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**Course Syllabi for the Study of Central Eurasia**  
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**Syllabus for the course offered in 2002-03**  
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**Final exam 60 %****Attendance: A minimum attendance of 70% is compulsory.**

**Syllabus:** The aim of the course is to teach the students the facts on historical, political, economic and cultural structure of independent Turkic State sin Caucasus and Central Asia. Give basic information (geographic, demographic etc.) about the peoples of Turkic origin, who have restricted or no political rights in the globe. The emphasis will be made also their relations to Turkey or versus.

**Course Content:**

1- Introduction; 2- Do Turkic Peoples resemble to each other? 3- Where are Turkic peoples located? (Geographical overview); 4- Former Soviet Union and Turkic Peoples in general (Historical overview); 5- The emergence of Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS); 6- The new Turkish Republics; 7) Turkic Peoples of Volga-Ural Region, their past; 8- Who are Tatars? 9- Who are Bashkirs and Chuvashs? 10- Turkic Peoples of Siberia; 11- Caucasus and its complicated ethnical structure; 12- Azerbaijan's second independence; 13- North Caucasus and its Turkic Peoples; 14- Where is Central Asia located? 15- Russian advance in Central Asia and new political order; 16- Kazaks and Kazakhstan; 17- Kyrgyzes and Kyrgyzstan; 18- Turkmens and Turkmenistan; 19- From Timur to contemporary Uzbekistan; 20) Uzbeks and their neighbors; 21- Karakalpaks and Aral See tragedy; 22- Tajiks and Tajikistan; 23- Uighurs in CIS; 24- Mesketian (Ahiska) Turks in CIS; 25- Peoples Republic of China (PRCh); 26- Minorities in China; 27- Uighurs and Kazaks in China; 28-Turkic Peoples of Afghanistan; 29-Turkic Peoples of Islamic Republic of Iran; 30-Turkish Peoples in Arab World (Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia etc.); 31- Turkish Peoples in Balkan (Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and former Yugoslavia); 32- Turkish Peoples on the other part of the World (Europe, US, Australia etc.); 33- Conclusion.

**Reading Material:****(English)**

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Ahmet Caferoğlu, *Türk Kavimleri* (Turkish Tribes), Turkish Cultural Research Institute Publication: Ankara, 1983.

Nadir Devlet, *Rusya Türklerinin Milli Mücadele Tarihi (1905-1917)* (The National Struggle History of Turks of Russia), 2nd ed., Turkish History Association Publication, (Ankara 1999).

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— *Çağdaş Türkiler* (Contemporary Turkic Peoples), Çağ Publication:İstanbul 1993.

— (ed.) *Milletlerarası Çağdaş Türk Alfabeleri Sempozyumu* (International Symposium on Contemporary Turkic Alphabets), M.U. Turkic Studies Institute Publication:İstanbul 1992.

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