

# UNIVERSITY GUIDE

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**STUDY IN TÜRKİYE**

## DISCOVER TÜRKİYE THROUGH EDUCATION

The culture-rich country of Türkiye, which has hosted a myriad of civilizations throughout the centuries, is a global pioneer in education. Türkiye offers various lucrative opportunities for students. Despite its quality living standards, the cost of living in Türkiye is affordable compared to other European countries. A diploma from globally-recognized and renowned universities in Türkiye will open every door for you

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EDUCATION**

# PRESIDENT RECEP TAYYİP ERDOĞAN: “TÜRKIYE IS ALWAYS YOUR SECOND HOME.”

Thanks to educational reforms in Türkiye, the number of international students is increasing day by day. These new regulations are closely monitored by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and the necessary changes are being implemented by the relevant institutions. Drawing attention to the situation, President Erdoğan delivered some good news for international students.

## RESIDENCY PERMITS FROM UNIVERSITIES

President Erdoğan highlighted the difficulties faced by international students in renewing their residence permits in Türkiye and announced that from now on, students will be able to obtain their residence permits from the university where they are studying without going to the immigration office: “Our international students have to renew their residence permits in certain periods. There was a serious backlog in the processing of this document issued by the immigration office. From now on, more than 300 thousand students who are guests in our country will be able to obtain their residence permits from their universities without having to go to the immigration office. The other regulation is about General Health Insurance. Türkiye has the most advanced General Health Insurance and health system in the world. Our students will now be covered by General Health Insurance automatically.”

## WORK PERMIT ACQUISITION IS BEING FACILITATED

Giving good news to students about work permits, President Erdoğan promised to solve this problem for international students and graduates: “Another important regulation was made on work permits. In the past, international students were not given work permits. We started working on this issue a while ago. I hope we will remove this problem for students and graduates regarding work permits.”

## OUR FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS

Referring to the importance of cooperation between countries in the field of education, President Erdoğan stated: “As individuals of the same civilization, we must shape our own future. Protect your own language, culture and history. We give the same advice to our own children. Not even one of our more than 300 thousand students would be willing to make such a mistake. We care about your future in the same way as we care about the future of our own children.”

## EVERY ONE OF YOU IS AN HONORARY AMBASSADOR FOR US

President Erdoğan told international students at Turkish universities that they are “honorary representatives” of their home countries, adding that Türkiye will always be their second home. Erdoğan went on to say: “As long as you continue to foster a sense of unity, we can help and support you in any way we can and minimize the problems. We see each of you as outstanding and precious representatives of your countries. We are extremely happy that you see Türkiye as your second homeland. When you return to your home countries, you can be sure that we will see you as our honorary representatives. After graduation, we will continue to support you through our relevant institutions. As we develop this network, our share in your success will increase even further.”

**President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, addressing international students studying in Turkey, stated, “Turkey is always your second home.” Erdoğan emphasized that obtaining residency and work permits procedures have been made easier for international students.**



## Aiming for 500,000 international students



▶ Emphasizing that the number of international students studying in Türkiye has exceeded 300 thousand, President Erdoğan expressed that they aim to increase this figure to 500 thousand in the upcoming period. Erdoğan concluded his words as follows: “Today, approximately 340 thousand students from 198 different countries of the world are receiving higher education in Türkiye. The increase in our share of international student movement is not something to be feared, but something to be proud of. If managed well, it will be a great achievement for the Turkish economy, diplomacy and universities. For years, countries such as the United States, England, Germany, France, Canada and Australia have been eating the cream of the crop, so to speak. Nearly 70 percent of the more than 7 million international students worldwide are still studying in these countries. We see that Turkish universities are increasingly becoming a center of education for international students. We see Turkish-speaking ministers, business people, academics and politicians who graduated from Turkish universities and see themselves as the ambassadors of our nation.”

## Find your support with Türkiye Scholarships

▶ President Erdoğan drew attention to the Türkiye Scholarships provided by Türkiye and said that thanks to these scholarships, more than 100 thousand students have graduated and are now working as politicians, business people, academicians and bureaucrats in their home countries. Erdoğan continued as follows: “We meet with our brothers and sisters when we visit their countries from time to time. In addition to Türkiye Scholarships, Turkish Maarif Foundation, which aims to contribute to the future of our friendly and brother and sister countries, continues to provide educational services. TİKA (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency) and Yunus Emre Enstitüsü also carry out successful projects in their respective fields. We see you, our young people who study in Türkiye either with scholarships or with their own means, as the willing ambassadors of our country. We have taken important steps in this field in the last 12 years: We are able to offer better accommodation and scholarship opportunities thanks to our universities, the number of which has increased from 76 to 209, and our current student capacity exceeding 8 million.”

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# TÜRKİYE IS TRANSFORMING INTO A GLOBAL POWER IN HIGHER EDUCATION

In recent years, Türkiye has emerged as a rising academic power on the global stage, attracting attention with its extensive university network and growing number of international students.

Supported by research capacity, international collaborations and strategic investments, this transformation is raising the profile of Turkish higher education on the global stage.

Over the last twenty years, Türkiye has achieved a significant transformation in higher education, becoming an educational hub that attracts attention not only regionally, but also globally. Rising to become one of the largest systems in Europe in terms of student capacity, number of universities, academic output and international student mobility, the Turkish higher education system is widely regarded as a 'rising academic power'.

## STUDY IN TÜRKİYE: DISCOVER ITS POTENTIAL

With around 190,000 academic staff, Türkiye has one of the largest pools of human resources in the European Higher Education Area, while the number of students enrolled in higher education is approaching 7 million. Türkiye ranks among the top performers in global competition thanks to its vast science and research ecosystem, scientific production, research capacity, and global academic visibility.

## THE NEW HUB FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: TÜRKİYE

Türkiye has become one of the world's fastest-growing countries, particularly in recent years, with a significant increase in the number of international students. It is now an attractive destination for students from the Turkic Republics, Africa, the Middle East and the Balkans. The strong academic infrastructure, affordable living costs, scholarship opportunities and cultural proximity are all cited as key factors

in this increase. Today, Türkiye is home to over 370,000 international students. Even more remarkable is the 455% increase in international student numbers between 2013 and 2023. This growth cements Türkiye's position at the forefront of global competition. In line with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's vision of "500,000 international students within 5 years, and 1 million in the long term", the Council of Higher Education is conducting comprehensive studies with all stakeholders.

## AN ACADEMIC NETWORK SPREADING ACROSS ANATOLIA WITH 208 UNIVERSITIES

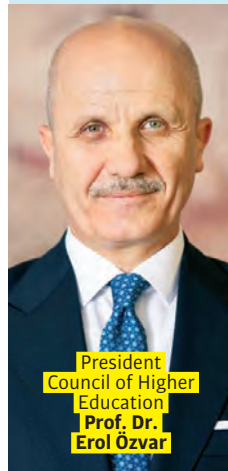
The 208 universities operating in Türkiye have made higher education a driving force for development, not only in major cities, but throughout Anatolia. However, the most striking development in recent times has been the growing prominence of Turkish universities in global rankings. Universities, especially those supported under the research university model, are climbing to the top ranks in global competition by increasing their international collaborations in fields such as engineering, health sciences, artificial intelligence, defence technologies and sustainability. Thanks to support mechanisms focused on publications, patents, projects and international partnerships, Turkish universities' influence in the global academic system is growing day by day.



## Strategic investment in the fields of the future

Türkiye's higher education initiative is not just about numbers; it is not growth-based. Improving academic quality, enhancing research capacity, strengthening university-industry collaboration and increasing the competitiveness of graduates in global job markets are also fundamental components of this transformation. Investments in strategic areas such as digitalisation, artificial intelligence, the green transition and health technologies demonstrate that Turkish universities can achieve a much stronger global position in the future.

Thanks to its young population, extensive academic infrastructure, and state-supported internationalisation policies, Turkish higher education is today considered one of the rising actors in the global academic system. In the near future, Turkish universities will not only attract more international students and conduct more collaborative research, but also climb higher in the world rankings.



## 120 protocols with 76 countries

As part of its internationalisation strategy, the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) has signed 120 protocols with 76 countries worldwide, thereby expanding Turkish universities' global collaborations. Projects such as the YÖK Scholarship, the Türkiye International Exchange Scholarship Programme (TIES) and the YÖK Support Programme for International Scientists are being implemented to strengthen the academic workforce. The aim is thus to enable qualified students and academics to establish strong ties with Türkiye.



## Goal: More global universities

One of the most important objectives in the Council of Higher Education's (YÖK) new strategy is to increase the number of international academics. The objective is to raise the proportion of international faculty members, currently standing at 1.57 percent, to 5 percent. This step will make Turkish universities more global, in terms of both student profile and academic staff structure.



