**SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

**OUR HISTORY**

The Faculty of Theology started its education in 1966 as Izmir Higher Islamic Institute. In 1982, it was transformed into the Faculty of Theology of Dokuz Eylül University. Distance education started in the faculty in 2011. Thus, there are currently two separate programs within the faculty: Theology and ILITAM (Theology Undergraduate Completion Program).

**OUR AIM**

The purpose of the establishment of the Faculty of Theology is to raise knowledgeable, cultured, moral and virtuous graduates. In short, being "a Dokuz Eylül University Theologian" means to be a researcher, an intellectual individual who is committed to his values, who has taken scientific work and ethical principles as a guide, and who can think critically.

In line with these goals, the faculty uses the necessary technological tools and materials to provide quality education and training, and aims to teach students how to access information as well as to gain knowledge.

All local and foreign students who are interested in Islamic science and civilization in religious subjects, who are curious, who want to specialize in these subjects, who have the ideal of seeking solutions to local and universal problems related to religious life, and who have a researcher mind structure constitute the target group of the faculty.

**FEATURED TECHNICAL FACILITIES:**

Smart Classrooms, Conference Hall, Library, Football Field, Sports Hall, Computer Laboratory, Izmir Faculty of Theology Foundation Providing Scholarships to Some Students in Need

**FEATURED TRAINING PROGRAMS:**

Minor and Double Major Opportunities, Erasmus+ and Farabi Exchange Program

**DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY**

Theology is a field of science that examines and reveals the basic beliefs, worship, rituals and moral principles of Islam in the process of historical development by making comparisons with other religions and aims to determine their reflection on practice in the past and present in the individual and social plan. The discipline of theology consists of the process of emergence of biblical religions throughout human history, the recognition of the Holy Qur'an, the main source of Islam, the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, the sciences such as tafsir, hadith, fiqh, kalam, tasawwuf developed based on these two sources, as well as the psychology of religion, sociology of religion, history of religions and religious education, etc.

The mission of the Department of Theology is to provide quality theology education at undergraduate and graduate levels and to conduct world-class research. In this context, the department has three interrelated objectives:

To ensure that the students have a sufficient level of accurate theoretical knowledge about the concepts of different fields in religious literature and the definitions, explanations and understandings related to them. To educate qualified researchers who are aware of the main resources of Basic Islamic Sciences and who carry out studies in accordance with academic principles, produce knowledge and try to share them effectively both in our country and on international platforms.

 For this purpose, to reveal the formation and development process of the literature on religious sciences to be transferred to the students in the historical process; to provide students with a good equipment that converts this literature into information in accordance with the needs of the society, knows the age they live in, identifies the concrete events and situations they encounter in daily life and transfers them to practice correctly to equip students well. in today's world.

 To provide theology students who have reached a sufficient level of knowledge and experience theoretically and practically in Islamic History and Arts, Turkish Islamic Literature and Turkish Religious Music in the field of religious sciences and other sub-branches that support them, to gain the ability to successfully put them into practice when and where the time comes.

All academic activities in this department are carried out under the departments of Basic Islamic Sciences, Philosophy and Religious Sciences and Islamic History and Arts.

In the Department of Theology, there is a compulsory Arabic preparatory class for 1 year. 30% of the preparatory class courses of the Department of Theology are taught in Arabic. Education is carried out with the course passing system. The relative grading evaluation system is applied.

CAREER AREAS

Graduates of Theology Department, can work as imam-hatip high schools vocational courses teachers or religious culture and ethics teachers. In addition, our graduates work under the Presidency of Religious Affairs, in public and various sectors.

**THEOLOGY BACHELOR COMPLETION PROGRAM (ILITAM)**

The Theology Bachelor Completion Program (ILITAM) has been in operation since 2011, accepting students from all over Turkey. The program enables students, many of whom are already employed, to complete their two-year associate degree with a four-year bachelor's degree, thus equipping them with a higher quality religious knowledge and service. This program, which also includes face-to-face training, is generally conducted in the form of distance learning. Course materials are delivered to the students collectively and regularly. The relevant courses are conducted regularly online in a live format. ILITAM Program is carried out in cooperation with DEU Faculty of Theology and DEU Distance Education Center (DEUZEM).

As of the 2019-2020 academic year, Pedagogical Formation courses (the applied courses require 80% of attendance and they are also face-to-face in our faculty) are given to the 50 students with the highest scores who are placed in and request the ILITAM Program.

**Career Areas**

Graduates of the program can work in various public and private sector organizations and work as teachers in public and private schools affiliated to the Ministry of National Education with the formation training they will receive.