

BALIKESİR UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF DIVINITY
UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTION FORM

Department / Division	Department of Theology / Basic Islamic Sciences						
Course Title	Contemporary Issues of Faith						
Course Term	Autumn	☐		Spring	☐		
Language of Instruction	Turkish	☐		English	☐		
Course Credits	Theory	2		Practical	0		Total Credits 2
Course ECTS	3						
Course Delivery Mode	Full-time			Elective			
Course Objective	The aim is to foster a sound understanding of faith by providing students with accurate information regarding Islamic beliefs; to offer explanations—grounded in reason, philosophy, and religion—for contemporary issues concerning faith and the questions arising in people's minds; and to enlighten students on these matters.						
Course Content	The aim is to convey—with a scholarly approach—the fundamental concepts of the Islamic belief system, the faith-related challenges faced by people today, the religion-linked questions and issues arising in people's minds, and the relevant scholarship within Islamic civilization and thought.						
Course Prerequisites	There are no specific or compulsory prerequisites for this course.						
Lecturers	Doç. Dr. Mehmet Fatih ÖZEROL			mail : mehmet.ozerol@balikesir.edu.tr			
Course Assistants				Email:			
Course Placement Status	-						
Course Resources	1.Kuran-ı Kerim, Diyanet işleri başkanlığı yayınları 2. Mehmet Aydın, Din felsefesi, Ankara,1994 3. Caner Taslaman, Kuantum Teorisi Felsefe ve Tanrı, İstanbul, 2008. 4. Recep Ardoğan- Günümüz kelim problemleri- İstanbul, 2017. 5. Mehmet Evkuran- Günümüz kelim problemleri-İstanbul, 2019.						
Course Structure	Theoretical knowledge						
Planned Learning Activities and Methods	Theoretical knowledge						
Course Assessment Criteria			Course ECTS Credit Calculation Content				
Term Assignments	Number	Contribution (%)	Activity	Number	Duration	Total Workload (Hours)	
Mid-term exam	1	40	Lecture Duration				
Short Test			Out-of-Class Study Time				
Homework			Mid-term Exams	40			
Attendance			End-of-Term Exam	60			
Practical			Total Workload: 74 hours				
Project			ECTS Credits: ...				
End-of-Term Exam	1	60					
Course Learning Outcomes							
Course Topics							

Week	Topic	Prerequisites	Documents
1	Islamic articles of faith and fundamental concepts: purpose and method		
2	The relationship between faith and reason/science		
3	Materialism/Atheism and their critique		
4	Positivism		
5	Nihilism		
6	Agnosticism		
7	Deism		
8	Midterm Exam		
9	Evolutionism and Darwinism		
10	Freudianism		
11	Pantheism and panentheism		
12	Tevessül (seeking intercession) and Rabıta (spiritual connection)		
13	Alevism and its beliefs		
14	Innovations (bid'ah) and superstitions in society		
15	Sectarianism/Cultism		
16	Final Exam		
Contribution to the Course Learning Outcomes		1. Knows the fundamental concepts of the Islamic belief system. 2. Comprehends the balance between reason and faith within the Islamic system of thought. 3. Gains knowledge regarding the questions and issues of faith that people face today. 4. Develops the ability to analyze religion-related issues as an individual equipped with knowledge. 5. Learns about negative or extremist movements and approaches that emerge within religion.	