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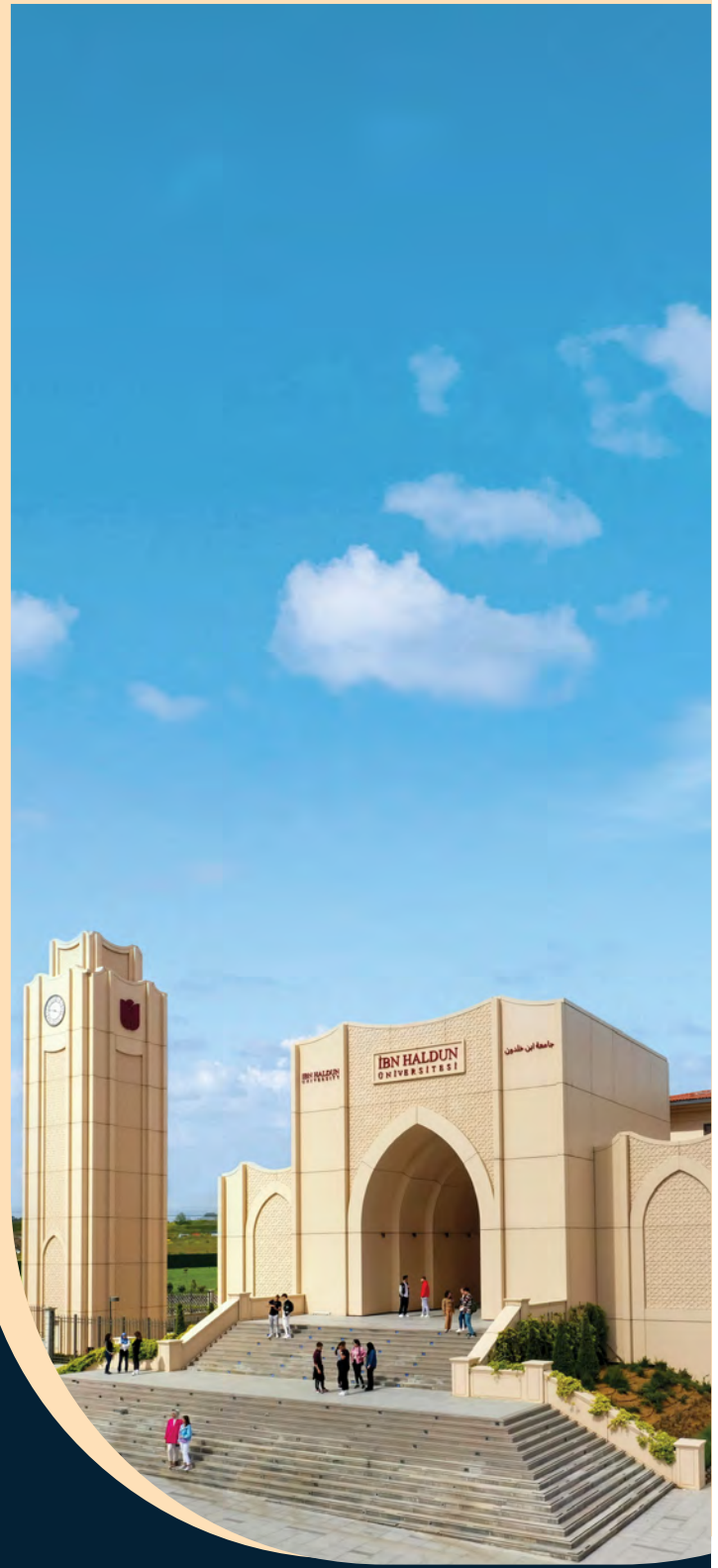
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The university offers a digital, flexible and academically rigorous education in Turkish Language and Culture Programme, which has been developed for international students. By combining Turkish language learning with cultural exploration, career opportunities and a global educational vision, Anadolu University provides its students with a strong gateway to Türkiye.



### A UNIVERSITY WHERE ART AND TECHNOLOGY MEET

Anadolu University also stands out thanks to its academic expertise in art, communication and the creative industries. The university has one of Türkiye's first Cartoon and Animation Departments and offers education in contemporary fields such as visual communication design, new media, digital game design, and data visualization. Programmes focused on future professions such as AI-powered coding, software development and management information systems also prepare students for the digital transformation era. Anadolu University combines Turkish language learning with cultural exploration, digital education, and academic development for international students, offering a new generation education model that opens up to the world through the Turkish language.

# Anadolu University's Globally Open Education Model



Prof. Dr. Yusuf Adıgüzel  
Rector

### A STRONG UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE IN ESKİŞEHİR

When choosing a university, international students should also consider the city. Eskişehir, one of Türkiye's most popular student cities, stands out thanks to its safe environment, vibrant social scene, convenient transport links and affordable cost of living. Anadolu University's Yunus Emre Campus offers an environment where students can experience academic and social life together, with large green areas, sports facilities, cultural centers and social activity areas. Students can actively participate in campus life through theatre performances, cinema events, concerts, festivals and student clubs.

The motivation for learning a foreign language goes beyond simply acquiring new vocabulary. Academic opportunities, international career prospects, cultural interaction and global connections all make language learning a strategic advantage. As a result, Turkish is gaining increasing prominence among languages attracting international attention. The development of economic relations with Türkiye, increased student mobility and cultural interaction increase the number of people who want to learn Turkish. For international students who wish to study in Türkiye, work with Turkish companies or to have a deeper understanding of the Turkic world, Turkish is regarded as an invaluable academic and professional tool. Anadolu University is one of the institutions responding to this growing interest. Through its Turkish Language and Culture Associate Degree Programme, delivered by the Open Education Faculty, the university is making Turkish accessible and sustainable for international students.

### LEARN TURKISH AT AN ACADEMIC LEVEL

The Turkish Language and Culture Programme, developed by Anadolu University, is designed for international students who wish to learn Turkish systematically at an academic level. The programme focuses not only on basic language teaching, but also on enabling students to use Turkish effectively in daily life, academic processes and professional fields. Throughout the programme, students will develop their reading, writing, speaking



and listening skills, while gaining a comprehensive understanding of Turkish culture, history, social structures and literature. Thus, the educational process becomes a cultural experience. The course content, which is prepared by expert academics, is supported by digital educational materials, interactive applications, and audiovisual resources. Students therefore experience a contemporary learning experience supported by technology.

### ACCESS EDUCATION FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

One of the striking aspects of the programme is its flexible

educational model, which is entirely supported by digital infrastructure. Students living in different countries around the world can participate in the educational process from wherever they are. Through the Anadolium eCampus system, users can access lecture videos, live broadcasts, subject explanations, exercises and exam materials. Mobile application support allows the learning process to continue regardless of time or place. This structure offers significant advantages, especially for working individuals, students living abroad, and those seeking a flexible learning model.

### ACADEMIC JOURNEY WITH TURKISH PREPARATORY EDUCATION

The Turkish preparatory education provided as part of the programme gives beginner-level students a solid grounding. Thanks to the structured education model ranging from A1 to C1 levels, students can gradually improve their Turkish skills. Those who complete the preparatory programme can transfer to other Turkish programmes at Anadolu

University's Open Education Faculty. Thus, the programme serves as the first step in a long-term academic journey. The Turkish proficiency certificate also significantly contributes to students' academic and professional careers.

### GLOBAL EDUCATION VISION

Anadolu University is one of Türkiye's leading higher education institutions and stands out thanks to its international vision, digital education experience and student-centered approach. By bringing together students from 103 different countries into the same academic environment, the university contributes to academic, social, and cultural development through its multicultural campus. With over 45 years' experience in open and distance learning, Anadolu University reaches students in more than 100 countries. Thanks to its diploma structure being compatible with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and its international collaborations, students become part of a globally recognized educational process.





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# Başkent University

## *Prepares for the Future*



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**Başkent University offers students a comprehensive higher education experience with its strong academic staff, international collaborations, and applied education infrastructure. With a wide range of programmes from health and engineering to research opportunities and a vibrant campus life, the university prepares students for their future careers.**

Başkent University offers international students wishing to study in Türkiye a comprehensive higher education experience thanks to its strong academic staff, applied education infrastructure, international collaborations and student-focused campus life. Located in Ankara, the university provides students with extensive opportunities in many areas, from education and research to social life and career development.

### **STANDS OUT WITH ITS ACADEMIC CAPACITY**

Founded in 1993, Başkent University is now one of Türkiye's leading private universities, with around 17,000 students, over 60,000 alumni, and almost 2,000 academic staff. It comprises 12 faculties, eight institutes, seven vocational schools, one School of Foreign Languages and one State Conservatory. With a total of 275 educational programmes, the university offers courses in a wide range of subjects, particularly health sciences, engineering, law, natural sciences, and social sciences. With 427 professors and an advantageous student-to-staff ratio, students can

communicate more closely with faculty members and receive one-to-one academic support.

### **OFFERS AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION NETWORK**

Başkent University has established bilateral collaborations with 46 universities worldwide, by placing internationalization at the heart of its educational policies. Furthermore, through its Erasmus network of 150 universities, the university provides students with opportunities for international education and exchange. Students can study in different countries as part of their degree through Erasmus and other international exchange programmes. The university's educational structure is compliant with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), Diploma Supplement applications and the Bologna Process, which contributes to the international recognition of graduates' academic qualifications.

**BRINGS THEORY AND PRACTICE TOGETHER** Başkent University stands out with its strong infrastructure supporting applied education. It

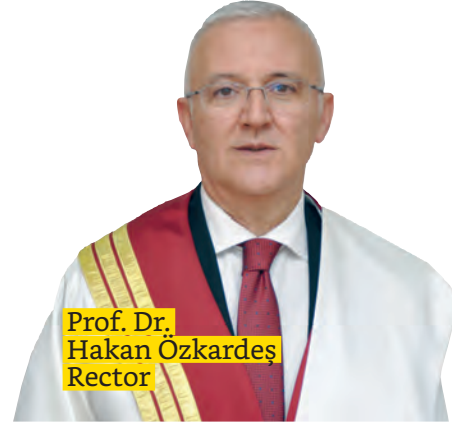
has 186 laboratories, 35 studios, four gastronomy kitchens, a ceramics art practice center and 41 application and research centers. Thanks to its television channel, training hotels and subsidiaries operating in various sectors, students can gain experience in real working environments throughout their studies.

### **STRONG PRACTICAL NETWORK IN HEALTH EDUCATION**

As the first foundation university established in the field of health in Türkiye, Başkent University also stands out with its practical opportunities in this area. It operates 10 hospitals, 30 health centers, eight dialysis centers and three rehabilitation centers. This extensive health network enables students, particularly those studying health sciences, to undertake practical training, make clinical observations and gain professional experience.

### **CAMPUS FACILITIES PROMOTING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Bağlıca Campus in Ankara provides students with facilities to support their social and cultural lives, as well as their academic development. It has a student dormitory with 456 beds, 113 student clubs, sports facilities and various cultural activity areas. Students can interact with individuals from different cultures at events organized throughout the year and benefit from the sports and social areas on campus. The university also offers 24/7 health services on campus and provides free shuttle services between the city center and the campus.



**Prof. Dr. Hakan Özkardeş**  
Rector

## **The research infrastructure is noteworthy**

One of the important elements of Başkent University's research capacity is its library. It is about 12,500 square metres in size, which makes it one of the largest private university libraries in Türkiye. With over 600,000 printed and electronic publications, it can serve 2,500 users simultaneously. Students and researchers can continue their academic work in a strong research environment, thanks to the library's extensive database and diverse range of resources.



## **It offers quality assurance**

Başkent University demonstrates the quality of its education through national and international accreditations. The university holds a five-year Full Institutional Accreditation certificate awarded by the Higher Education Quality Board. Many of its programmes are approved by national and international accreditation bodies. The university operates under the ISO 9001 Quality Management System and adopts a sustainable quality approach in its education, research and management processes. With over thirty years of academic experience, strong practical infrastructure, international collaborations, research opportunities and a student-centered approach, Başkent University is one of the leading higher education institutions in Türkiye that brings together education, careers and campus life for international students wishing to study in the country.

