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Istanbul  
Bilgi University

# DISCOVERING THE GLOBAL CITY; İSTANBUL



Photo by Erasmus Student Suzan Salama Università Degli Studi Roma Tre

The city of Istanbul has many names: Constantinople, Byzantium, Stamboul, Sublime Porte and today, Istanbul. 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 Istanbul. 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 2.000 international students from all around the world



4 campuses (santralistanbul, Dolapdere, Kuştepe, Annex Building) in the heart of İstanbul



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



220 Erasmus+ agreements with 35 partner countries



Has over 700 international program agreements



Turkey's first accredited online M B A program offered since 2.000



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



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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# INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

## WHO WE ARE

Our mission at Istanbul Bilgi University International Office 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 International Office:*

- **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**

### **Swiss Mobility**

### **Summer/Winter programs**

### **Prep Abroad**

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# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

## **Nomination Process & Deadlines**

### **Erasmus+:**

The deadlines for partner nominations are:

**Fall semester:** 14.04.2025–16.05.2025

**Spring Semester:** 15.09.2025-17.10.2025

For more information, please **click here**.

### **Academic Calendar:**

Academic calendar is updated on yearly basis, therefore, please check the academic calendar from our website. For more information **click here**.

**2025 FALL**

**September (exact dates  
will be announced in  
BİLGİ website)**

Orientation

Registration Days

Fall Semester  
ClassesBegin

**2026 SPRING**

**February (exact dates will  
be announced in  
BİLGİ website)**

Orientation

Registration Days

Spring Semester  
ClassesBegin

## 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 Istanbul Bilgi University, the students workload for one academic year is 1530 hours.

Therefore, credit load for students 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-	3.7 0	Excellent
B+	3.30	Good
B	3.0 0	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	1.0 0	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.





## 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 Istanbul.

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. They can get their health insurance from any insurance agent in Turkey.

4

**Residence Permit:** Students are required to apply online for the Residence Permit, within one month of arrival. 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

Istanbul 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](#).



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