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Istanbul
Bilgi University

LAUREATE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

DISCOVERING THE GLOBAL CITY; İSTANBUL



The city of İstanbul has many names: Constantinople, Byzantium, Stamboul, Sublime Porte and today, İstanbul. Each of these names represents a different time in history.

The city might have gone through many changes, but has never lost its very essence of existence: serving as a crossroad to many civilizations and as a center of culture, art and trade.

BİLGİ, not only promises a top notch academic and social environment, but also allows one to discover the very spirit of İstanbul.

At the turn of the century, a power plant was established on the banks of the Golden Horn to fuel city with electricity.

Today, it turns the energy into education in **santral**istanbul Campus under the roof of **İstanbul Bilgi University**.

BİLGİ AT A GLANCE

İstanbul Bilgi University is a reference for quality, social impact, internationalization and comprehensiveness within the Turkish Higher Education System.

Facts



Founded in 1996 as one of the first foundation universities in Turkey



More than 25.000 undergraduate & graduate students



Around 1.000 academic staff members



Around 2000 international students from all around the world



4 campuses (santralistanbul, Dolapdere, Kuştepe and Kozyatağı) in the heart of Istanbul



7 faculties, 4 schools, 3 vocational schools & 3 institutes, more than 150 programs



English as the medium of instruction



390,000 electronic books, 61,500 electronic journals, 117 electronic databases and encyclopedias



The only member University in Turkey



Has over 700 international program agreements



Turkey's first accredited online MBA program offered since 2000



21 research centers in various fields

Accreditation & Recognition



Ranked among the top 137 universities in the "Top Universities in Emerging Europe and Central Asia" 2018



English Preparatory Program has been awarded full accreditation from CEA for five years



The psychology undergraduate program has been awarded full accreditation until 12 February 2022

TÜRK PSİKOLOGLAR DERNEĞİ



International Family Therapy Association

The University Clinical Psychology graduate program becomes the first and only program in Turkey to be awarded a full accreditation



Five departments of Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences have been awarded full accreditation until 30 September 2019

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

Application Process & Deadlines

Erasmus+:

The deadline for submission of online application is:
Fall semester June 1st, Spring semester November 1st
Erasmus Programs [click here](#).

Bilateral Programs:

The deadline for submission of online application is:
Fall semester June 1st, Spring semester November 1st
Bilateral Programs [click here](#).

Laureate Network Programs:

The deadline for submission of online application is:
Fall semester August 15th, Spring semester November 15th
For more information on Laureate network Programs [click here](#).

Academic Calendar

Academic Calendar is as follows:

For Undergraduate Programs [click here](#).

For Graduate Programs [click here](#).

Important Dates:

2018 FALL

6 September 2018
Orientation for
International Students

19 September 2018
Fall Semester / Classes Begin

2019 SPRING

1 February 2018
Orientation for
International Students

11 February 2018
Spring Semester / Classes Begin

Academic Information

International students are highly advised to select courses that are indicated as “**Recommended for International Students**” through the **Online Course Catalogue**.

Credit Load and Grading System:

The calculation of the workload (Lecture class hours, lab work, project design, project presentations, field work, discussion, problem solving, internship, exams, preparation time for other evaluation activities) of a course is taken into consideration. Since the value of 1ECTS credit is between 25,5 hours at İstanbul Bilgi University, the students workload for one academic year is 1530 hours. Therefore, the students credit load for each semester is thirty (30) credits.

The overall average grades are calculated on the basis of the following numeric values assigned to each letter:

Letter	Numeric Values	Description
A	4.00	Excellent
A-	3.70	Excellent
B+	3.30	Good
B	3.00	Good
B-	2.70	Good
C+	2.30	Average
C	2.00	Average
C-	1.70	Pass on Probation
D+	1.30	Pass on Probation
D	1.00	Pass on Probation
F	0	Fail

Health Insurance

Incoming students are required to have health insurance for the duration of their stay in Turkey as part of the application for the Student Residence Permit. During the orientation day students will be informed on how they can acquire a health insurance in Turkey.

For more information [click here](#).

Visa & Residence Permit

Please check the visa requirements [here](#).



Steps to Follow upon Arrival to Turkey

- 1 Mandatory participation in the Orientation day at BİLGİ:** Students will be given information on how to register to BİLGİ and register to courses as well as tips for social life at BİLGİ and İstanbul.
- 2 Academic Registration:** After the orientation students must register for courses through the online SIS System.
- 3 Health Insurance:** Students can apply for the health insurance, along with their passport and copy of the passport page with the photo on it. Students willing to apply for Health Insurance through BİLGİ, there are some options available.
- 4 Residence Permit:** Students are required to apply online for the Residence Permit, within one month of arrival. They will be given an appointment date to submit all required documentation. A Residence Permit is an official document stating registration with the Directorate General of Migration Management. The students will be informed in detail regarding the procedures during the Orientation Day.

STUDENT LIFE AT BİLGİ



Shuttle Services

BİLGİ offers free Shuttle services running between all the campuses and are also available from/to city centers. Please [click the link](#) for shuttle schedules.

Housing

İstanbul Bilgi University has agreements with different third party establishments for housing services. Please [click the link](#) for options.



Health and Counseling Services

As well as academics, physical and psychological development of the students are important at BİLGİ. Infirmary and Psychological Counseling Unit serve to all BİLGİ students and staff during the office hours. For more information about the Infirmary [click this link](#) and for Counseling Services [click this link](#).



Students

More than 100 student clubs serve to the common interests of all BİLGİ students. International Students are highly encouraged to join one of the clubs, per their interest as well as International Students Club. For more information [click this link](#).



Food Services

Different vendors from coffee shops to restaurants and cafeterias on all campuses.



Other Services

From Copy Centers to the hairdresser BİLGİ meets different students' needs during office hours.





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