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TO STUDY
@BİLGİ
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 İstanbul 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 2,000 international students from all around the world
- 4 campuses (santralistanbul, Dolapdere, Küştepe 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
- 5 faculties
- Englis as the medium of instruction

### 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
- 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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GLOBAL TALENT MANAGEMENT CENTER

WHO WE ARE
Our mission at Istanbul Bilgi University Global Talent Management Center (BILGITalent) is to help our students and graduates to explore life purpose and guide them through this period; to provide them with national and international resources throughout their individual and professional development process; guide them to achieve their potentials.

You can find the main services of BILGI Talent below:

- Talent Development and Career Consultancy
- Individual and Professional Development Certification Programs
- Sector Meetings
- Job and internship opportunities
- Advising Office for International Degree Seeking Students
- Compulsory Internships
- Voluntary Internship
- On Campus Student Employment
- International Exchange Programs;
  - **Erasmus+ Study Mobility**
    Allows students to experience Europe in the field of higher education with a provided grant.
  - **Erasmus+ Internship Mobility**
    Enables students to benefit from an internship abroad opportunity with a duration of minimum two and maximum twelve months with a provided grant.
  - **Bilateral Exchange Program**
  - **Laureate Exchange Programs**
  - **Swiss Mobility**
  - **Summer/Winter programs**
  - **Prep Abroad**
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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

Application Process & Deadlines

**Erasmus+:**
The deadlines for online application are:
Fall semester June 1st, Spring semester November 15th.

Please click the link for more information [click here].

**Academic Calendar:**
Please will be updated on yearly basis so please check the academic calendar from our website. For more information [click here].

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### 2020 FALL

- **in Early September 2020**: Orientation for International Students

- **in Mid September 2020**: Fall Semester / Classes Begin

### 2021 SPRING

- **in Late January 2021**: Orientation and Registration Day for Incoming Erasmus Students

- **in Early February 2021**: Course Registration Week

- **in Mid February 2021**: 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 1 ECTS 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:

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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 please click 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. For 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 which are also available from/to city centers.

**Housing**
İstanbul Bilgi University has agreements with different third party establishments for housing services.

**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.

**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.

**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.

Please check for more information about the student life BİLGİ on the following link; please [click here].