



**ANKARA UNIVERSITY
THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL
ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND
MANAGEMENT**

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ANKARA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
Department of
Real Estate Development and Management



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To our stakeholders,

I am pleased to confirm that Department of Real Estate Development and Management, Ankara University reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Harun TANRIVERMİŞ
Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences
Head of the Department of Real Estate Development and Management

1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUD OF THE DEPARTMENT

The interdisciplinary Department of Real Estate Development was founded in February 2, 2007 as part of Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences of Ankara University with the goal of gathering all related real estate disciplines together and thus, covering the related topics through an interdisciplinary approach. The Combined Master's and Doctorate Programmes in Real Estate Development and Management, which are the first and only educational programs in Turkey, were opened in 2008. The current Department of Real Estate Development and Management Graduate Programs are organized under the Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences (GSNAS) and conducted independently from the other graduate programs at the GSNAS.

As the 16th faculty of Ankara University, the Faculty of Applied Sciences was established on August 26, 2014 upon the decision of the Council of Ministers. The Department of Real Estate Development and Management affiliated to the Faculty started receiving students for the first time in 2016/2017 fall semester.

Apart from the review work carried out on the existing graduate programs, there have been student admissions to the “Thesis and Non-Thesis Land Management and Policy Graduate Programs” which are new programs opened in Turkish and English in Spring 2021.

2. UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Currently, the names of the departments in Faculty of Applied Sciences are listed below.

- Department of Real Estate Development and Management,
- Department of Actuarial Sciences
- Department of Logistics Management
- Department of Urban Studies and Local Administrations

Under the Department of Real Estate Development and Management there are five minor divisions:

- Division of Real Estate and Asset Valuation;
- Division of Real Estate and Wealth Economics;
- Division of Land and Project Development and Management;
- Division of Real Estate Investments and Finance;
- Division of Facility and Property Management.

3. GRADUATE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Postgraduate Education Programs of Department are listed below:

Real Estate Development and Management:

- M.Sc. with thesis
- M.Sc. without Thesis (Second Education)
- Ph.D. Program
- Combined Programs

➤ Postdoctoral Research Program

Apart from the current programs of the department; student admissions take place to the “Thesis and Non-Thesis Land Management and Policy Graduate Programs” which are new programs opened in Turkish and English in Spring 2021. The programs’ names are listed below:

Land Management and Policy:

- M.Sc. with thesis (Turkish)
- M.Sc. without Thesis (Second Education) (Turkish)
- M.Sc. with Thesis (English)
- M.Sc. without Thesis (Second Education) (English)

4. ACCREDITATION POLICY

Programmes of our Department have been accredited by International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC), one of the top organizations on real estate and construction in the world, and Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), head organisation for trade body, education and accreditation on global real estate and construction fields, centered in London, thus enabling our graduates to work and be employed in 180 countries without extra qualifications. In addition to being the first and only educational institution accredited by RICS in Turkey, our department informs the students about international valuation standards including the RICS Red Book and IVS.



RICS is the global professional body promoting and enforcing the highest international standards in the valuation, management and development of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. It works at a cross-governmental level, delivering a single, international standard that will support a safe and vibrant marketplace in land, real estate, construction and infrastructure, for the benefit of all. The next generation of professionals will need to develop solutions for the world’s challenges

of today, from mass urbanisation to diminishing resources. Not restricted to any one sector or country; a career in surveying helps to shape the world we live in. Being an student in an RICS accredited department can help you realise your potential by working to the highest standards of education at university. The study help and networking opportunities available to you as an RICS student helps you to not only excel in your course but gives you the support to take your first step to becoming a future leader of the profession. RICS provides a dedicated range of knowledge and information services to help students with their course work, including guides on a range of key topics and concepts. RICS students can access information from the largest surveying and property related library in the world.

The International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that acts as the global standard setter for valuation practice and the valuation profession, serving the public interest. IVSC is a leader in the mission to raise standards of international valuation practice. Its core objectives are to: develop high quality International Valuation Standards (IVS) which underpin consistency, transparency and confidence in valuations across the world, and encourage the adoption of IVS across the globe, along with professionalism provided by Valuation Professional Organisations. IVSC facilitates collaboration and cooperation among its member organisations, who are valuation practitioners, financial services businesses, NGOs, regulators and academic institutions. IVSC consists of nearly 100 member organisations from around the world and is supported by numerous sponsors who are leaders in the valuation field. These include the world's leading accountancy and valuation firms, professional bodies and other important global organisations.

AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) is the oldest, global accreditation institution that includes business and accounting programs of 874 accredited educational institutions located in 56 different countries around the world.

