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Turkish Studies

Culture, Politics, Society & Language



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in Australia

ANU is ranked #1 in Australia
(and in the top-30 in the world) for
7 disciplines across humanities,
arts and social sciences.

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

In Country Study

The Australian National University (ANU) offers students a unique opportunity to study Turkish politics, society, culture and language through specialised courses at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (CAIS). Students can also opt to study in Turkey at Koc University in Istanbul via ANU's Global Exchange Program. (See over for more information.)

Career Opportunities

Graduates undertaking courses in Turkish Studies equip themselves to pursue multiple exciting career opportunities in Turkey and globally in the fields of international relations, journalism, government, and the private sector.

High Demand for Turkish Expertise

There continues to be a high demand in Australia, Europe, the Middle East and Asia for experts in Turkish Studies. The country's strong economy coupled with its membership of the G20, NATO and OECD positions Turkey as a political powerhouse.

By learning about Turkey, its language and culture, students can connect with the country's extensive global business and education networks. Turkish is widely taught as a second language and thousands of international students from across the world travel annually to study in Turkey.



Study at Koc University, Istanbul

Through ANU Global Exchange Program, students can choose to study for a semester or a whole year at Koc University in Istanbul. Regarded as Turkey's top university, Koc University is located in the breathtaking and vibrant city of Istanbul - once the capital of the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. General Courses are available through the Global Exchange Program across eight schools and faculties including Arts, Business, Creative Arts, Engineering, Law and Science.

Areas of Interest

Turkish Studies courses can be taken as part of several programs. They are designed for students interested in:

- History
- Politics
- International Relations
- Middle Eastern Studies
- European Studies
- Asian & Central Asian Studies
- Languages & Cultures

Study Program

Students completing courses in Turkish Studies equip themselves with the capacity to identify and examine cultural, social and political developments in contemporary Turkey. Courses are embedded in intercultural competence and enriched by historical depth. Courses include:

- Gallipoli: A Transnational History
- Modern Turkey: History, Society, Culture
- Turkish Politics & Foreign Policy
- Elementary Turkish A & B
- Intermediate Turkish A & B

Specialised Learning Opportunities

Students studying at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies are afforded the opportunity to study in small groups with leading in-country experts and benefit from interdisciplinary perspectives, including contemporary politics, international relations, modern history, the political economy, gender studies, and religious and cultural studies.

Further Study

CAIS offers both Honours and Postgraduate programs including the opportunity to specialise in Turkish Studies.

CAIS has an impressive record of graduating higher-degree research students with 55 graduating PhD students since 2000.

Further information

For further information about Turkish Studies at ANU, students are encouraged to contact the Convenor of Turkish Studies:

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