HEADING: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS IN TÜRKİYE

# REGISTRATION IN 18 QUESTIONS



**T**ürkiye continues to be a popular destination for education, hosting thousands of international students from all over the world every year. However, the registration process following university admission brings along various questions for foreign students. We have gathered the most frequently asked questions and their answers about the registration process for prospective international students in Türkiye.

## 1 - What are the general application criteria for private universities?

Private universities may be more flexible than public universities when it comes to application and registration processes. For undergraduate education, private universities typically require international exam results like YÖS (International Student Admission Exam), SAT, GMAT, GRE, or other internationally recognized exam certificates. In addition, some private universities also accept national university entrance exam results. Private universities also admit students from abroad without exams.

## 2 - What are the registration dates for private universities?

The registration dates for private universities vary according to undergraduate and graduate programs, but generally, applications are accepted between May and December. However, these dates apply to the Fall semester programs. For the Spring semester graduate programs, applications need to be submitted between January and March.

## 3 - What are the general application criteria for public universities?

Public universities follow almost the same process as private universities regarding application and registration. Public universities also require international exam results like YÖS, SAT, GMAT, GRE, or other internationally recognized exam certificates. Additionally, students eligible for the Türkiye Scholarships program are also admitted. Public universities, particularly those located in smaller cities, accept students without exams, much like private universities.

## 4 - What are the registration dates for public universities?

The application dates for public universities vary according to undergraduate and graduate programs, but generally, applications are accepted between May and July, and the final registration dates are between September and November. However, these dates apply to the Fall semester

**The registration process for international students eligible to pursue university education in Türkiye involves major steps to take. Here we have compiled answers to numerous questions, from what needs to be done on the first day to the criteria to be fulfilled.**

undergraduate and graduate programs. For the Spring semester graduate programs, applications are accepted between January and March.

## 5 - What is the YÖS exam? When is it held?

YÖS (International Student Admission Exam) is a university entrance exam used by international students who wish to study at universities in Türkiye. Until recently, the YÖS was not a centralized exam. However, as of 2023, a centralized exam system has been adopted. The YÖS exam dates vary depending on the university, but it is generally held between May and August.

## 6 - What is TÖMER? Why is it required?

The purpose of Turkish Language Teaching Centers

(TÖMER) is to provide students with theoretical and practical knowledge for learning Turkish as a foreign language, thereby enabling them to achieve language proficiency. A TÖMER certificate is required for any prospective international student in a university in Türkiye. Regardless of whether the university is public or private, international students must have Turkish language proficiency to pursue higher education in Türkiye. However, universities may follow different procedures regarding the required proficiency level. Some universities require a C1 level language certificate, while others accept students with at least a B2 level certificate.

## 7 - What documents are required for a residence permit?

- Passport (original and a photocopy)
- 4 biometric photographs
- Residence Permit Appointment Form
- Student Certificate
- Health insurance
- Proof of payment of residence permit fee
- Document showing place of residence

## 8 - How can I obtain my student certificate or transcript?

You can request it through your university's Student Information System or obtain it via the Turkish e-Government portal (E-Devlet).

## 9 - What is a foreign national ID number and where can it be obtained?

Foreign nationals planning to reside in Türkiye for more than 90 days are issued an identification number by the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management under the Ministry of Interior. This number appears on the residence

permit, which is issued within 90 days after applying for the residence permit.

## 10 - How and where can I obtain my equivalency certificate?

In Türkiye, equivalency procedures are carried out by Provincial Directorates of National Education. Abroad, equivalency certificates can be obtained through Educational Counsellor Offices and Educational Attaché Offices. The equivalency process is based on the original report cards, transcripts, certifications of study, termination certificates, other certificates and diplomas obtained from primary and secondary schools abroad. If the originals of these documents are lost, you can still complete the equivalency process using officially certified copies and photocopies obtained from your school administration abroad.

You can also apply for equivalency within Türkiye online via: <https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr/>

## 11 - How can I freeze my university registration?

You can request to freeze your registration due to reasons such as health, military service, financial issues, family matters, personal reasons, studying abroad, or unforeseen circumstances. You must submit this request with a petition and documentation before the academic term begins to the relevant faculty of your university.

## 12 - What's the deadline for my General Health Insurance procedures?

After registering at the university, you must apply for General Health Insurance through the Social Security Institution (SGK) within three

months at the latest. Students who do not renew their registration within the first three months will not have the right to apply for registration again during their university education. However, you also have the option to get private insurance.

## 13 - What are the accommodation options in my city?

University students can benefit from the Higher Education Credit and Hostels Institution (KYK) as well as university dormitories and private dormitories. Additionally, student apartments are also available for accommodation.

## 14 - How can I open a bank account?

You can open a bank account by visiting the bank where you wish to open an account, submitting your residence permit and passport.

## 15 - Do I need to pay the contribution fee for the duration of the term I've frozen my studies?

No contribution fee or tuition fee is collected during the period of registration freeze.

## 16 - Will my registration be canceled if I do not renew it?

No, students who do not renew their registration will not have their registration canceled. However, the periods when students do not renew their registration count as part of their education term. Additionally, students who do not renew their registration will not be able to benefit from student rights.

## 17 - How can I find out the exam dates?

Exams are held within the periods specified in the University Academic Calendar, according to the schedules announced by the Dean's Office/Department. You can learn the exam dates through the student automation system, the website of your registered department, or from notice boards.

## 18 - When and how should I complete the registration renewal process?

The registration renewal is completed by selecting courses through the student automation system during the dates specified in the Academic Calendar, followed by having them approved by your advisor, and then paying the contribution fee/tuition fee to the relevant bank account. These steps must be followed in order, and you must submit a copy of your finalized course selection form and the proof of payment of contribution fee/tuition fee to the Student Affairs office of your department within the first weeks of the academic term.



Mayor Altay said that Konya, one of Türkiye's historical capitals, is a special city with a history dating back thousands of years and hosted many civilizations for centuries. He emphasized that Çatalhöyük, located within the city's borders and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the oldest human settlements, dating back 9,500 years. He noted that many civilizations have been born, grown and developed in the city from that time until the present day.

### A CITY OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS

Located in the heart of Anatolia, with an area of 42,000 square kilometers and a population of over 2.3 million, Konya is a highly educated city, with 130,000 students studying at its five universities. Konya ranks 4th in Türkiye with the number of its instructors and students enrolled in formal universities. High-speed rail connections from Konya reach Istanbul, Ankara, Eskişehir and Karaman. Konya Airport offers flights to Istanbul and İzmir. Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated: "We are conducting many projects for our youth with the Konya Municipality Model. We have implemented initiatives such as the Youth Council, the Youth Centre, the Working Youth Council, the Youth Culture Card application, the KAPSÜL Technology Platform, the Social Innovation Agency, and youth and education camps."

### YOUTH CULTURE CARD

The Youth Culture Card, developed by the Konya Metropolitan Municipality, is a comprehensive socialization program designed to increase the participation and interest of university students living and studying in the city in social, cultural, educational and sporting activities. Students can use the points they collect by participating in social responsibility projects organized in the city with the Youth Culture Card to cover the cost of theatre tickets, concerts, sports activities and educational expenses. Members of the Youth Culture Card can also enter raffles to win prizes such as books, online education and sports memberships via the smartphone app.

### 'KAPSÜL' TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

KAPSÜL Technology Platform brings together young people who are interested in technology and innovation. It aims to contribute to our country's National Technology Initiative and support technology-oriented studies. Members of the platform are working hard to represent the city and the country in TEKNOFEST competitions. The Konya Metropolitan Municipality is organizing the 10th annual Konya Science Festival, one of the largest science festivals in Türkiye, and is hosting tens of thousands of science enthusiasts at the Konya Science Centre, Türkiye's first and largest science center supported by TÜBİTAK. City Conferences bring famous figures together with young people every month in the city center and its districts. The annual Konya Book Days bring hundreds of authors together with readers at autograph sessions. At the Konya City Theatre, dozens of different plays are presented to tens of thousands of spectators every year at the Selçuklu Congress Centre.

# Konya

A CITY OF YOUTH, EDUCATION, HISTORY AND SPORTS



**Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated that, in addition to its history, culture, and nature tourism, Konya is a city of youth, education, and sports. He added that the city has hosted many civilizations for 9,500 years since Çatalhöyük, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and invited all young people to come to Konya for university education.**

### CYCLING CITY

Thanks to its geographical location, Konya has the highest rate of bicycle usage of any city in Türkiye. Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated that they have implemented exemplary projects to further increase bicycle usage in Konya, saying: "With 680 kilometers of cycle paths, we are far ahead of other countries in this regard. We have also opened Türkiye's first bicycle museum in our city. Our bicycle team, another first in our municipality, is attracting great interest." Noteworthy features in Konya include free bicycle repair stations, bicycle bridges, bicycle traffic lights, bicycle waiting stations, the Smart Bicycle Transportation System (ABUS), electric bicycle rental services and buses equipped with bicycle carriers.



### KONYA IS THE CHEAPEST CITY FOR TRANSPORTATION

Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated that they provide transportation services in the largest geographical area in Türkiye. He added that trams and buses provide services in the city center of Konya, while buses serve the outlying districts. Mayor Altay also stated that they are constantly strengthening their transportation fleet with environmentally friendly vehicles and said: "We continue to provide student transportation in Konya at the most affordable prices among metropolitan cities. The student fare in our city is 12 TL. A one-month subscription offering unlimited rides costs 450 TL."

### STRONG SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

Mayor Altay stated that Konya has made significant progress in the field of sports in recent years: "We have created new sports facilities for enthusiasts in every corner of our city. We have implemented dozens of different projects that appeal to all age groups and encourage participation in sport. We organize marathons and festivals attended by tens of thousands of our citizens. In addition, we hosted the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games, attended by 4,200 athletes from 55 countries. Konya, the 2023 World Sports Capital, has been selected as the 2026 European Cycling Capital. We also hold the title of 2026 Organization of Islamic Cooperation Youth Capital, awarded by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum."

