Turkic and Central Eurasian Studies Program

Founded in 1949, the Turkic and Central Eurasian Studies Program at the University of Washington is one of the oldest and most distinguished programs in the United States. It is one of the only in the country that offers a complete program of Turkic and Central Eurasian studies including courses in Turkic languages, culture, history, literature, and area studies. There are currently more than eighteen UW faculty members from eight academic departments and three professional schools who participate in the Turkic and Central Eurasian Studies Program.

At the core of the Program is language learning. It offers courses at all language levels (elementary, intermediate, and advanced) in Uzbek, Kazak, Kirgiz, and Uygur. Proficiency in reading Old Turkic, Middle Turkic, and Chagatay is also possible. Moreover, the availability of Arabic, Persian, Ottoman and modern Turkish within the department contributes to the strength of the Program.

The Turkic and Central Eurasian Studies Program serves undergraduate and graduate students by offering opportunities to pursue an interdisciplinary training in Central Eurasian Studies in such fields as history, international relations, anthropology, and political sciences as well as in Slavic, Near Eastern, and East Asian languages and cultures.

Related Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts
- Minor
- Master of Arts

Program Resources

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Upcoming Courses

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