

Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University

International Student Guide

2024-2025



International
Office

BUILDING NO	CODE	BUILDING NAME
1	G1	Halkali Square Entrance
2	TR	Historical Building Rectorate
3	TD	Historical Building Classrooms
4	TL	Historical Building Classrooms
5	TM	Historical Building Museum
6	PA	Administrative Units
7	PG	Research Laboratories
8	P3	Parking 3
9	PB	IT Department
10	PM	Architecture Workshops
11	PK	Laboratories
12	PL	Drawing Workshop
13	PH	Nursing
14	G2	North Entrance
15	P4	Parking 4
16	EK	ISEFAM
17	EG	Educational Sciences
18	DL	School of Languages
19	C3	Dilek Cafe
20	OM	Student Center
21	G3	West Entrance
22	KT	Library
23	M1	Square
24	CM	Mosque
25	TK	Ancient Village
26	TP	Technopark
27	HB	Hobby Garden
28	CF	Mini Farm
29	KA	Male Student Guesthouse
30	SA	Stadium A Block (Health-Culture)
31	SB	Stadium B Block (Sports)
32	S3	Golf course
33	S2	Tennis Courts
34	SC	Indoor Gym
35	KD	Girls' Guesthouse
36	MA	Guesthouse
37	MN	IZU Practice Kindergarten
38	MA	Guesthouse
39	B1	Fruit garden
40	P2	Car park
41	C2	Ezgim Cafe
42	P1	Car park
43	R1	Service Area
44	C1	EspressoLab Cafe
45	DR	Central Classrooms Building
46	LB	Sabri Ülker R&D Center





*A Campus
University
within the City*



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University President

In the world and the country we live in, everything changes rapidly. Among the most prominent factors playing a crucial role in this transformation is “knowledge and science.”

Established by the “good people” enamored of the path of science and knowledge, Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University’s main priorities are to provide its students with higher education and training of world standards and to offer a wide research basis for its academic personnel in their related fields.

Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University (IZU) has been growing at an exciting pace and reaching new frontiers. We are continually improving our infrastructure and facilities while establishing new academic programs. We are incredibly proud of our capable, experienced, and ever-growing academic staff, consistently demonstrating the highest academic standards. Our constant desire to expand and enhance our academic team stems from our conviction that our students deserve the best. Furthermore, our beautiful campus has always been a warm home to our students, where they feel safe and confident and find all the facilities and support they need to pursue their academic and personal goals.

Our dear students, welcome to a new academic year that we hope will further enrich your lives and minds and better prepare you for what will come next. As your university president, I wish you all the best.

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Cevat ACAR
President





Head of International Office

Welcome to your new home in Türkiye.

Our dear international students make İZÜ a truly unique and diverse university. They also make İstanbul a veritable world capital. Our university's international office is here to help and serve you in this fascinating academic journey. For many of our students, studying at university is the most memorable chapter of their lives, and our goal is to make sure that they genuinely feel this way.

The international office will always be here to help you with whatever issues you face as an international student in Türkiye. We want to be a friend, a helping hand, and a source of support during those years away from home.

We are proud of our considerate and resourceful staff that has accommodated the different cultures and languages we have at İZÜ. This beautiful mix has always been a pride for our university administration and, of course, the international office.

You should never feel unsure or hesitant about coming to us, and always remember that the staff at the international office is here to help you.

İlhan YALIM
Coordinator

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICE

IZU International Office is the leading destination for international students. Our office helps international candidates through their admission to the university, guiding them step by step to complete their application and answering all their inquiries not to leave any question marks. It does not end with the admission letter, but our monitoring continues to navigate decisions and assist students in their new journey in Istanbul specifically and Türkiye generally. From enrolment to engagement with the department, from equivalency certificate to residence permit, and from dormitory accommodations to life in Istanbul. With our expert staff team, we try to provide the best recommendations and solutions for every situation our student faces. Under different circumstances, we assist and encourage our dear students to endure hardship and carry on the path they have drawn for themselves at their first step at IZU. The International Office is, basically, the bridge between university life and the students.