### THERE ARE MANY BEAUTIFUL MUSEUMS

Emphasizing that Konya, with its thousands of years of history and rich cultural fabric, is practically an open-air museum. Mayor Altay said: "Our city, with its historical and natural beauty, especially the Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi Museum, hosts millions of visitors every year. The projects that we, as the Metropolitan Municipality, have delivered to our city, such as the Çatalhöyük Promotion and Welcome Centre, the Stone Building Digital Promotion Centre, Depot No. 4, the Konya Panorama Museum and the Irfan Civilization Research and Culture Centre, reflect the city's spiritual atmosphere, history and culture impressively. I invite everyone to visit Konya, which is beautiful in all four seasons."

### INDUSTRY, TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

With its 12 organized industrial zones and two technology development zones, Konya is an important agricultural, industrial and commercial center in our country. Machine manufacturing, the automotive spare parts industry, metal casting, the food industry, vehicle-mounted equipment manufacturing, the food industry, plastic packaging, shoe manufacturing, agricultural machinery and equipment manufacturing, and milling machine manufacturing stand out as competitive sectors in the city.



Uğur İbrahim Altay  
Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor

Turkish Maarif Foundation provides quality opportunities for education around the world. It operates at every level of education from pre-school to higher education. The Foundation aims to raise good people and build bridges of intercultural friendship through its global activities in 66 countries.



## World's Cultural Capital

▶ With its unique geographical location at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, its rich historical heritage and multi-cultural structure, Türkiye stands out not only as an educational center but also as a cultural discovery destination for international students. Today, approximately 337,000 international students are currently studying in Türkiye. The welcoming and inclusive nature of the Turkish society helps students to quickly integrate into social life. The diverse geographical regions are characterized by different climates. The green mountains of the Black Sea, the sunny coasts of the Aegean and Mediterranean, and the historical richness in the cities of Central Anatolia makes Türkiye a highly attractive destination for students. Furthermore, the affordable living costs and government-supported scholarship programs provides an economical option for students.



# THE EDUCATION GATEWAY FROM THE WORLD TO TÜRKİYE

Turkish Maarif Foundation (TMF) was established by the enacted law by the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (TBMM) in 2016 and is a non-profit and public benefit foundation. Operating in every level of education from pre-school to higher education, the Foundation aims to provide access to quality education to the students all around the world. TMF serves more than 70,000 students in 57 countries from Asia to Africa, Europe to the USA, through over 500 schools, 2 universities, 11 research centers and 17 educational centers. The Foundation's core vision is to raise "good people" and build bridges of friendship among diverse communities.

### INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AMBASSADOR: MAARIF AGENCY

Maarif Agency was established as an initiative of Turkish Maarif Foundation, and it operates on a global scale. The Agency provides guidance, particularly to international students, helping them to apply to one of the Türkiye's 208 universities, complete the registration process, and integrate into Turkish society. It also provides referrals to universities in Canada, the USA, the UK, and Europe. The Agency aims to provide the students with about the most suitable country, city and university options for their academic careers.

### HIGHER EDUCATION in TÜRKİYE

Türkiye has become an attractive destination for international students with its rich cultural heritage and high-quality education system. The education system in Türkiye consists of 12-year compulsory education: Pre-school, primary, secondary, and high school. After high school, students continue to higher education institutions structured according to the Bologna Process. The universities are divided into two categories: State and private universities. Although the language of instruction is Turkish in general, many universities also offer English-medium programmes. International students particularly prefer fields such as medicine, engineering, law, psychology, and architecture.



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### University Entrance via TR-YÖS Exam (Foreign Student Admission Exam)

▶ International students must take the Türkiye - Foreign Student Admission Exam (TR-YÖS) to gain admission to state universities in Türkiye. The students obtain an opportunity to study at leading universities in Türkiye with their scores in this exam.

### Maarif Agency's Services

▶ Maarif Agency offers students support in a wide range of areas from the application process to settling down in Türkiye. This support includes counseling for university registration, summer schools and language courses in Türkiye and abroad, education fairs and university presentations, online application opportunities, concierge and accommodation support, health insurance and residence permit procedures, and daily life necessities such as SIM card and city orientation. Through these services, the students have a safe and supportive learning environment academically, socially, and culturally.

### Opportunities to Study Abroad

▶ Maarif Agency, provides support for the students to pursue their studies in Türkiye, as well as in a range of other countries including Europe, the Balkans, Canada, the USA, the UK, and Australia. There are undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies opportunities in these countries. Access to language courses, summer schools and vocational training programmes is also provided. There are also information and guidance regarding post-graduation work opportunities and residence permits.

### Choose the city, university and department you want to study in

- Upload necessary documents for university registration to [www.maarifagency.com](http://www.maarifagency.com) website
- You will receive the acceptance letter from the university
- Upon your arrival in Türkiye, a designated host will be present at the airport to escort you to the university
- Guidance will be provided regarding dormitory options during your university studies
- The Agency promotes Turkish universities through its website and offers students the necessary opportunities for digital pre-registration. Students interested in pursuing their higher education at a Turkish university can access the relevant information by scanning the QR code below. For more detailed information, please follow the website and the social media accounts.

### Digital Guidance and Admission Process

▶ Maarif Agency digital platforms offer students a straightforward way to access information about the city, university, and department they wish to study in. The necessary documentation can be submitted online, thus enabling the commencement of the application process. Following the acceptance letter from the university, the Agency will be able to coordinate the arrival to Türkiye and accommodation process. Therefore, the students begin their education in a safe and planned manner.

### Would you like to study at a university in Türkiye?

▶ You can find all the necessary information about universities in Türkiye on Maarif Agency's website.



## SUCCESS IN EDUCATION, HEALTH IN LIFE

▶ Amasya University is renowned not only for its academic excellence, but also for its commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are healthy, balanced and active. By placing sports culture at the heart of campus life at its Yeşilirmak Campus, the university has earned the title of 'Sports-Friendly Campus'. With modern sports facilities, student-focused activities and ample social opportunities, the university ensures that sport becomes an integral part of campus life. Amasya University was among the first 47 universities to be awarded in the "Sports-Friendly Campus Project", conducted by the Higher Education Council.

## GLOBAL EDUCATION AND COOPERATION CENTRE

▶ Amasya University is taking significant steps in the field of internationalization. It currently hosts hundreds of international students from 19 different countries. Thanks to its multicultural educational environment, students can interact with different cultures. To support international students' adaptation to life in Türkiye and at the university, the Turkish Language Teaching Application and Research Centre (TÖMER) operates within the university. Amasya University continues to expand its student and academic staff exchange projects under the European Union's Erasmus+ KA171 programs. The university has international cooperation agreements with 80 universities in 26 different countries, and 18 of these are being implemented as part of public-industry collaborations. Furthermore, an International Advisory Board comprising 20 academics from 10 different countries contributes to academic development.

## GROWING WITH A STRONG ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

▶ Amasya University continues its educational activities with over 20,000 students and is developing day by day thanks to its modern physical infrastructure and student-centered approach. It houses many academic units, including faculties such as Medicine, Education, Science and Letters, Engineering, Health Sciences, Theology, Architecture, and the Hattat Hamdullah Faculty of Fine Arts. Alongside vocational schools, colleges and institutes, the university provides a comprehensive academic program. As of the 2026-27 academic year, the university will offer education in 95 programs, including 60 associate degree programs and 35 undergraduate programs, with a capacity of approximately 5,000 students. Additionally, 77 master's and doctoral programs provide significant opportunities for students aspiring to an academic career.

## MODERN AND ROBUST LIBRARY INFRASTRUCTURE

▶ With 6,489 square meters of usable space and a capacity of 1,500 people, Amasya University Library provides a modern study environment for students and academics. Thanks to its 24-hour open reading rooms, educational and research activities continue uninterrupted. The library houses 4,736,000 e-books, 110,000 e-journal subscriptions, 110,000 printed books and access to 59 databases. Access to information is further enhanced by nine-unit libraries located within the university.

## TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOCUS

▶ Amasya University also stands out thanks to its investments in technology and entrepreneurship. The Amasya University TEKNOPARK Technology Development Zone, which operates within the university, functions as an important center for strengthening university-industry collaboration and hosting innovative ventures. Additionally, the National Technology Workshop, funded by the Ministry of Industry and Technology and implemented with TÜBİTAK's support, provides valuable opportunities for young individuals aspiring to develop and produce technology across various domains, including autonomous systems, unmanned aerial vehicles, software, and artificial intelligence.

# AMASYA UNIVERSITY IS TAKING STRONG STEPS FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE

Founded in 2006, Amasya University has 20 years of academic experience, a robust institutional structure and a student-centered educational approach, making it a notable presence among Türkiye's developing higher education institutions. The university has undertaken significant work in many areas, including education, research, scientific production and social contribution, and stands out for its contribution to regional development. Amasya University has approximately 800 strong instructors, including 93 professors, 125 associate professors, and 305

assistant professors. These academics are committed to providing students with a contemporary, high-quality, application-based education. Operating under the motto 'Together Towards a Better Future', the university continues to grow by supporting scientific development, encouraging

innovative thinking and prioritizing social benefit through its educational approach. In line with its vision of integration with the global community, Amasya University offers a higher education model that contributes to both academic success and social development.

### AMONG TÜRKİYE'S LEADING UNIVERSITIES

Amasya University is ranked among Türkiye's top 100 universities and holds an Institutional Accreditation Certificate. It is an exemplary higher education institution in quality assurance studies. With its quality-oriented management approach and culture of continuous improvement, the university provides students with a reliable, sustainable and high-quality educational environment at national and international levels. The university holds the TS EN ISO 9001 Quality Management System and ranks 15th in Türkiye with 30 programs accreditations. Furthermore, the university's 19 Barrier-Free Access Awards, resulting in a 95% accessibility rate on campus, demonstrate its commitment to inclusive education.

**Amasya University stands out as one of the rising institutions in higher education thanks to its strong academic staff, investments in technology and innovation, international collaborations and student-centered approach to education. With its quality-oriented structure, modern campus facilities and focus on scientific research, the university continues to be a leading educational institution, preparing young people for the world of the future.**



### WHY AMASYA UNIVERSITY?

- 800 instructors
- Modern laboratories and practical training opportunities
- Over 100 student clubs
- Rich social and cultural life areas
- A semi-Olympic swimming pool and modern sports facilities
- 24-hour study and reading rooms
- Affordable living costs and a safe city environment
- Strong international collaborations
- A technology and innovation-focused education model

### CREATING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

Situated in Amasya, a city steeped in ancient history, Amasya University is committed to educating individuals who will carry the legacy of the past into the future. The university continues its journey with the vision of nurturing pioneering young minds in the fields of science, art, technology and thought. Thanks to its robust academic infrastructure, technological investments and student-centered approach, the university continues to nurture the talent that will shape tomorrow's world.



Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hakki Turabi Rector

# Bilkent University

## Raises the Bar for Success



Prof. Dr.  
Kürşat Aydoğan  
Rector

**Bilkent University continues to set new standards in higher education thanks to its research capacity, international academic network and robust educational model. Standing out in a wide range of areas, from scientific research and global exchange programmes to “teknopark” investments and sustainable campus practices, the university offers a world-class educational environment.**

As Türkiye's first private university, Bilkent continues to excel in higher education thanks to its research capacity, international collaborations and robust academic structure. With a history spanning over 40 years and a community of over 60,000 alumni, Bilkent University provides its students with a world-class educational experience through its international faculty, substantial research output, and extensive global exchange network. Preparations for its establishment date back to 1967, and Bilkent University officially began its educational journey on 20 October 1984 following a decision by the İhsan Doğramacı Foundation. Based on a large campus to the west of Ankara, the university currently provides education through 30 undergraduate and 59 postgraduate programmes across 10 faculties and 3 institutes. It has approximately 12,500 students and employs academics from 39 different countries.

### EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION NETWORK

Bilkent University implements an educational model that aims to produce graduates who have not only academic knowledge, but also analytical thinking skills, the ability to develop original ideas, and the capacity to make sound

decisions. The university prepares its students for global competition by combining in-depth subject knowledge with an international outlook. Exchange agreements with 395 universities across four continents enable students to gain educational experience in different countries. These collaborations give Bilkent students the chance to connect with international academic circles during their studies.

### STRONG PERFORMANCE IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Bilkent University has full accreditation from the Higher Education Quality Board and is one of the top three foundation universities to be designated a research university by the Higher Education Council. The university demonstrates remarkable performance, particularly in the production of scientific projects and access to research funds. Between 2005 and 2025, research conducted by Bilkent University faculty members has received a total budget of 2.9 billion Turkish lira, supported by TÜBİTAK (the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye),

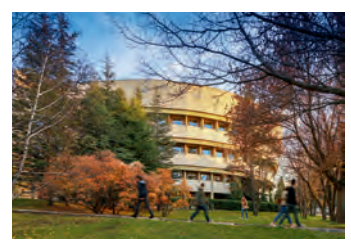
the European Union, public institutions and the private sector. During the same period, 1,021 TÜBİTAK projects, 674 public- and private-sector projects, and 143 European Union projects has received funding. Bilkent University is also among Türkiye's leading higher education institutions in terms of research funding received under the European Union's Horizon Europe Programme. Bilkent University also ranks highly in terms of the number of international scientific publications per faculty member and maintains its strong position in scientific production.

### SUPPORTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH THE TEKNOPARK MODEL

In order to strengthen university-industry collaboration, Bilkent University established Bilkent CYBERPARK, Türkiye's first foundation university “teknopark”, in 2002 in partnership with Bilkent Holding. According to data from the Ministry of Industry and Technology, the centre is one of Türkiye's most successful “teknopark” and hosts technology start-ups and innovative projects.

## SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS HAVE BECOME WIDESPREAD

Bilkent University is distinguished by its investments in environmental sustainability. Having received the ‘Best Zero Waste Practice Award’ from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, the university is expanding its environmentally friendly practices with solar panel systems and electric vehicle charging stations throughout the campus. It also has the distinction of being the first Turkish university to receive a gold certificate from the International University Sports Federation's Healthy Campus Programme, in line with the United Nations' sustainable development goals.



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# The world's most successful young people choose Türkiye!

With its recent rise in science, technology and higher education, Türkiye is becoming an educational center that attracts attention not only regionally, but also globally. With its modern universities, robust research infrastructure, vibrant campus life and government-supported scholarship programme, Türkiye is a standout destination for the world's most successful students. At the heart of this rise is the Türkiye Scholarships Programme, run by the Presidency of Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB). Every year, hundreds of thousands of young people apply for the Türkiye Scholarships, widely regarded as one of the world's most comprehensive public scholarship systems. Following an intensive evaluation process, the candidates who are the most successful academically, socially and culturally obtain the right to study in Türkiye.

## GLOBAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE WITH TÜRKİYE SCHOLARSHIPS

Türkiye Scholarships is a comprehensive scholarship programme that offers international students the opportunity to pursue state-supported higher education in Türkiye. With opportunities available at associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, it is considered one of the most comprehensive scholarship models in the world today. The programme goes beyond merely providing financial support to offer a multifaceted educational model that supports students' academic, social, cultural and professional development. Short-term scholarships are also available for researchers not planning long-term studies. Under the Research Scholarship programme, researchers with doctoral degrees can continue their academic work at Turkish universities for periods ranging from

three to 12 months.

## COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

The process for students accepted to Türkiye begins the moment they arrive in the country. They are greeted at the airport, settled into their dormitories and provided with free Turkish language training for one year. Those who complete the C1 Turkish

language certificate can begin their university education. Within the scope of Türkiye Scholarships, students receive a wide range of benefits, including university placement, tuition fee coverage, free accommodation, health insurance, a monthly stipendium, transportation tickets to and from Türkiye after graduation and free Turkish language instruction. Students can also participate in cultural and artistic events, academic programmes, scientific conferences, internship programmes and international student academies free of charge, which helps them to develop in a variety of ways.

## APPLICATIONS OPEN BETWEEN JANUARY 10-FEBRUARY 20

Türkiye attracts successful young people from all over the world thanks to its long-standing tradition of higher education and academic excellence, offering strong educational opportunities to students from hundreds of countries. Applications for Türkiye Scholarships are accepted annually between January 10 – February 20 and can be submitted online free of charge. Applicants must upload documents such as identity cards or passports, diplomas, transcripts and national exam results to the system. Applicants can select up to 12 university and department choices. They must also prepare an original statement of purpose, explain their academic goals and career plans and state why they wish to study in Türkiye.

Thanks to its robust university infrastructure, extensive scholarship programme and student-centered approach, Türkiye is establishing itself as a major educational hub for the world's most promising young minds. Through the Türkiye Scholarships Programme, students selected from hundreds of thousands of applicants each year are given multifaceted opportunities to prepare for the future, ranging from academic education to cultural development.



## 36 Alumni Associations in 32 Countries

The Turkish Alumni Network currently comprises 36 alumni associations operating in 32 countries. These associations carry out joint projects and strengthen the academic, cultural and social ties of alumni with Türkiye.



## A global alumni network of over 150,000

With over 150,000 alumni living in more than 180 countries, Türkiye has established an extensive network of professional and academic collaborations. The Türkiye Alumni Portal facilitates communication among alumni and helps them develop new projects and opportunities for collaboration.

## Programs should be search in detail

Experts emphasize the importance of thorough research of the universities and programmes before applying. This is especially important for graduate students, as determining their research areas in advance and preparing a strong research proposal will significantly strengthen their applications. While the language of instruction

in many programmes is Turkish, some universities and departments offer programmes in English or other foreign languages. These programmes may require international language proficiency certificates such as TOEFL. Some departments may also require results from academic proficiency tests such as the GRE, GMAT and SAT.



## Graduates from Türkiye create a global impact

Students who receive an education in Türkiye and then return to their home countries continue to maintain their ties with Türkiye through the 'Türkiye Alumni' network. Today, there are over 150,000 Türkiye Alumni in more than 180 countries. These graduates, who range from academics and diplomats to politicians, entrepreneurs and

researchers, transform the academic and cultural experience they gained in Türkiye into success stories in their own countries. They also contribute to developing cultural, economic, academic and diplomatic collaborations between their countries and Türkiye. Thus, the educational journey that begins in Türkiye evolves into a robust international bond that endures for many years.





# A Global Education Model Integrated with the Business World



İSTANBUL TİCARET  
UNIVERSITY



In an increasingly competitive higher education landscape, students are choosing universities that offer more than just diplomas; they want institutions that provide a strong career network, international experience, entrepreneurial opportunities and direct connections to the business world. Drawing strength from the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's (ICOC) more than 140 years of experience, its application-oriented education model and international vision, Istanbul Commerce University (ITO) trains its students to become the professionals of the future. Founded in 2001 by the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Education and Social Services Foundation, Istanbul Commerce University unites education, research and career development through its vision of being the "University of the Business World." Standing out among Türkiye's leading higher education institutions, the university is distinguished by its academic quality, sector collaborations, entrepreneurial ecosystem, and international student diversity.



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Necip Şimşek  
Rector

vast economic ecosystem comprises over 850,000 members, enabling students to connect with the business world throughout their studies. Students can meet industry representatives and develop their career plans while still studying. Thanks to its educational approach, which integrates theoretical knowledge with practical application, internship opportunities, industry meetings, career events and strong ties with the business world, the university prepares its students for the business world from the very beginning, not just after graduation. Thanks to the strong connections established with the support of the Istanbul Chamber of

## Preparing for the Future with the Strong Ecosystem of ITO

One of Istanbul Commerce University's most notable features is its direct connection to Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, one of the oldest and largest chambers of commerce in the world, and its extensive knowledge and business network. This



Commerce, approximately 8 out of every 10 graduates are actively involved in business life.

## An International Campus, a Global Perspective

Istanbul Commerce University has more than 1000 international students from more than 80 countries. This diversity supports students to interact with different cultures, create international friendship networks and gain a global perspective. The university cooperates with universities in Europe with the Erasmus+ Program and with universities in the Turkish world with the Orhun Exchange Program. Istanbul Commerce University, one of only 5 foundation universities included in the Orhun Program, ranks first among foundation universities in terms of incoming student quota and second in outgoing student quota.

## Academic Quality and Strong Staff

The strong teaching staff, consisting of academics who are experts in their fields, contributes to the education of students with a practice-oriented educational approach that follows current developments. While the university is among the few universities that have received 5-year full accreditation within the scope of the Institutional Accreditation Program given by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK); It certifies its education quality on a national and international scale with program accreditations in the fields of engineering, communication and social sciences.