Our faculty has officially became an AACSB member as of March 2020 and the first of the important stages before the third international accreditation process has been completed in related branches, especially in real estate investments and financing.

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5. DESCRIPTIONS OF ACTIONS

Since the international pandemic all of the courses are taught by distance learning. Also, seminar presentations are organized by distance learning. With the inclusion of new foreign staff started to take place advisory and assessment jury.

For increasing awareness on the international standards such as the IFMA, IPMS, RICS APC, Ethical Code and RICS REABS, we use both distance learning and face-to-face education. In 2020-2021 Spring Semester it is planned that applied courses will be held via face-to-face education and theoretical courses will be held with distance learning.

The Department's undergraduate and graduate education and research programs were reviewed and the expertise areas in the RICS APC Pathways and the standards of the IVS, IPMS and other professional organizations were integrated into the program courses. For this purpose, the names, content and practices of existing courses were reviewed and improved, and also, real estate management, real estate market intermediation procedures and standards (REABS) and real estate measurement standards have been integrated specifically into educational programs and research subjects.

Taking into account the internationalization of real estate and construction sectors, the needs of foreign direct investors, global climate change and the environmental and social sensitivities of real estate investors, the effects of sustainable real estate, UNGC principles, green building standards and performance parameters (such as LEED, BREEAM applications) and certification systems on residential and commercial real estate markets, financing and customer satisfaction were also included in the scope of the programs.

The research and implementation projects conducted by the Department in various hot topics such as real estate acquisition by foreigners and impact assessment; determination of real estate values for the identification of tax basis; project and real property valuation studies in urban renewal activities; management of public with special focus on municipal real estate; and appraisal systems are being supported by the mentioned public and private institutions as well as the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK).

In the period of 2019-2021, more than 50 guest speakers from public and private institutions gave a lecture. Some of them are listed at below:

- Ersin Tatar (President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus)
- Murat Kurum (Minister of Environment and Urbanization)
- Binali YILDIRIM (28th President of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey; R.o.T. 27th Prime Minister, Former Minister of Transport and Maritime Affairs and Parliament)
- Hakan ÇAVUŞOĞLU (R.o.T. Deputy Prime Minister)

- Zafer BAYSAL (President of ULI Turkey)
- Hakan Akdoğan (President of the Association of All Entrepreneur Real Estate Consultants)
- Prof. Dr. Şükrü KARATEPE (R.o.T. Deputy Chairman of the Presidential Local Governments Policies Board)
- Levent Kirman (Yeni Gimat Real Estate Investment Trust Inc. Chairman of the Board of Directors and General Manager)

Also the Department organized seminars about sustainability, green buildings:

- “Sustainability, Green Buildings, Certificate Systems, Cost and Benefits” Lecturer Dr. Duygu Erten, İstanbul Medipol University.
- “Sustainable Buildings” Assoc. Prof. Arzuhan Burcu GÜLTEKİN, Gazi University, Architect.
- “Sustainable Land Management” Mr. Metin TÜRKER, Ph.D., Deputy General Director, General Directorate of Agrarian Reform, Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.
- “Green Buildings and Green Building Certificate Systems” Nursun DOĞRU, Turkish Green Building Council Ankara Representative.

5. MEASUREMENT OF THE OUTCOMES

The term projects, seminars and theses names are listed below which are published within the Department’s students:

- Investigation of Green Buildings in terms of Sustainability Criteria and Real Estate Property
- Urban Management in Eskişehir From The Principles of Sustainable Urban Development
- Use and Sustainability of Pasturelands Within The Boundaries of Metropolitan Municipalities
- Sustainable Use of Agricultural Lands
- Investigation of Project Development and Certification Processes in Green Buildings

In 2019-2021 Departments international publications increase. In case of this the selected papers about sustainability which publish in international journals are listed:

- Tanrıvermiş, Y., & Tanrıvermiş, H. (2021). Linkages between Urbanisation, Real Estate Investments and Sustainability in Turkey, Sustainable Real Estate in the Developing World, Emerald Publishing Limited, Bingley.
- Uisso, A. M., & Tanrıvermiş, H. (2021). Driving factors and assessment of changes in the use of arable land in Tanzania. Land Use Policy, 104, 105359.

- Bazame, R. & Tanrıvermiş, H. (2020). Urban Development and Housing Issues in Urbanizing Burkina Faso, Advances in Sociology Research, Nova Science Publishers.
- Bazame, R., Tanrıvermiş, H., & Kapusuz, Y. E. (2019). Land management and sustainable use of land resources in the case of Burkina Faso. Land Degradation & Development, 30(6), 608-621.