

OTTOMAN SUMMER SCHOOL At ISTANBUL BILGI UNIVERSITY

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BEGINNER OTTOMAN SYLLABUS

Instructors: İpek Hüner Cora; Yaşar Tolga Cora

Beginner Ottoman is a course for students who have already studied Modern Turkish at least for one year (or 100 contact hours) and/or have a solid grounding in Turkish grammar. This class starts with the basic rules of the Ottoman language and its orthographic features. It introduces simple texts from different time periods and aims to gradually bring the students to intermediate-level proficiency. Participants of this course are expected to attend the Modern Turkish classes offered in the afternoons.

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Week 1

Script and alphabet, vowel signs and numerals, and vowels in words of Turkic, Arabic and Persian origin.

Basic reading exercises (sentences, sayings, proverbs)

Week 2

Turkish Cases and Suffixes, Pronouns Basic reading exercises (simple examples of poetry and prose)

Week 3

Miscellaneous reading exercises from newspapers and published material from 20th c.

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Week 4

Basic Arabic Grammar for Ottomanists Miscellaneous reading exercises from newspapers and published material from 19th c.

Week 5

Basic Persian Grammar for Ottomanists Miscellaneous reading exercises with Persian and Arabic vocabulary

Week 6

Reading exercises from texts (14th-18th c)