

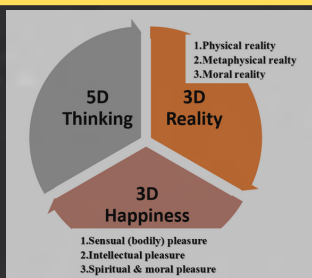
CALL FOR APPLICATION

USKUDAR UNIVERSITY

Online Certificate Program, Fall 2020 (Starting on October 12, 2020)

EXISTENCE AND MEANING: A MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH

Application Deadline: **September 30, 2020**



Leading Instructors:

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The program aims to teach a unique method that enables one to derive certain character lessons from scientific knowledge. It is based on the assumption that ideology-free science and authentic, Divinely-revealed knowledge do not contradict each other, as they both come from the same source. It assumes that the universe is an eloquent book, replete with meaningful signs. It considers pure science to be an excellent way of revealing the Divine signs which make up the book of the universe. However, it claims that most modern scientists do not know how to 'read' the book. The program will present the 'five-dimensional (5D) thinking approach', inspired by Muslim Scholar Said Nursi's mana-i harfi method of reading the book of the universe. Participants will gain a new understanding of scientific knowledge through 5D thinking which comprises: 1) analytical thinking; 2) analogical thinking; 3) critical thinking; 4) meditative thinking; and 5) moral thinking. The 5D thinking approach is expected to function like 5D glasses, showing multiple dimensions of reality and wellbeing.

Program Courses:

The program will consist of three Masters level courses:

- 1) RNK-PHIL 542: Epistemology of Science: A Theoretical Approach (3 credits)
- 2) RNK-PHIL 543: Philosophy and Teaching of Science: 5D Thinking Approach (3 credits)
- 3) RNK-PHIL 544: Reading Said Nursi Reading The Creation (3 credits)

Program Schedule and Delivery:

Each course consists of fifteen weekly sessions, with each session lasting three hours (made up of two x 90 minute classes), i.e. a total of 45 hours over the whole semester. The courses will be taught live via Zoom. The morning session will begin at 13:30 pm Istanbul time (18:30 Kuala Lumpur time). The evening session will begin at 18:00 pm Istanbul time (11:00 am Eastern time).

Who is eligible to apply?

- Scholars/researchers who specialize in science, philosophy, education, and religion
- Graduate students who want to study science and philosophy through the '5D thinking approach'
- Undergraduate sophomore who are interested in new perspectives in science and education
- Teachers who want to teach science through the 5D approach
- Curriculum developers and educators who want to write books or develop new curricula on science, religion, and character development

Will it count for a college credit?

Each course will count for 3 college credits for advanced Undergraduate and Masters level programs. However, you must consult your advisor to make sure that it will be count towards your degree since every university has its own policy.

Want to know more?

For more information about the program, including syllabus, tuition and available scholarships, please visit www.5dthinking.org/cpfall20

Student Testimonies

"This program has helped me improve many areas of my life, clarifying a lot of my confusion"

"This program opened up a new dimension of how to think about life's realities. Now my perspective on every life event has changed and I have begun to look for the wise purpose behind all things. My worldview has changed and as a result, I have set myself a range of new life objectives."

"I am a person with a new mentality! My spiritual awareness has enhanced as I now link everything to Divine purpose more than I used to."

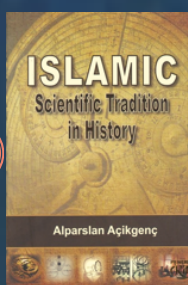
"I have learned about different scientific approaches and I have realized that some of life's problems can be solved by applying the ma'na-i harfi methodology."

"The lectures were very informative and compelling. I was particularly impressed by the brain exercises and the way the instructor replied to questions. Thanks a lot for such an enlightening program."

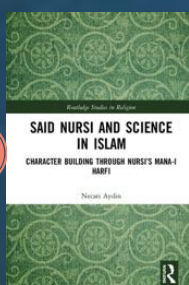
"This program has actually changed the way I see and live my life."

"Overall it was a mind-changing and thought-provoking experience."

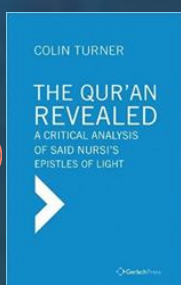
Textbooks and reading materials:



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Selected topics from Risale-i Nur Collection

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5D Thinking Certificate
Program website:
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