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Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University

FROM A NOBLE PAST TO BRIGHT FUTURE

The campus where our university is located has hosted education and trainings for 131 years. This campus started schooling as Halkalı Agriculture and Veterinary High School, which is one of the first steps of industrialization and development, and is where many scientists and intellectuals have been trained who have shaped the society, especially our National Poet Mehmet Akif Ersoy. IZU trains the scientists, educators, entrepreneurs, and professionals of the future with the power it draws from its noble past.





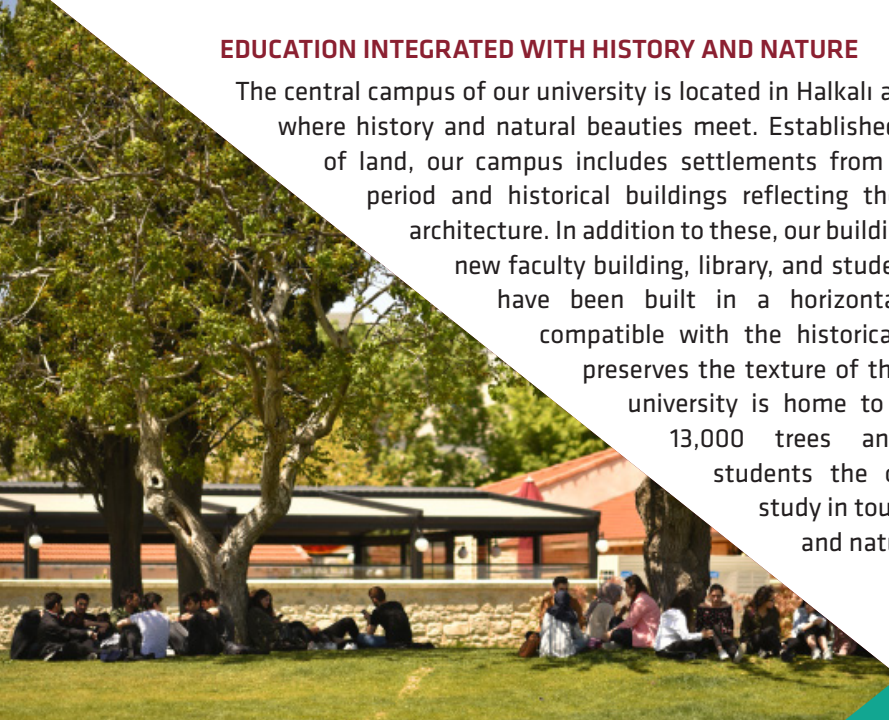
A FOUNDING FOUNDATION WHICH IS VETERAN IN EDUCATION

The İlim Yayma Foundation (Foundation for the Dissemination of Knowledge) is the base foundation of our university and has a history of more than half a century. Since its establishment in 1973, our foundation has provided support to students at all levels of education, supported scientific studies, and conducted scientific publications. The İlim Yayma Foundation established Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University in 2010 in order to carry out these studies more comprehensively and consistently.



EDUCATION INTEGRATED WITH HISTORY AND NATURE

The central campus of our university is located in Halkalı and is the point where history and natural beauties meet. Established on 650 acres of land, our campus includes settlements from the Byzantine period and historical buildings reflecting the 19th-century architecture. In addition to these, our buildings such as the new faculty building, library, and student guesthouse have been built in a horizontal architecture compatible with the historical texture that preserves the texture of the campus. Our university is home to approximately 13,000 trees and offers its students the opportunity to study in touch with history and nature.



A YOUNG AND DYNAMIC ACADEMIC STAFF

IZU is a university that brings together a young and dynamic academic staff under the same roof with its experienced professors. Most of our faculty members have doctorate degrees from abroad, and our academic staff contributes to the literature with their scientific publications. Strengthening its staff day by day, IZU offers its students the opportunity to work closely with a dynamic academic staff and to benefit from their experiences.



ALL THE COLORS OF THE WORLD ARE AT IZU

IZU hosts approximately 2,300 international students from 90 countries. In addition to many Turkish academicians with doctorates from abroad, our university staff includes expert lecturers and researchers from 35 different countries. While international students become experts in their fields with the education they receive, they can also get to know our country and be inspired by our riches. The fact that all colors of the world are guests at IZU adds an international experience to our student body.



