totaling 14 ECTS. These studies occur in institutions sanctioned or contracted by the University. Students are required to adhere to the study and discipline regulations at their assigned locations. Each of the final two semesters also involves two elective courses. Furthermore, the curriculum for senior students includes "Seminar" (seventh semester) and "Graduation Thesis" (eighth semester) courses, allowing them to showcase their fundamental knowledge and skills in social work through research and presentations. Moreover, in the fifth semester, the "Social Work Ethics" course is provided to ensure the transmission of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with ethical principles.

Accreditation of the Department

 Istanbul Gelişim University, which attaches great importance to internationalization in education, offers its students and graduates the opportunity to continue their education and get a job anywhere in the world, with international accreditation and protocols signed with foreign universities.

 During the 2017-2018 Education and Training Period, our Department of Social Work, Turkish, and English programs obtained full accreditation for 5 years from the AHPGS (Accreditation Agency in the Area of Health and Social Sciences).



Learning Outcomes

In 2022, the "Social Work National Core Program (SHUÇEP)" was released on the YÖK Department of Education and Training website. Emphasizing the importance of refining the disciplinary profile, the national core program aims to establish a clear differentiation between related fields like social sciences and health sciences, while defining the unique identity of social work. The educational procedures for the IGU Department of Social Work have been aligned with the national core program since 2022.

Learning Outcomes

- Possesses knowledge of human rights, social issues, social work practice domains, human behavior, and the social environment.
- Demonstrates understanding of theories, approaches, and models within the social work field. Exhibits familiarity with social welfare policy, services, legislation, professional ethics, and values.
- Shows basic proficiency in implementing evidence-based social work interventions for clients with diverse characteristics at various levels.
- Demonstrates knowledge of organizational management, processes, project design, and project management in human service settings.
- Understands research methods and techniques in social work. Displays critical thinking, analytical, and synthesis skills.
- Capable of conducting social work research, utilizing research findings, and interpreting professional literature.
- Able to engage in evidence-based social work practice at a foundational level across client groups.
- Conducts Social Work activities with environmental consciousness.

Learning Outcomes

- *Demonstrates proficiency in verbal and written communication, utilizing relevant information technologies in the realm of social work.*
- *Executes social work interventions across various client systems and levels, documenting these actions effectively.*
- *Manages tasks adeptly, fostering inter-institutional relationships, cooperation, and coordination while implementing contemporary management practices.*
- *Embraces diversity, recognizing its inherent value, and conducts independent social work interventions.*
- *Assumes accountability to address challenges within the Social Work sector, offering guidance to social work students and new professionals.*
- *Critically evaluates acquired knowledge and skills, adhering to quality management principles in human service organizations.*

Learning Outcomes

- *Fosters a positive attitude towards lifelong learning.*
- *Sharing insights on Social Work issues and problem-solving, backed by quantitative and qualitative data, through written and verbal communication with relevant parties and institutions, as well as individuals from similar or diverse professions.*
- *Demonstrating social responsibility, organizing and executing projects and activities within the local community.*
- *Monitoring and assessing societal and global events/advancements in Social Work domains.*
- *Defining roles, authorities, rights, and obligations associated with the social work field. Adhering to laws, professional ethics, and standards.*
- *Embracing a social justice and rights-centered approach, shaping and influencing Social Works within various political landscapes.*
- *Employing conceptual frameworks, perspectives, theoretical approaches, and models to steer social work intervention at all levels.*
- *Contributing to the advancement of social work as a discipline and profession.*
- *Serving as a role model for society through knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes, while embracing the ethos of continuous learning.*

Academic Staff



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YOLCUOĞLU leads the Social
Work Department.



Assist Prof. Dr. Derya
KAVGAOĞLU



Assist Prof. Dr. Emrah
TÜNCER



Assist Prof. Dr. Yonca Güneş
YÜCEL



Assist Prof. Dr. Fatma Sıla
AYAN



Lecturer Kerem AYDEMİR.