## Direct Access to the Entrepreneurship and Technology Ecosystem

The Technology Transfer Office (TTO), operating within the university, provides support in the areas of project development, university-industry collaborations, intellectual property processes and commercialization of research outputs. While this structure brings together students and researchers with the research and development opportunities of Teknopark Istanbul, it provides access to the entrepreneurship ecosystem through the Knowledge Commercialization Center (BTM) implemented by the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce. Thus, students can benefit from a strong support mechanism in the process from the idea stage to entrepreneurship.



## Guidance and Support for International Students

The International Student Office offers guidance support to students during their accommodation, settlement and adaptation processes. The university also supports successful students with scholarship opportunities for international students. Istanbul Commerce University: With its strong ties with the business world, international education vision, entrepreneurship-oriented approach, central campuses and academic quality approach, it offers its students not only a university experience but a strong future where they can compete on a global scale. Detailed information about the university's educational opportunities, application processes and support services for international students can be accessed through the following communication channels.

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## A University Experience at the Heart of History, Culture, and Opportunities

The Sadabad Campus in Söğütözü, the Ahi Çelebi Campus in Eminönü, and the Hezarfen Campus in Küçükpazari are in the heart of Istanbul, a city that connects Europe and Asia. Offering easy access to the Historical Peninsula, the Bosphorus, and the city's major cultural landmarks, these campuses provide students not only a high-quality education but also the privilege of living in one of the world's most dynamic metropolises. Istanbul, with its iconic landmarks such as Hagia Sophia, the Sultanahmet Mosque, Topkapı Palace, the Grand Bazaar, the Galata Tower, and the Maiden's Tower, connects students with world heritage sites; while Istanbul, as a regional center for commerce, finance, entrepreneurship, and technology, provides a learning environment close to global career opportunities.



## Istanbul Commerce University in Numbers

● 6 Faculties ● 1 Vocational School ● 2 Institutes ● 28 Undergraduate Programmes ● 90 Master's Programmes ● 17 Doctoral Programmes ● 16 Research and Application Centers ● Over 9,000 students ● Over 28,000 graduates ● Over 350 academics ● More than 1,000 international students from over 80 countries ● The power of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, which has over 850,000 members and collaborates with various sectors.



**Ahmet  
Pekyatırmacı**  
Mayor of  
Selçuklu

# Time to Discover Selçuklu with “Go Selçuklu”

Historical and natural beauties of Selçuklu, can now be explored digitally. Thanks to “Go Selçuklu” platform, developed by Municipality of Selçuklu, the district is introduced more closely both to the local and foreign visitors. As the largest central district in Konya, Selçuklu attracts both local and foreign visitors with its deep-rooted history, rich cultural heritage and natural beauties. Owing to the “Go Selçuklu” digital platform by the Municipality of Selçuklu, from historical mosques and museums to its parks and cultural venues, all the riches of the district can now be easily explored.

## RICHES OF SELÇUKLU ARE NOW IN DIGITAL MEDIA

The slogan of “Go Selçuklu” social media platform is “Let’s Discover Selçuklu Together”. The platform offers a comprehensive guide for local and foreign visitors by combining historic heritage, natural beauties and modern living areas in the district. Captivating with its historical texture, Sille Village takes the visitors on a journey through its narrow streets bearing the traces of the past and the stone architecture. Following this ancient street, the Sille Museum presents the cultural heritage of the district. Hagia Elenia Museum sheds a light on the region’s religious history, and the Sille Time Museum tells the story of Sille from the past to the present with an impressive narrative, offering the visitors a unique cultural experience.

## NATURE, CULTURE AND MODERN LIFE IN ONE PLATFORM

The breathtaking “Sille Dam Park” and a symbol of Konya “Tropical Butterfly Garden” are open to visitors on “Go Selçuklu” digital platform. Besides, colorful “Selçuklu Flower Garden” and “Selçuklu Observation Terrace” with the view of the city are other two popular sites in the digital platform. Providing visitors with a digital discovery experience, Go Selçuklu serves as a comprehensive and reliable guide for those who want to get to know Selçuklu better and explore it step by step.

## WE WANT TO PROMOTE OUR MULTIFACETED IDENTITY

Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Polyatomic stated that they want to enhance the recognition of Selçuklu, a district that integrates history, culture, nature and modern life in addition to the investments of Municipality of Selçuklu that added value to the city. He stated that: “With the ‘Go Selçuklu’ platform, we have brought together the values of Selçuklu on digital media where our citizens and visitors can easily discover them. With its thousands of years of history, Selçuklu is an important center that hosted important civilizations of Anatolia and stands out with its rich historical, cultural and natural heritage. Thanks to “Go Selçuklu” platform, it is possible to access information and visuals of all these riches. Our aim is to transfer multifaceted identity of Selçuklu to the digital media and offer visitors the opportunity to discover both the past and present of Selçuklu district. “Go Selçuklu” provides an opportunity for both locals and visitors to explore our district step by step.”



“Go Selçuklu” is a digital platform developed by Municipality of Selçuklu. The platform brings the historical, cultural, and natural beauties of the district together and offers a comprehensive exploration opportunities for the visitors. Via the platform, many values from Sille to Tropical Butterfly Garden, are open to digital access both for local and foreign visitors.



## NEW GENERATION CITY LIBRARY

# Popular Destination for Students

**Selçuklu Bələdiyyəsinin Bosna Hersek məhəlləsində istifadəyə verdiyi Yeni Nəsil Şəhər Kitabxanası müasir imkanları və sosial infrastrukturunu ilə tələbələrin böyük maraq göstərdiyi mühüm təhsil və ictimai məkanlardan birinə çevrilir.**



► “New Generation City Library” attracts intensive attention. Empowered by the “Selçuklu Vision” of the Municipality of Selçuklu, the library is receiving top marks from visitors of all ages for its facilities and comfortable atmosphere. As an important brand in librarianship in Türkiye, the Municipality of Selçuklu maintains its title as the municipality with the most libraries among local administrations. Taking its investments one step further with “Selçuklu Vision,” the municipality continues to increase its brand value with “the New Generation City Library.” The library welcomes visitors of all ages with its different design and numerous areas. Located in Bosna Hersek Street, the library access is very easy, and it also meets all the needs of book lovers with its social facilities.

## IT ATTRACTS ATTENTION

“The New Generation City Library” has received attracts from students throughout the year as it has reached 72,314 memberships, including its children’s library. Visited by 1,231,690 people since its opening, the center continues to be an important source of information and resources for book lovers. The library houses a total of 62,276 books, including 11,828 in “the New Generation Children’s



Library” and 50,448 in other collections.

## A FOCUSED SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL LIVING SPACE

The library, which stands out with its structure that allows students of different age groups to receive services at the same time, attracts attention not only with its special environment and colorful design, but also with its social, cultural, and educational programs. Supporting students’ career development, the center offers a space where they feel comfortable like their home and school. The library also organizes fun activities for children aged 4-6.

## A BRAND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı stated that they are making intense

efforts to contribute to the education of young people: “The investments we make in education are extremely valuable. We are increasing the skills of our young people through the “Selçuklu Vision.” Our “New Generation City Library” in Bosna Hersek Street is a complex that has become an important brand that prepares our students for the future with its study center, library, group study rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms and social areas. Since the day our library opened, it has attracted intense interest from people of all ages, and this makes us very happy. We are mobilizing all our resources to ensure that our students benefit from it in the best way possible. As Municipality of Selçuklu, we are always by the side of young people. We will resolutely continue our efforts to ensure that they can continue their education in the best way and improve themselves.”

Sabancı  
Universitesi

# Sabancı University

## Shaping the Future



Since its establishment in 1999, Sabancı University has succeeded in becoming among Türkiye's and the world's leading higher education institutions. Distinguished by its interdisciplinary approach, research-driven structure, and sustainability vision, the university prioritizes quality and innovation in education.

### Successive Academic Achievements

**University Rankings**  
Sabancı University is consistently recognized as one of Türkiye's leading universities across major global rankings. In the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026, Sabancı University placed in the 351–400 band among 2,191 universities, and in the QS World University Rankings 2026, ranked 404th among 1,501 institutions worldwide. Regionally, Sabancı ranked 82nd among 929 universities in the THE Asia University Rankings 2026 and 148th among 958 institutions in the QS World University Rankings Europe 2026, with a notable rise from 188th place compared to the previous year. Sabancı University also placed 66th among 911 universities in the THE Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026. Sabancı Business School continues to strengthen its international standing, with its Executive MBA Program ranked 48th worldwide in the Financial Times Executive MBA Ranking and the School ranked 53rd in the Financial Times European Business School Ranking. In both rankings, Sabancı Business School holds the highest position among business schools in Türkiye.

### Research and Innovation Hub

Sabancı University plays a leading role in research. It's one of the three foundation universities in Türkiye designated as a "Research University." The university oversees a substantial \$2.7 billion in funds, supporting 254 ongoing externally financed research projects. Its commitment to research is further evidenced by approximately 3.2 scientific publications per faculty member in 2025.

### Sustainability and Environmental Consciousness

Sabancı University places sustainability at the center of its institutional strategy and advances its work through the vision of "creating and developing a sustainable future together." The University addresses sustainability not only through environmental performance, but also as an integrated approach covering education, research, campus

**Sabancı University stands out for its interdisciplinary education, research-focused approach, and commitment to sustainability. It's progressively establishing itself as a global education hub by offering international students a contemporary campus experience alongside extensive support services.**

life, governance, and social impact. In line with its Net Zero Campus by 2050 target, Sabancı University continues to reduce the environmental impact of its Tuzla Campus through renewable energy, energy efficiency, carbon footprint management, water management, waste management, and circular campus practices. In the 2024–2025 academic year, the campus's electricity demand was fully met through electricity generated by the solar power plant and renewable energy certificates. As a result, market-based Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions were reduced to zero. This commitment is also reflected in its academic programs and interdisciplinary educational initiatives. The launch of the inter-faculty Sustainability Minor Program exemplifies this approach by bringing together expertise from different disciplines and embedding sustainability into undergraduate education. Hosted and coordinated by Sabancı Business School, the program provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to address complex sustainability challenges

from multiple perspectives. Sabancı Business School has introduced 7 new courses on sustainability for the last 2 academic years.

### Fostering Disaster Awareness in Students

Driven by its commitment to social responsibility, Sabancı University added a 'Disaster Awareness and Aid Management' course to its curriculum following the 2023 earthquake disaster. This course equips students with extensive knowledge in crucial areas, including disaster management, risk analysis, and the broader societal implications.

