



# Ahmet Öztel, BA (English language teaching)

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## Education

**Istanbul Bilgi University**

**2013-2017**

**Bachelor of Social Science**

English language teaching

- The degree focused on teaching English as a second language as well as other forms of language acquisition methods that is possible with the new digital age which allowed one to gain a vast amount of knowledge in the language teaching field.

## Awards & Certificates

**Certification of Completion - Fulbright FLTA Program**

**2023**

**IELTS Academic - (Overall Band Score: 7)**

**2021**

**Turkish Teaching Certificate – Sakarya University**

**2020**

**High Honors Certificate - Istanbul Bilgi University**

**2017**

## Professional Summary

As a dedicated Turkish language educator with a rich background in teaching and material development, I founded Turkish Academy on January 6, 2021. Since its inception, the academy has successfully attracted over 1000 learners globally. My commitment to advancing Turkish language education was further recognized in 2022 when I was honored with the prestigious Fulbright FLTA Scholarship, leading me to teach at New York University. After completing the Fulbright program in May 2023, I embarked on a role as a virtual Turkish teacher for the esteemed Virtual NSLI-Y scholarship program. Over the past few years, I have been dedicated to creating innovative materials and programs, including an interactive Turkish course book using H5P technology, and self-study programs that cater to learners of all ages and backgrounds. Additionally, I recently partook and worked as a secretariat in ISOHTEL 2024, further expanding my professional involvement in language education.

I am deeply interested in gamification and educational technology, having written and built board games and scenarios that merge my expertise in teaching Turkish with engaging game mechanics. I aspire to be a role model in language education by creating fun, innovative learning materials. My experience also extends to working as an AI trainer and developing a profound understanding of AI technologies. Moreover, I have cultivated skills in building social media communities, thanks to the course "Social Media in Learning Environments (SMILES)" that I took at NYU, enhancing my ability to connect and educate digitally.

## Employment Experience

### Virtual NSLI-Y, Turkish Teacher (Contract)

August 2023 – Present

- Built a 10-week curriculum focusing on the culture and speaking skills of Turkish language.
- Created materials for high-school students from the USA who have been accepted to NSLI-Y program.
- Taught Turkish to 10 students in online setting during fall and winter semesters.

### Turkish Academy, Founder, Teacher (Full-Time)

January 2021 – Present

- Designed schedules and programs and advertised these programs on the internet.
- Taught Turkish to students from 50 different countries all over the world.
- Created a community over than 3000 students who want to learn Turkish.
- Gave Turkish group and private lessons online via Zoom.
- Developed the website for the academy: [www.turkish.academy](http://www.turkish.academy)

### New York University, Turkish Teaching Assistant (Fulbright FLTA Program)

August 2022 – June 2023

- Created materials for students to improve their language skills.
- Met students on a weekly basis to identify their weakness and create special material for their weaknesses.
- Provided an insight of the Turkish culture.
- Assisted Professor Sibel Erol during her lectures.

### Freelancer Turkish Teacher (Freelance)

September 2019 – January 2021

- Taught Turkish online with Zoom.

### K-12 English Teacher, Mektebim Kartal College (Contract)

September 2017 – August 2019

- English second language teacher for grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
- Organized stage performances for the special events and several competition events like Jeopardy and Kahoot.
- Assisted the colleagues with the technological materials to assist with school lessons.

### Program Coordinator, Bilgi TÜRMER, Istanbul (Contract)

Feb 2016 – Jan 2017

- Taught Turkish as a foreign language
- Produced Turkish language certificates for foreign students.
- Coordinated and stood as an invigilator for Turkish language examinations in 2016, 2017 and 2018. (TYS)
- Scheduled the times for Turkish lessons between foreign students and Turkish teachers
- Promoted TÜRMER courses through online advertisements.
- Actively worked as the administrator for the course.

### Examiner, American Research Institution in Turkey (Project)

June 2016 – August 2016

- Examined and assessed Turkish speaking skills of American students studying in Boğaziçi University.
- Worked with Sylvia Onder from Georgetown University to assess the Turkish language level of the students from United States.

### Turkish Teacher, Bilgi TÜRMER, Istanbul (Contract)

Feb 2015 – Feb 2016

- Taught Turkish as a foreign language for international students (Bilgi University)
- Worked as an assistant Turkish teacher at Bilgi University.

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