ZAIM TECHNOPARK

Zaim Technopark was established on 72 decares of land on our Halkalı Campus and is the first technopark in Istanbul within the scope of foundation universities. Our technopark aims to be a pioneer in many fields, accelerate the realization of our academicians' and students' outstanding projects, and will provide internships to our students as well as qualified job opportunities for our graduates. Our Technopark plans to serve in the thematic fields of Energy, Defense Industry, Food, Informatics and Health. Zaim Technopark will be among the technoparks that highlight countries in the field of technology and innovation in the 21st century, will ensure the commercialization of innovative ideas, and will contribute to the economy of our country by increasing university-industry cooperation in our region.



TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND PROJECTS

The IZU Technology Transfer Office aims to assist in the application and commercialization of information and technology produced within our university in many fields. Under the leadership of our academicians and Technology Transfer Office Coordinatorship, projects are being developed to bring various innovations brought by technology and science to the university, sector, and society. Projects from institutions such as İstanbul Development Agency (İDA), European Union, TÜBİTAK, KOSGEB, Ministry of Youth and Sports, YTB and TİKA are carried out at our university. Students with an entrepreneurial spirit can incorporate by taking advantage of the opportunities of the Incubation Center.



ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITY, ENTREPRENEURIAL YOUTH

The IZU Entrepreneurship and Incubation Support Unit provides infrastructure and consultancy services for project writing and commercialization to people who have original ideas to become entrepreneurs, especially academicians and students. During their university education, our students are provided with various trainings that enable them to turn their ideas into practice and that aim to have them graduate as entrepreneurial individuals. In addition, our young people who transform their ideas into products are assisted in obtaining patents and establishing companies. With many entrepreneurship courses in the curriculum, the KOSGEB entrepreneurship certificate and opportunity for grant support are provided to all our students.



LEADING RESEARCH CENTERS OF THE REGION

Academic studies conducted in 18 different research centers within our university are accepted as an important reference source in Türkiye and the world and also add value to society. These research centers have seen more than 70 projects carried out with the support of TÜBİTAK, KOSGEB, and IDA. Among our main research centers are the International Islamic Economics and Finance Research and Application Center, Silk Road Civilizations Research and Application Center and Mehmet Akif Ersoy History, Literature and Civilization Application and Research Center, Nuclear Sensors and Robotics Application and Research Center, Special Talented Children Education Research and Application Center, Distance Education Research and Application Center and CIGA (Center for Islam and Global Affairs).



IZU FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

The IZU Career Center organizes activities to create career awareness in our students from the first year they start university. Our goal is to train well-equipped, preferred, highly employable, and leader graduate candidates in our country and in the world. In this context, the managers and human resource units of Türkiye's leading companies provide various trainings and seminars on our campus at the career fairs and events held throughout the year and also offer internship opportunities to our students.



Studying at IZU

Academic Calendar of 2024-2025 Year Undergraduate Programs

FALL SEMESTER

Academic Activity		Date		
Double Major - Minor - Transition Applications Between Programs		12-16	August	2024
Last day of announcement of weekly course programs		29	August	2024
Course Registrations / Advisor Approvals		9-13	September	2024
START / END OF CLASSES		16	September 31 December	2024
Course Add-Drop Period / Advisor Approvals		16-20	September	2024
Additional Exams (Bachelor's Degree Completed Maximum Education Period For Students)		16	September 11 October	2024
Last Day of Announcement of Midterm Exam Dates		18	October	2024
Republic Day	Monday (No Classes will be held)	28	October	2024
	Holiday: Tuesday	29	October	2024
MIDTERM EXAMS		2-8	November	2024
Deadline for the announcement of midterm exam grades		18	November	2024
Make-up Exams		19-22	November	2024
Last Day for Course Removal (For Undergraduate Programs Only)		22	November	2024
Deadline for Announcement of Final Exam Dates		20	December	2024
New Year		1	January	2025
FINAL EXAMS		2-12	January	2025
Deadline for announcement of final exam grades		16	January	2025
Deadline for the announcement of the make-up exam dates		17	January	2025
MAKE-UP EXAMS		20-25	January	2025
Deadline for Announcement of Make-up Exam Grades		27	January	2025
Last Day of Announcing the "Missing" Scores for the Fall Semester		27	January	2025
GRADUATION EXAMS		4-7	February	2025
"Last Day of Submitting the Results to the student affairs		7	February	2025
Last Day of Delivery the Exams Envelopes to Faculty / Institute Secretariats		7	February	2025
End of Semester Break		13-31	January	2025

