

M.A. in African Studies (with thesis)

ASBEN offers two Master's programs in African Studies: M.A. in African Studies - English (with thesis) and M.A. in African Studies - Turkish (with thesis) with the objective of providing a thorough understanding of the political and socioeconomic conditions of African countries. The curriculum of each program is composed of seven courses (three compulsory, four elective) and a seminar, as well as thesis and academic specialization. Furthermore, our students can take regional language courses (e.g. Arabic, French) as extra electives. The application requirements for our programs are announced at ASBÜ and ASBEN websites in June/July.

M.A. in African Studies - English (with thesis), Compulsory Courses:

Research Methods and Publication Ethics
Advanced International Relations Theories
Africa in World Politics
Seminar

M.A. in African Studies - English (with thesis), Elective Courses:

Political History of Africa
Political Economy of Development in Africa
Africa and Civilization: Theories and Representations
Religious Movements in Africa
Contemporary Studies on African Migration
Identity Politics and Regional Stability in Africa
Comparative Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
Comparative Politics of North Africa
Critical Approaches to Anthropology and Colonialism
African Security
International Organizations in Africa
International Law: African Cases
Free Elective (from other graduate programs)

Given the program structure above, students who intend to pursue an academic career in the field of international relations, for instance, can graduate by choosing those respective courses. On the other hand, students who want to follow a multidisciplinary curriculum are offered a wide range of choices from sociology, economics, anthropology and other disciplines/programs.

M.A. in African Studies, Sample Curriculum

1st Year	2nd Year
1st Semester - Fall	3rd Semester - Fall
Research Methods and Publication Ethics Advanced International Relations Theories Elective 1: Political History of Africa Elective 2: International Organizations in Africa	Thesis Academic Specialization
2nd Semester - Spring	4th Semester - Spring
Africa in World Politics Elective 3: African Security Elective 4: International Law: African Cases Seminar	Thesis Academic Specialization