### The Appreciation of Art

The university also plays an active role in arts and culture, hosting significant exhibitions through the Sakıp Sabancı Museum.

### Innovative Approach

Committed to raising tomorrow's leaders, Sabancı University stands out with its pioneering educational methods, leading-edge research, and impactful community initiatives. The university's interdisciplinary learning framework and sustainability-focused vision are setting it apart as a benchmark higher education institution in Türkiye and globally.



Prof. Dr.  
Yusuf Leblebici  
Rector

### Guidance That Shapes Your Life

Sabancı University offers a variety of services to support international students easily adjusting to campus life, including orientation programs, guidance for residence permit applications, counseling from the student resources office, and on-campus health services. The university also offers guidance on career development and internship opportunities.

### Building a Bridge of Cultural Interaction

Student clubs at the university are vital platforms that support the social integration of international students. Notably, the International Students Club (SUINT) organizes both social and academic events that foster cultural exchange between Turkish and international students. Additionally, it serves as a support system for international students in administrative and education-related matters. These opportunities, as well as the university's academic excellence, cultural diversity, and strong student support, make Sabancı University an attractive choice for students pursuing a global educational experience.

### Unlock World-Class Education

This proven academic excellence makes the university a vibrant, multicultural hub where international students make up 13% of the total student body. Offering all programs 100% in English, Sabancı University sets itself apart with a unique educational model that grants students complete freedom to choose their majors after exploring different fields. Backed by scholarships for over 56% of its students, a stunning campus with top-tier student housing, and a phenomenal 94% graduate employment rate, the university serves as the ultimate global launchpad for your future.

### All the Modern Facilities You Need

Sabancı University provides a dynamic campus environment for international students, along with modern dorms, a variety of student clubs, and cultural activities. The university holds Türkiye's largest student accommodation capacity, providing priority dorm placement for foreign students. It offers housing in 2, 3, or 4-person rooms equipped with essential modern amenities. Each floor also includes study lounges and TV rooms to support both academic and social needs.

# Ibn Haldun University: A Gateway to Academic Success

Specializing in the social sciences, Ibn Haldun University stands out among higher education institutions in Türkiye with its multilingual education model, strong academic staff, and international students. With its research-oriented approach and emphasis on cultural diversity, the university offers its students a strong future vision both academically and globally.

Ibn Haldun University stands out with its academic approach in specialization model focused on social sciences, which is gaining increasing importance in higher education in Türkiye. Operating as a foundation university, it offers students a comprehensive educational environment where they can develop their academic aspirations through undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. Focused on academic production, the university is considered among the differentiating higher education institutions in the field of social sciences in Türkiye with its strong teaching staff, and multicultural student profile. The educational model offered within the university is based not only on the transfer of theoretical knowledge but also on developing students' intellectual capacity. The model produces research and provides the students with a perspective to solve social problems.

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION

Ibn Haldun University provides education in three languages: Turkish, English, and Arabic. The multilingual education stands out as one of the fundamental elements of the university's international vision. Bringing together students from different geographies under the same academic roof, the university places cultural diversity and inclusivity at the center of its educational philosophy. The academic atmosphere created within the university is not limited to a lecture-focused structure; it also offers an environment where students get to know different cultures, develop multifaceted thinking skills, and gain a global perspective. Thanks to this approach, students gain a strong social and cultural background in addition to their academic development.



Prof. Dr.  
Atilla Arkan  
President

## THE FACULTY-TO-STUDENT RATIO IS NOTEWORTHY

The faculty-to-student ratio of approximately 1 to 5 at the university is among the important factors that provide students with the opportunity for one-on-one academic communication. Thanks to this structure, students can work more closely with academics and can also benefit more effectively from counseling and academic guidance processes. The university administration emphasizes that its student-centered education model supports not only academic success but also the personal development of students. Gaining social skills, engaging in a research culture at an early stage, and developing interdisciplinary thinking competencies are among the university's primary goals.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO STEP INTO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

The fact that the international student ratio at Ibn Haldun University is approximately %30 and more than 70 countries are represented on campus reveals the university's growing academic structure on a global scale. Thanks to students from different countries, a multicultural academic atmosphere is created on campus, and this structure also contributes to the

development of students' global communication skills. The university aims to be an influential research university in the social sciences, not only in Türkiye but also on an international scale. In this regard, producing social contributions through academic studies, feeding scientific knowledge with diverse sources, and closely following global developments are among the priorities of the university.

## SUPPORTIVE ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

Located in Istanbul, the university stands out with its intensive research culture focused on social sciences. The academic work carried out within the university is not limited to theoretical production but is also supported by projects aimed at producing solutions to social problems. Ibn Haldun University is increasing its impact in the field of social sciences every year with its research centers, project studies, and academic publications. The university administration considers contributing to the development of policies that benefit society as one of its fundamental goals.

## INCREASING ITS INFLUENCE ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

The university's academic staff consists of individuals known for their scientific publications, international experience, and research competencies. The international visibility of the academics' work strengthens the university's effectiveness within global academic networks. The research environment created within the university allows students to actively participate in academic projects while also encouraging the development of new ideas. The university, which supports interdisciplinary studies in the social sciences, is among the institutions that stand out in Türkiye's transformation process in the field of higher education.



## Breaking Boundaries in Language Learning



▶ Ibn Haldun University (IHU) Language Village is one of only five projects in the world and the only university-supported project in Türkiye and now open for admission. Designed to provide education in many common and rare languages, primarily Turkish, English, and Arabic, IHU Language Village, located in the natural and tranquil atmosphere of Yalova on the coast of the Marmara Sea, has opened its doors to students from different countries who want to improve their language skills. IHU Language Village offers residential language education programs that enable students to learn foreign languages through intensive training programs, daily communication practice, and cultural activities.

## Only Target Language

Participants commit to speak only the target language in all areas of the camp life, including classes, workshops, and social activities, from the moment they begin the program.

## Year-Round Programs

Programs run throughout the 12 months of the year. Participants are offered 15-day, 1-month, and 7-week training options, while summer camps are held from June to August. The autumn, winter, and spring programs are organized according to the announced academic calendar.

## Aleppo Arabic Language Camp

▶ Ibn Haldun University, in collaboration with Aleppo University, has made the Aleppo Arabic Language Camp accessible to students. Designed as an intensive Arabic language training program, the camp offers students the opportunity to receive theoretical and practical Arabic training from expert instructors during a 100-hour course. Participants also can develop speaking skills and experience Arabic culture firsthand in Aleppo, one of the oldest cities in the Arab world. Developed in line with Ibn Haldun University's internationalization

strategy, the program includes cultural trips to Aleppo and Damascus. This aims to improve students' proficiency in Arabic in real-life settings. The program, supported by language games and social activities, helps participants put their theoretical knowledge into practice through one-on-one communication and interactive workshops with Aleppo University students. Students who successfully complete the program receive an internationally valid certificate approved by Ibn Haldun University and Aleppo University.

Boğaziçi University carries its deep-rooted legacy, beginning with Robert College — the first American higher education institution established outside the United States in 1863 — even further today. Not only is it one of Türkiye's most prestigious higher education institutions, it also stands out as a leading research university, strengthening its position in global academic competition year on year. Thanks to its academic achievements, strong research capacity, international collaborations, technology production and high-calibre students, Boğaziçi University continues to be one of Türkiye's most important higher education brands on the global stage.

### RISING MOMENTUM AMONG WORLD UNIVERSITIES

Boğaziçi University continues to rise in international higher education rankings. It continues its strong momentum from recent years, rising to 371st place in the QS World University Rankings 2026. The university thus maintains its position as one of the fastest-rising higher education institutions globally. Boğaziçi University also achieves remarkable results in field-based rankings. According to QS data, it ranks 217th in the world for Social Sciences and Management and 236th for Engineering and Technology. Its achievements in data science, artificial intelligence and engineering further enhance the university's international academic visibility. Boğaziçi University is also ranked in the 401–500 band in the 2026 Times Higher Education World University Rankings. Its performance in the 151–175 band for Education, and in the 251–300 band for Arts and Humanities and Business and Economics, further reinforces its global competitiveness.

### ACADEMIC QUALITY AND SELECTIVE EDUCATION MODEL

Boğaziçi University continues to be the preferred choice of Türkiye's most successful students. Each year, it ranks among the most selective state universities in Türkiye based on the academic success of students admitted to its undergraduate programmes. While the university has traditionally had a strong academic identity in the social sciences and humanities, it also offers an educational structure that meets international standards in engineering. The fact that all of the university's engineering programmes are accredited by ABET is one of the most important indicators that the education provided is of a world-class standard. Thanks to its academic structure, which provides education entirely in English, Boğaziçi University offers students an educational environment in which they can compete interdisciplinarily and on a global scale.

### STRONG RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRODUCTION ECOSYSTEM

Boğaziçi University is renowned not only for its educational excellence, but also for its robust research infrastructure. Its 162 laboratories and 28 leading research centres contribute significantly to scientific production in various disciplines. This research ecosystem operates across a wide range of fields, from engineering and basic sciences to social sciences and environmental research, and creates a strong production area for academics, researchers and students. Boğaziçi University researchers actively participate in nationally and internationally funded projects and are steadily progressing in the production of high-impact scientific publications.

# Boğaziçi University carries its deep-rooted legacy into the future



Prof. Dr.  
Naci İnci  
Rector

Strengthening its academic tradition stemming from the legacy of Robert College on a global scale, Boğaziçi University continues to play a pioneering role in research, education and technology production. With its rise in international rankings, robust research infrastructure and artificial intelligence-focused studies, the university is shaping the future of higher education.



## NEW GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES ARE BECOMING A STRATEGIC FOCUS

Artificial intelligence and data science, two of today's most critical areas of transformation, are among Boğaziçi University's strategic priorities. Studies conducted at the Boğaziçi University Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence train the human resources Türkiye needs in artificial intelligence, data science, big data and machine learning. The institute also develops research and R&D projects. The university also supports students, researchers and graduates in realising their innovative projects through technology development zones and an entrepreneurship ecosystem.