SPRING SEMESTER

Academic Activity		Date		
Double Major - Minor - Transition Applications Between Programs		30 December	20 January	2024 2025
Last Day of Announcing Weekly Course Programs		17	January	2025
Course Registrations / Advisor Approvals		27-31	January	2025
START / END OF CLASSES		3	February 24 May	2025
Add - Drop Period / Advisor Approvals		3-7	February	2025
Additional Exams (For Undergraduate Students Who Have Completed the Maximum Study Period)		3-28	February	2025
Deadline for Announcement of Midterm Exam Dates		7	March	2025
Eid al-Fitr	Arafa: Saturday (No Classes will be held)	29	March	2025
	Holidays	30	March 1 April	2025

MIDTERM EXAMS	5-11	April	2025
Deadline for Announcement of Midterm Exam Grades	18	April	2025
Last Day for Course Removal (For Undergraduate Programs Only)	11	April	2025
Make-up Exams	28	April 2 May	2025
National Sovereignty and Children's Day	23	April	2025
Labor and Solidarity Day	1	May	2025
Deadline for Announcement of Final Exam Dates	5	May	2025
Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day	19	May	2025
FINAL EXAMS	26	May 4 June	2025
Eid-al-Adha	Arafa: Thursday (No classes will be held)	5	June 2025
	Holidays	9-6	June 2025
Last Day of Announcing the Final Exam Scores	12	June	2025
Last Day of Announcement of Make-Up Exam Dates	13	June	2025
Make-up Exams	16-21	June	2025
Last Day of Announcement of Make-Up Exam Grades	23	June	2025
Last Day of Announcing the "Missing" Scores for The Spring Semester	23	June	2025
GRADUATION EXAMS	1-4	July	2025
Last Day of Submitting the Results to the student affairs	11	July	2025
Last Day of Delivery the Exams Envelopes to Faculty /Institute Secretariats	11	July	2025

SUMMER SCHOOL

Academic Activity	Date		
Deadline for Notification of the Courses to be Opened by the Deans/Directorates to the Rectorate	23	May	2025
Course Pre-Registration	23-27	June	2025
Deadline for Announcement of Courses to be Opened and Weekly Course Schedules	30	June	2025
Course Registrations / Advisor Approvals	1-4	July	2025
COURSES BEGINNING / ENDING	7	July 25 August	2025
Democracy and National Unity Day	15	July	2025
FINAL EXAMS	26-29	August	2025
Victory Day	30	August	2025
Last Day of Announcing the Final Exam Scores and Submitting the Results to the student affairs	5	Septembe	2025
Last Day of Delivery the Exams Envelopes to Faculty / Institute Secretariats	5	Septembe	2025

2024-2025 Academic Year / Academic Calendar/ Language Preparatory Programs

FALL SEMESTER

Academic Activity		Date		
Foreign Language Placement Exam		2	September	2024
Announcement of Foreign Language Placement Exam Results		3	September	2024
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Written)		4	September	2024
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Oral)		5-6	September	2024
Announcement of Foreign Language Proficiency Exam Results		7	September	2024
1. MODULE				
Classes Start / End Monday		16	September	8 November 2024
Republic Day	Monday (No Classes will be held)	28	October	2024
	Holiday: Tuesday	29	October	2024
Module End Exams (Written)		11	November	2024
Module End Exams (Oral)		12-13	November	2024
Announcement of Module End Exam Results		15	November	2024
2. MODULE				
Classes Start / End		18	November	10 January 2024
New Year		1	January	2025
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Written)		13	January	2025
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Oral)		14	January	2025
Announcement of Foreign Language Proficiency Exam Results		15	January	2025
FALL SEMESTER'S END FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAM				
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Written)		16	January	2024
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Oral)		17	January	2025
Announcement of Foreign Language Proficiency Exam Results		20	January	2025
Semester Break		20-24	January	2025

