

Ottoman Summer Program 2022
Tentative Syllabus for **Intermediate Class**

Instructors:

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This intermediate-level class on Ottoman Turkish aims to improve the reading and comprehension skills of students through a variety of texts with complex and compound sentences, and to introduce them, on a weekly basis, to handwritten materials (both manuscripts and archival sources) from various genres written in different scripts. Emphasis will also be laid on the consolidation of Ottoman grammatical skills in coordination with the Arabic and Persian instructors working alongside the course.

Week 1: Script: Print

- Reference works, dictionaries, transliteration
- Selections of popular prose
- Selections of travel writing

Week 2: Script: *Nesih and talik*

- Selections from 16th-17th century Ottoman chronicles and catechisms (*tevarih, ilm-i hal*)
- Selections of poetry

Week 3: Script: *Divani*

- Selections from Ottoman edicts (*ferman*)
- Select examples of entries from Imperial Registers of Important Affairs (*mühimme defterleri*)

Week 4: *Rika*

- Individual archival reports and petitions from the Hamidian time
- passages from the early-20th century memoirs

Week 5: Late Ottoman Print Culture

- Syntax
- examples of journalistic writing and official publications

Week 6: Miscellanea

- Examples of official and private correspondence and inscriptions
- Online sources of archival and manuscript research