Academic Staff



Res. Asst.
Fatma Turkan
ÖZIRMAK.



Res. Asst.
Onur Zeki
ANILGAN



Res. Asst.
Aslıhan Kübra
SAKARYA

Our department's learning processes are conducted by competent, well-equipped, and expert individuals.

Erasmus+

The Department of Social Work collaborates with external stakeholders within the scope of the Erasmus+ Program for Study and Internship Mobility.

Within the scope of Erasmus+ Study Mobility, students can take equivalent courses approved by the Erasmus+ Faculty/Department Coordinator and the Faculty Board, and they can also consider Erasmus+ Internship Mobility as an alternative to SHY441/SHY442 courses.



Universities with which we have agreements under the Erasmus+ Program

University of Ljubljana



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Free Double Major Opportunity



Students who have excelled in their programs have the chance to pursue a second major and obtain a diploma at no cost. As long as their GPA in the primary program is 2.90 or higher, and they have achieved a minimum success rate of 20% in the relevant major course, they are eligible to enroll in the second major program without any fees.



At SBF, students have the chance to obtain a comprehensive education from various disciplines, as long as they fulfill the application criteria.

Our Events



Employment Prospects

Social Work graduates possess a broad array of career prospects.



Social work graduates have access to career opportunities in various institutions and fields.



They can serve as social workers in provincial and district municipalities, social assistance and social solidarity centers, and play a crucial role in social support mechanisms.



Social workers have the capacity to assume managerial roles in nursing homes and elderly care centers to guarantee the effective operation of the facility.



In hospitals and healthcare facilities, social workers collaborate with patients to mitigate challenges encountered throughout the course of illness and impact their well-being.

Empowering Graduates: Building a Path to Success

Istanbul Gelişim University, true to its name, is an institution that evolves and transforms dynamically every day. I have come to this realization based on the wealth of experience I gained during my 5-year university education and my appreciation for the level of achievement we have reached under the guidance of our highly intellectual professors, supported by the university's resources. As a person who thrives on this dynamism, I am both thrilled and honored to remain part of this community and collaborate as a research assistant at the university where I completed my studies.



**Graduate;
Aslıhan Kübra
SAKARYA**

Empowering Graduates: Building a Path to Success

The years I spent at Istanbul Gelişim University were pivotal in shaping my future. I made the most of the opportunities provided by the university, including seminars, congresses, and various events, to enhance my professional knowledge. Joining the Social Work Club in my first year marked the beginning of a journey that led me to the role of club president and the chance to organize a congress with esteemed professors. Engaging in seminars and networking allowed me to grow in diverse areas. Pursuing a major in Psychology further enriched my university experience. The Social Work department presented challenges that underscored the importance of helping individuals in need. The guidance of dedicated professors fueled my passion for the field and equipped me with expertise. Istanbul Gelişim University truly stands out for its commitment to academic excellence, exemplified by the opportunity I had to study there on a full scholarship.



**Graduate;
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various human and
human-related
fields to join our
department.



