SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"

FACULTY OF CLASSICAL AND MODERN PHILOLOGY

CURRICULUM

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Professional field: 2.1. Philology

Master's degree

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Area of Study: Turkic Studies

Master's program: Turkic languages

Form of study: full-time

Duration of study (number of semesters): 4

Professional qualification: Master in Turkic languages

Qualification characteristics

Master's Degree Program:

1. Aims and Educational Objectives

The joint Master's degree program "Turkic Languages" is developed in cooperation between Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (Republic of Bulgaria) and the "L.N. Gumilyov" Eurasian National University (Republic of Kazakhstan). The training is consistent with the academic criteria for philological and general humanities training and competence established at the two partnering universities. The training process in the Master's program aims to prepare specialists whose knowledge and professional skills make them competitive on the labour market.

2. Training (knowledge and skills necessary for successful professional realization; general theoretical and special training, etc.)

The training is aimed at students from both countries who want to gain in-depth knowledge of modern Turkic languages (Turkish, Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Tatar, Crimean Tatar, Chuvash, Uyghur, Uzbek, Kyrgyz, Turkmen, etc.). Emphasis is also placed on the Ottoman Turkic language as fundamental for research in the field of Ottoman studies. Disciplines that enable the study of various aspects of the Turkic-speaking world (culture, media, politics, economics, history, religion, etc.) as well as its relations with neighboring cultures are included in the program. Classroom instruction is supplemented by various forms of extracurricular independent and collective work of students such as discussions, seminars, presentations, etc.

3. Professional and general competences, specific competences

Graduates of the Master's program "Turkic Languages" acquire the professional qualification "Master in Turkic Languages". Graduates of the Master's degree acquire theoretical and practical knowledge of the studied Turkic language, they are also familiar with various aspects of contemporary reality in Turkic-speaking countries - government, economic sphere, demographics, foreign policy, culture, religions. The solid training they have received enables them to build on their knowledge in various professional fields with regional specialization.

4. Professional realization (according to the National Classification of Professions and Positions in the Republic of Bulgaria / international classifications and according to the position of the future specialist in the national qualification framework for higher education and the qualification framework of the European Higher Education Area)

Graduates of the Master's degree program "Turkic Languages" can work in state institutions and in the private sector, where knowledge of modern Turkic language and knowledge of culture, media, politics, economy, history, religion of Turkic countries are required. Also, graduates of the program can study in the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", hold the academic position "Assistant Professor", work as translators in Bulgarian, foreign and European institutions, as diplomats and employees in diplomatic missions, as journalists, editors, experts in mass media, etc.
According to the National Classification of Occupations and Positions in the Republic of Bulgaria, graduates of the Master's program "Turkic Languages" can work as:

231 Teachers in higher education institutions
235 [Other types of] Teachers
2422 Policy administration specialists
6005 Experts of international cooperation
243 Sales, marketing and public relations specialists
    2431 Advertising and marketing specialists
    2432 Public relations specialists
263 Social science and religious studies specialists
264 Writers, journalists and linguists
    2641 Writers and related professionals
    2642 Journalists
    2643 Translators and other linguists
2656 Radio, television and other speakers
3339 Business service intermediaries
334 Administrative application specialists
335 Applied specialists in public administration
    3359 Applied specialists in public administration
411 General administrative staff

KMT632125
specialty code

Master's Program "Turkic Languages"

for the graduating class that started in the academic year 2025/2026

No.	Course code	Course title	Course type – C, E, O	Semester	ECTS credits	Hours - total number					Weekly classroom occupancy	Form of evaluation* - exam, single grade, combined
						Total	Lectures	Seminar classes	Practice	Extracurriculars		
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*	*10*	*11*	*12*	*13*
Compulsory subjects												
1	C 0 1 0	Turkic Language, Part 1*	C	1	10	300			120	180	0+8	exam
2	C 0 2 0	Historical development of Turkic languages	C	1	10	300	60	30		210	4+2	combined
3	C 0 3 0	Turkic Language, Part 2*	C	2	10	300			120	180	0+8	exam
4	C 0 4 0	Turkic peoples and cultures	C	2	10	300	60	30		210	4+2	combined
5	C 0 5 0	The latest methodologies of Turkology	C	3	5	150	15		30	105	1+2	combined
6	C 0 6 0	Literary connections of Turkic peoples	C	3	5	150	15		30	105	1+2	combined
7	C 0 7 0	Comparative morphology of modern Turkic languages	C	3	5	150	15		30	105	1+2	combined
8	C 0 8 0	Language of the Kipchak written monuments	C	3	5	150	15		30	105	1+2	combined
Elective courses – the selected disciplines must carry a minimum of 33 credits (10 for the first semester, 10 for the second, 10 for the third semester, 3 for the fourth semester)												
1	E 0 1 0	Cultural and historical ties between East and Central Asia	E	1, 2	5	150	30			120	2+0	combined
2	E 0 2 0	Central Asia in world affairs	E	1, 2	4	120	30	15		75	2+1	combined
3	E 0 3 0	Central Asia: sovereignty and development	E	1, 2	3	90	30	15		45	2+1	combined
4	E 0 4 0	Historical and cultural development of nomadic peoples in Central Asia	E	1, 2	5	150	30			120	2+0	combined
5	E 0 5 0	The Middle East and International Relations	E	1, 2	3	90	30	15		45	2+1	combined
6	E 0 6 0	Oriental Studies and Islamic Studies	E	1, 2	3	90	30			60	2+0	combined
7	E 0 7 0	Problems of medieval Arabo-Islamic civilization	E	1, 2	5	150	30		15	105	2+1	combined

