

I am writing this letter about Dr. Asli Altan and my experience with her as her student back in 2014 in Athens, Greece. Turkish is the 4<sup>th</sup> language I learned and I can assure you that Dr. Asli Altan was by far the best teacher -in a foreign language- that I ever had. Her methods were innovating and inspiring for me wishing to learn Turkish as a foreign language. I remember in our first meeting I could hardly speak and use simple sentences -although by then I was been taught Turkish for 3 years – but little by little I started talking and interacting in Turkish. My grammar skills improved spectacularly without even being able to understand how. All those skills improved without my hard work but because of her charisma to bring to class interesting texts of all kind and songs, interviews etc that were “hiding” everything that was necessary for my level. At the same time, I was looking forward for every class we had since it was not only the Turkish language that she was teaching but also, she was “opening a window” to me to the Turkish culture, traditions and civilization. After a year of having her as my teacher I obtained my first certificate in Turkish (Istanbul Universitesi – B2 medium level). I think that Dr. Asli Altan will be a great teacher for your university and her future students will be more than happy to have her.

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