## BECOMING A CENTRE OF ATTRACTION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Today, Boğaziçi University conducts student exchanges, joint research projects and academic collaborations with numerous prestigious higher education institutions in Europe, North America, Asia and other parts of the world. Thanks to hundreds of international partnerships, students and academics have access to greater mobility and research opportunities on a global scale. Thanks to its all-English education model and strong academic reputation, the university continues to attract international students.



## A GLOBALLY IMPACTFUL ALUMNI PROFILE

Boğaziçi University graduates assume significant roles in business, academia, entrepreneurship, public administration and international organisations. According to current data, a significant proportion of students gain access to career opportunities before graduation. The strong brand value of Boğaziçi graduates continues to attract attention in Türkiye and internationally.

# THE RIGHT DESTINATION FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION: TÜRKİYE

**Türkiye is now home to more than 340,000 international students from 198 countries, capturing a 5.3% share of the global higher education market. With its extensive scholarship opportunities, multilingual education programs, and cultural richness, Türkiye is an attractive educational hub for international students.**



Today, Türkiye has emerged as an important player amid the growing trend of globalization among higher education institutions around the World. Thanks to its geographical location, cultural diversity, deep-rooted educational tradition, and strong academic infrastructure, Türkiye hosts more than 340,000 international students. According to UNESCO data, there are 6.3 million international students worldwide. Türkiye holds a 5.3% share of the global market and ranks among the top 10 countries hosting the most international students.

the country, established as state or foundation (private) universities. Universities offer associate, undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees, with many programs available in foreign languages such as English, French, German, and Arabic. All universities accredited by the Higher Education Council (YÖK) are included in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and are part of the Bologna Process. As part of this framework, students' diplomas are recognized in European countries, facilitating academic mobility and transfers.

#### **340,000 STUDENTS FROM 198 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES**

Türkiye hosts students from 198 different countries. The Higher Education Council (YÖK) aims to increase the number of international students in Türkiye to 500,000 and raise its share in the global market to 6.25% by 2024-2028. The cities with the highest concentration of international students are Istanbul (35%), Ankara (6%), Eskişehir (6%), Karabük (3%), and Erzurum (3%).

#### **A WIDE RANGE OF DEGREE OPTIONS**

Turkish universities offer a variety of education opportunities in fields such as natural sciences, engineering, health, social sciences, arts, and sports. There are more than 200 universities across

#### **COMPREHENSIVE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT**

One of the most comprehensive scholarship programs for international students is the Türkiye Scholarships program. Coordinated by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), this program covers students' tuition fees, monthly stipends, accommodation, health insurance, and round-trip flights. Türkiye Scholarships provides full support to successful students from around the world throughout their university education. Additionally, some universities offer their own scholarships, such as merit scholarships, preference-based scholarships, and academic achievement incentives for international students.





## A RICH CULTURE THAT WILL DRAW YOU IN

▶ Located at the crossroads of Asia and Europe, Türkiye remains popular with its rich history and cultural heritage. Universities in major cities such as Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Konya, and Bursa offer students both high-quality academic education and a culturally rich living experience.



## THE BIRTHPLACE OF TOLERANCE

▶ Türkiye is like a mosaic where different religions, languages, and cultures coexist. Mosques, churches, synagogues; Turkish cuisine, folk dances, festivals, and traditional handicrafts are key elements that reflect this richness. This multicultural environment offers international students both an educational and a profound experience.



## OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

▶ International students graduating from Turkish universities gain a significant advantage in their careers with the qualified education they have received and the international diploma they earn. Türkiye, with its growing job market across many sectors, offers graduates various employment opportunities. Additionally, students can continue their academic careers either in Türkiye or abroad. Türkiye Scholarships alumni can maintain their connections with Türkiye through the Türkiye Alumni, receiving support in areas such as career development, social networks, and cultural activities.

### A safe and hospitable living environment

Türkiye offers international students an ideal living environment with safe living conditions and a hospitable society. Students from different geographies can live comfortably and pursue their education in Türkiye without feeling like an outsider. Student communities, counseling centers, and psychological support units are available to facilitate students' social adaptation processes.

## CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUSES

▶ Turkish universities stand out with their modern campuses, designed to meet the needs of the current age. Libraries, laboratories, sports facilities, student clubs, research centers, and social spaces contribute to students'

academic and personal development. Advanced internet infrastructure, digital library access, and online learning opportunities are among the standout features of universities in Türkiye. Additionally, many universities encourage

students to participate in scientific research, while entrepreneurship centers enable them to turn ideas into projects. This environment contributes to cultivating creativity and productivity among students.



## A GATEWAY TO YOUR FUTURE

▶ Türkiye boasts a strong educational system that offers quality, diversity, and accessibility in higher education. With significant opportunities in terms of academic

development, cultural richness, economic life, and social support, Türkiye is steadily advancing toward becoming a global education hub. For all international students

with a desire to advance their education, immerse themselves in different cultures, and graduate with a world-class diploma, Türkiye stands out as an ideal choice.

## REPORTING THE CHANGING WORLD

## ANADOLU AJANSI

Anadolu Ajansı, with its 106-year history, is shaping the future of journalism. It operates a global news network in 137 countries, invests in digital transformation, and takes a multilingual approach to publishing.



With activities ranging from education and artificial intelligence to international photography competitions and social responsibility projects, AA continues to strengthen its mission of being “the messenger of a changing world.”



One of Türkiye's long-established news institutions, Anadolu Ajansı (AA) has expanded beyond being merely a news-producing organization during its 106-year publishing journey. AA continues its activities in a wide range of areas, including education, technology, international organizations, and social responsibility projects. Founded to be the voice of Anatolia during the most challenging days of the National Struggle, the Anadolu Ajansı continues its mission of being “the messenger of a changing world” through its global news network, which operates in 137 countries; its multilingual publishing approach; and its investments in digital transformation. Founded by Halide Edip and Yunus Nadi on the instructions of Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the AA operates 36 offices and broadcasting centers and publishes in 14 languages. With a wide network of correspondents spanning Europe, America, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Caucasus, AA conducts extensive global news reporting.

#### AA ACADEMY

The AA Academy, operating within Anadolu Ajansı, organizes training programs to cultivate future journalists and enhance the professional skills of its employees. The academy offers theoretical and practical training led by expert instructors and experienced journalists. Topics range from news writing and interviewing to photography and videography. The training model is based on a master-apprentice

relationship and aims to provide young journalists with field experience. The AA Workshop program includes the Cinema Workshop, the Gözcü (Watcher) program, and the 360 Talks program. The “War Reporting Training” program is designed for journalists working under extraordinary circumstances and has provided training to over 500 participants from various countries worldwide.

#### ISTANBUL PHOTO AWARDS

The Istanbul Photo Awards, an international news photography competition, attracted approximately 19,000 photographs from professional photographers in 113 countries this year. Now in its 12th year, the winning entries were selected by an international jury of respected figures in the field. “Gaza, No Hope,” a photograph taken by Palestinian photographer Haitham Imad for the EPA, was awarded “Photograph of the Year.” The competition featured striking visuals depicting a wide range of global issues, including the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the California wildfires, cultural rituals in Sudan, and artificial intelligence in Japan. Other award-winning entries included works on the struggle for survival of Afghan children, the reconstruction of life in post-war Syria, space debris, and Ukraine's cultural heritage. Preparations are underway for domestic and international exhibitions featuring the winning photographs, as well as for a photo album.

#### Anadolu Ajansı NEWS AWARDS

Anadolu Ajansı launched the Anadolu Ajansı News Awards to support the development of journalism in Türkiye and to encourage professional achievement. The organization promotes ethical, high-quality, and reliable journalism to uphold high standards in the field. In addition to the grand prize for “News of the Year,” awards were given in television, print, and new media categories. The Turkish Language Association Special Award for the Use of Turkish in News, the Halide Edip Women Journalists Special Award, and the Citizen Journalism Special Award were also presented.

#### 1920 RUN

To celebrate its 106th anniversary, Anadolu Ajansı Turk Inc. organized the “1920 Run.” The event aimed to combine the spirit of the company's founding with the unifying power of sports. It took place on a 10-kilometer course that encompassed the Anıtkabir (Mausoleum of Atatürk). In collaboration with the Turkish Athletics Federation, the event was organized in accordance with international competition standards. Athletes who placed in the general classification and age categories were awarded trophies and plaques.

#### AA'S WEBSITE RENEWED

Anadolu Ajansı has launched its new digital face, renewing the infrastructure and interface of its website in line with its digital journalism vision, and strengthening the user experience. With the renewal work carried out within the scope of its 106th anniversary, the site has gained a faster, more accessible and visually focused structure. Simplicity, aesthetics and functionality have been combined on the platform where news content is presented with a dynamic interface.



#### “HANDS SPEAK” PROJECT INTRODUCED

Anadolu Ajansı introduced its Turkish Sign Language social media platform, “Hands Speak,” to provide hearing-impaired individuals with access to reliable news. Operating under the AA Discrimination Line, the project aims to enable hearing-impaired individuals to follow current events from reliable sources and reduce barriers to accessing news.

#### 'RETHINKING THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE' PANEL

Anadolu Ajansı organized a panel titled “Rethinking the Consequences of Climate Change” at the Istanbul International News Center to draw attention to global climate change. The panel, attended by experts, comprehensively evaluated sustainability in cities, the effects of climate change on water resources, and its social and cultural dimensions.

#### 'OUR FAMILY, OUR FUTURE' PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The “Our Family, Our Future Photography Competition” was organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Family and Social Services as part of the “2025 Year of the Family.” The competition aimed to strengthen family awareness, make intergenerational bonds visible, and draw attention to the importance of the family as an institution. The competition, which was held without category restrictions, covered themes such as family relationships, daily life, special occasions, family-child relationships, and intergenerational interaction.



#### VOTING FOR THE PHOTOS OF THE YEAR 2025

The “Photos of the Year” were selected from 112 photographs taken by Anadolu Ajansı photojournalists and reporters. These photos reflect events that impacted the global agenda. This year, the competition included special categories: “Gaza: Hunger” and “Portrait.” Mustafa Hatipoğlu's photograph, titled “Conqueror of the Skies,” won first place in the “News” category with 2,257,708 votes cast. The image depicts tanker aircraft refueling fighter jets in midair at Incirlik and is considered one of the most striking news photographs of the year. By combining its 106-year history with an innovative approach to journalism, Anadolu Ajansı continues to strengthen its active role in the global media ecosystem through a wide range of activities, including education, digital transformation, international organizations, and social projects.

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