8	E	0	8	0	Culture of Persia and Iran	E	1, 2	5	150	60			90	4+0	combined
9	E	0	9	0	Relations between Christianity and Islam	E	1, 2	3	90	30			60	2+0	combined
10	E	1	0	0	Ottoman language and culture	E	1, 2	5	150	30			120	2+0	combined
11	E	1	1	0	Ottoman codicology	E	1, 2	5	150	30			120	2+0	combined
12	E	1	2	0	Book printing in the Ottoman Empire	E	1, 2	5	150	30			120	2+0	combined
13	E	1	3	0	Art in Islamic Culture	E	1, 2	4	120	30	15		75	2+1	combined
14	E	1	4	0	Artistic traditions of the East	E	1, 2	5	150	30			120	2+0	combined
15	E	1	5	0	Media in the Turkic-speaking world	E	1, 2	5	150	30			120	2+0	combined
16	E	1	6	0	Comparative analysis between the spiritual traditions of Europe and Asia	E	1, 2	5	150	45			105	3+0	combined
17	E	1	7	0	Meditative practices in Asia	E	1, 2	5	150	45			105	3+0	combined
18	E	1	8	0	State structure and institutions in the Republic of Türkiye	E	1, 2	5	150	30			120	2+0	combined
19	E	1	9	0	Turkic written manuscripts of the Karakhanid period	E	3	5	150	15		30	105	1+2	combined
20	E	2	0	0	Modern Turkic literature and literary translation	E	3	5	150	15		30	105	1+2	combined
21	E	2	1	0	Comparative grammar of modern Turkic peoples of Siberia	E	3	5	150	15		30	105	1+2	combined
22	E	2	2	0	Functional aspect of linguistic Turkology	E	3	5	150	15		30	105	1+2	combined
23	E	2	3	0	Seminar "Academic Writing"	E	4	3	90	30			60	2+0	combined
24	E	2	4	0	Seminar "Academic Presentation"	E	4	3	90	30			60	2+0	combined

Optional subjects

1	F	0	1	0	Business Models in the Outsourcing Industry	O	1, 2	3	90	15		15	60	1+1	combined
2	F	0	2	0	Searching the Internet for Business Information	O	1, 2	3	90	15		15	60	1+1	combined
3	F	0	3	0	Skills for summarizing and analysis of business data	O	1, 2	3	90	15		15	60	1+1	combined
4	F	0	4	0	Intoduction to business	O	1, 2	3	90	15		15	60	1+1	combined
5	F	0	5	0	The keys to professional success - skills to acquire and develop	O	1, 2	3	90	15		15	60	1+1	combined

Learning practices

No.	code	Name of the practice	Course type – C, E, O	Semester	ECTS credits	Weeks	Hours	Form of Control * - exam, single grade, combined
1	P 0 1 0	Speciality practice	C	4	12	10	360	combined

Graduation

Method of graduation	ECTS credits	First State Session	Second State Session
Thesis Defense	15	July	October

Notes and clarifications

* Depending on the availability students are offered at least one of the following languages: Turkish, Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Tatar, Crimean Tatar, Chuvash, Uyghur, Uzbek, Kyrgyz, Turkmen

The curriculum was adopted at a meeting of the Faculty Council with record no. 10 from 23-24.06.2025

DEAN: .....

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Reference - extract from the curriculum

Master's program "Turkic Languages"
form of training: full time, term of training: four semesters

Workload, ECTS credits and grades by semester

Type of employment	I semester			II semester			III semester			IV semester			V semester			VI semester			VII semester			VIII semester			IX semester			X semester			Total		
	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades	workload (hours)	ECTS – credits	number of grades
compulsory subjects	210	20	2	210	20	2	180	20	4																					600	60	8
min. elective subjects	60	10	2	60	10	2	60	10	2	30	3	1																		210	33	7
optional subjects																																
learning practices										360	12	1																		360	12	1
Total:	270	30	4	270	30	4	240	30	6	390	15	2																		1170	105	16

Method of graduation	ECTS - credits	Number of hours for preparation	First State Session	Second state session
Thesis defense	15	450	July	October

Acquired professional qualification: Master in Turkic Languages

FC decision number: 10/23-24.06.2025

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