

UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTION FORM

Department / Division	DEPARTMENT OF DIVINITY / Basic Islamic Sciences						
Course Title	Hadiths Shaping Our Culture						
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	This course aims to introduce students to well-known hadiths and narrations that have significantly influenced Turkish religious culture and everyday language. It also seeks to enable students to evaluate these narrations in terms of their authenticity and their relationship to the Qur'an, authentic hadith literature, proverbs, and historical-cultural experience.						
Course Content	The course examines well-known religiously themed hadiths and narrations circulating in popular culture from various perspectives, including their authenticity, historical background, cultural influence, and contemporary relevance.						
Course Prerequisites	There are no specific or compulsory prerequisites for this course.						
Lecturers	Asst. Prof. Ahmet EŞER			email: ahmet.eser@balikesir.edu.tr			
Course Assistants				Email:			
Course Placement Status	-						
Course Resources	1. Erdiñç Ahatlı, <i>Kültürümüzde Hadis</i>. 2. Selman Başaran, <i>Hadislerin Türk Atasözlerine Tesiri</i>. 3. Nihat Dalgın & Yunus Mâcit, <i>Kültürümüzü Şekillendiren Hadisler</i>. 4. Aclûnî, <i>Kashf al-Khafâ</i> ' (and its Turkish translation). 5. <i>Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı Encyclopaedia of Islam</i> (DİA), entries: "Hadith," "Mashhūr," "Mawḍū'," and "Kashf al-Khafâ'." 6. 'Alī al-Qārī, <i>Fabricated Hadiths Agreed Upon as Spurious</i> (Turkish translation by Halil İbrahim Kutlay). 7. M. Yaşar Kandemir, <i>Mevzu Hadisler</i>.						
Course Structure	Theoretical						
Planned Learning Activities and Methods	Lectures, Reading assignments, Classroom discussions, Critical article analysis						
Course Assessment Criteria			Course ECTS Credit Calculation Content				
Term Assignments	Number	Contribution (%)	Activity	Number	Duration	Total Workload (Hours)	
Mid-term exam	1	30	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	1	10	ECTS Credits: ...	
End-of-Term Exam	1	60		
Course Learning Outcomes				
Course Topics				
Week	Topic		Prere quisites	Documents
1	he Relationship between Hadith and Culture; DİA Entries: "Hadith," "Mashhūr," and "Mawḍū‘"			
2	Literature on Hadiths Shaping Our Culture			
3	Book Review: Erdinç Ahatlı, <i>Hadiths in Our Culture</i> and Yunus Mâcit, <i>Hadiths Shaping Our Culture</i>			
4	Book Review: Selman Başaran, <i>The Influence of Hadiths on Turkish Proverbs</i>			
5	Thematic Texts: Faith, Worship, and Ethics			
6	Thematic Texts: Family, Neighbourhood, and Commerce			
7	Thematic Texts: Hospitality, Solidarity, and Social Transactions			
8	Midterm Examination			
9	Critical Reading: “Misuse of Hadiths on Social Media”			
10	Critical Reading: “Narrations Concerning the Jawshan Prayer”			
11	Critical Reading: “The Hadith of Tha‘laba”			
12	Critical Reading: “Narrations Marginalizing Women”			
13	Critical Reading: "There Is No Contagion (by Itself)"			
14	Critical Reading: “Narrations on Sneezing and Yawning”			
15	Concluding Evaluation of Hadiths in Our Culture			
16	Final Examination			
Contribution to the Course Learning Outcomes		Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to: 1. Explain how well-known hadiths have shaped popular religious language and Turkish culture, together with the reasons for their influence. 2. Become familiar with the literature on well-known hadiths circulating in popular language and culture. 3. Assess the authenticity and reliability of widely circulated narrations. 4. Distinguish authentic Prophetic traditions from fabricated narrations in order to develop a sound understanding of Islam and the Prophet.		