Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
HUK430	Waqf Law in the Ottoman Empire	8	2	0	0	2	2

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	Turkish
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	This course aims to examine the legal structure, functioning, and socio-economic role of waqf institutions within the Ottoman Empire.
Content	The course covers the foundations of waqf law, legal nature of waqf deeds, administration, property status, reforms of the 19th century, and the transformation of waqf institutions into the Republican era.
References	Mehmet Akif Aydın Türk Hukuk Tarihi Kadi court registers Fatwa collections

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction; concept of waqf and roots in Islamic law
2	Overview of the Ottoman legal system
3	Types of waqfs: public, family waqf, and others
4	Drafting and legal nature of waqf deeds
5	Administration of waqfs: mutawalli, supervisor, qadi oversight
6	Types and legal status of waqf properties
7	Waqf revenues, accounting registers, and financial practices
8	Ownership and disposition restrictions in waqf property
9	Role of waqfs in urban and social life
10	Waqfs in education, health, and public services
11	Legal disputes and qadi court records
12	19th-century reforms and state centralization
13	Transformation of waqfs in the Republican era
14	Final evaluation and discussion