



University of Cyprus
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TUM 340 Introduction to Ottoman Literature (7 ECTS)

In this course, basic knowledge on the main developments, categories and authors of Ottoman literature of the 14th -20th centuries is given. Students read short poems and text passages in Ottoman as well as transcriptions of Ottoman literary works.

TUM 425 History of Turkic Languages (6 ECTS) (Linguistics and Literature Direction)

This course offers a survey of the most important historical developments in the Turkic speaking world, connecting them to the formation of different language groups and their literary traditions -- from the first mentioning of the Turks in historical sources and the period documented in the inscriptions to the formation of the medieval Turkic-Islamic states and of present day nation states. The interaction between different groups of speakers of Turkic and non-Turkic background has resulted in a number of linguistic features that nowadays establish characteristic criteria for the classification of the Turkic languages. A basic knowledge of the historical connections is an important prerequisite for our understanding of the formation of these distinct languages and dialects and of the position of Turkish of Turkey in this language family.

TUM 410 Themes in Modern Turkish Literature (7 ECTS) (Linguistics and Literature Direction)

The course offers an in-depth examination of the main themes of modern Turkish literature. It is based on the reading of Turkish literary texts and essays. Specialised themes are: literature after the Tanzimat reforms, the influence of European romanticism and symbolism; realism; postmodernism in contemporary Turkey; the literature of Turkish writers in exile; and literature in the theatre and cinema.

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