

## An Internet Based Language Teaching Model: Turkish Language Case

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### Abstract

An internet based distance Turkish language teaching model is presented in this study. Turkish Language Certificate Program (TSP) is a language teaching e-Certificate Program that Anadolu University Open Education System launched in 2007. It is a learning platform that provides services to all adults and early-adults who want to learn Turkish language. The program that is put in to practice consists of A1, A2, B1 and B2 levels, each of which continues three months. The production of C1, C2 levels is still continuing. In the program that started in 2007 fall term, sixth terms was completed and the seventh term is continuing in 2010 spring term. 500 users whose ages ranged between 17 and 55 benefited from this program.

Participants of the program are given all services online including their registrations and exams. This provides the learners with the flexibility of learning Turkish language at their own conveniences with no time and space limitations. Through Internet connections, learners follow their e-courses, reach e-books specially prepared for them, perform drill and practice sections to foster their learning, and discuss and communicate with their facilitators both synchronous and asynchronous using their camera and microphone during their predetermined schedules. They get help and assistance from the support service about their questions and problems throughout the program in different languages (English, German, and French) via e-mail and telephone.

TSP offers participants to have solid basic skills in Turkish that will enable them to cope linguistically with all main everyday situations. The program also enables them to

- Complete all course of action (including learning and exams) via Internet
- Take course using a computer without going anywhere
- Utilize the most recent educational technology