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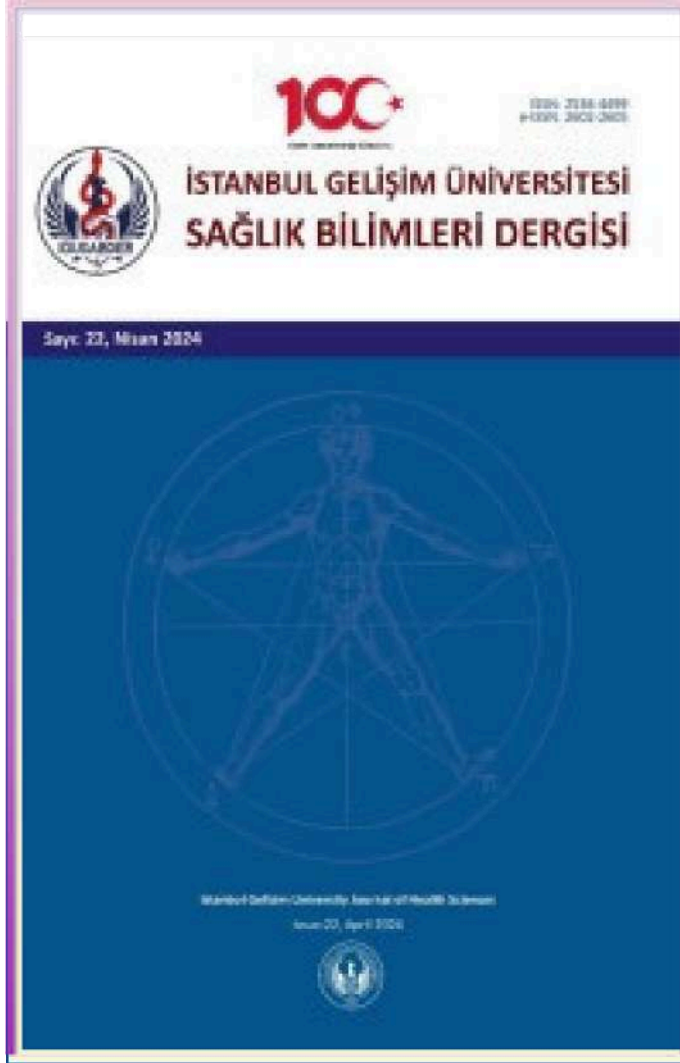
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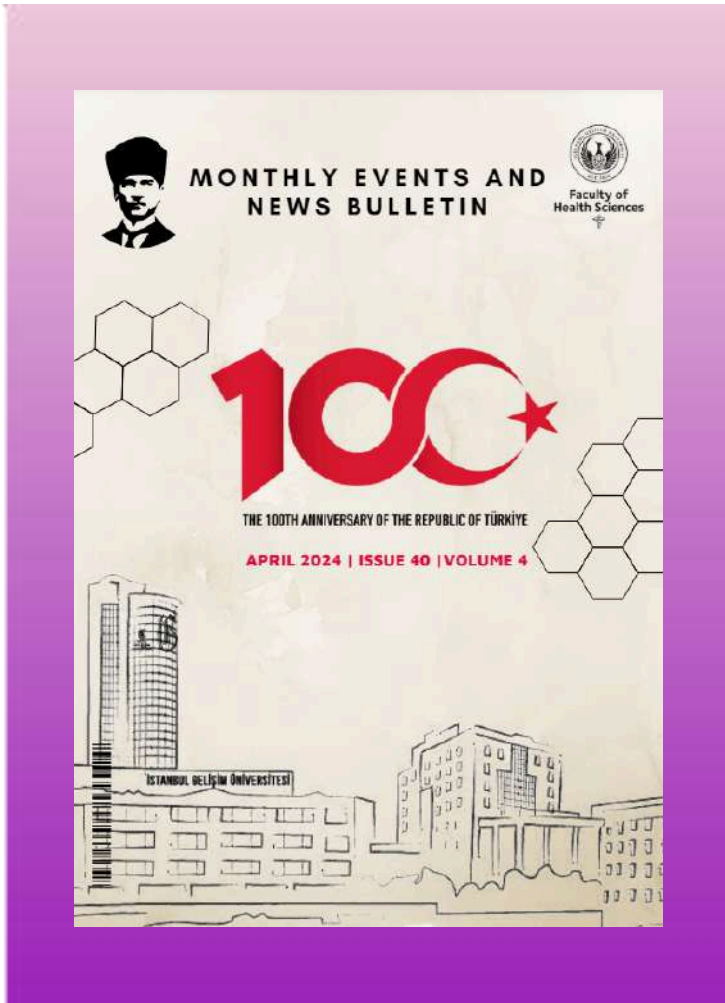
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Health Sciences Faculty Newsletter

The bulletin contains the latest news and events related to the Faculty of Health Sciences.