SPRING SEMESTER

Academic Activity		Date			
3. MODULE					
Classes Start / End Monday		27 January	21 March	2025	
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Written)		24	March	2025	
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Oral)		25-26	March	2025	
Announcement of Foreign Language Proficiency Exam Results		28	March	2025	
Eid al-Fitr	Arafa: Saturday (No Classes will be held)	29	March	2025	
	Holidays	30 March	1 April	2025	

4. MODULE

Classes Start / End Monday	2	April	30	May	2025
National Sovereignty and Children's Day	23		April		2025
Labor and Solidarity Day	1		May		2025
Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day	19		May		2025
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Written)	29		May		2025
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Oral)	30		May		2025
Announcement of Foreign Language Proficiency Exam Results	31		May		2025

END OF SPRING SEMESTER FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAM

Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Written)	2		June		2024
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Oral)	3		June		2025
Announcement of Foreign Language Proficiency Exam Results	4		June		2025
Eid-al-Adha	Arafa: Thursday (No classes will be held)		5	June	2025
	Holidays		6-9	June	2025

SUMMER SCHOOL

Academic Activity	Date				
Registrations	10-13		June		2025
Determination of Modules to be Opened	16		June		2025
Final Registration Date	17-20		June		
Classes Start / End date	23	July	13	August	2025
Democracy and National Unity Day	15		July		2025
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Written)	14		August		2025
Foreign Language Proficiency Exam (Oral)	15		August		2025
Announcement of Foreign Language Proficiency Exam Results	16		August		2025
VICTORY DAY	30		August		2025

School of Languages

The purpose School of Languages is to raise our students above the B2 level at the European Common Language Framework Criteria level. In this context, its goal is to improve our students' understanding, speaking, reading comprehension, and writing skills in Turkish, English, and Arabic.

Language Prep Class

If you do not have a proficiency in the language of instruction of your department, then you have to study in a prep class for two semesters until you reach B2 level proficiency. The prep class consists of 5 modules A1, A2, B1, B1+ and B2.

How Can I Be Exempt From the Compulsory Prep School?

To be exempt from the compulsory prep school, you must certify your proficiency in the language of instruction (Turkish/English/Arabic). You can also attend the proficiency exams made by IZU just before the beginning of the academic year. According to our score list, a minimum of 72 from TOEFL IBT or 60 from YDS is required for exemption from the prep class. IELTS is not accepted by the university. Students who certify that they finished a B2 level language preparatory class at another university can be exempted from language preparatory classes if the relevant faculty approves their certificate.

“IZU Graduates Can Speak At Least 3 Languages”, How is This Possible?

IZU provides its students with the opportunity to graduate speaking at least 3 languages. At IZU, particular importance is given to English as it inevitably must be learned for any individual who wants to take part in the globalized world, Arabic as it is one of the most important and most-used languages in the geography where we live, and Ottoman Turkish as it will enable us to better understand our civilization and our past. In addition to these languages, we offer global languages such as Spanish, Russian, and Chinese as electives free of charge to our students as an elective course during a semester. The courses are given approximately three times a week, totaling 9 hours of lecture in the evening. Since it is an elective course, you will receive credits.

Minoring and Double Majoring

What is Double Major (DAP)?

It is a program that allows students who successfully carry out their undergraduate programs to receive a diploma by simultaneously taking courses in a second undergraduate program of their interest.

When Can I Apply for a Double Major Program and What are the admission requirements?

The student can apply to the second major diploma program in the 4-year major undergraduate diploma program at the beginning of the 3rd semester at the earliest and at the beginning of the 5th semester at the latest, provided that he/she meets the necessary conditions. The student who will apply for a double major must have successfully completed all the courses he took in the major until the semester he applied for, and the student's overall grade point average in the major diploma program must be at least 3.00 in the quadruple system at the time of application, and he must be in the top 20% in terms of success in the relevant class of the major diploma program. (Students who are not in the top 20% of the major diploma program in terms of success in the relevant class, but whose overall grade point average is 3.00 and above, and those who have the same type of score, not less than the base score of the program in which the double major will be made, can also apply to the double major program. In order for a student to graduate from a double major program, their GPA must be at least 2.72 out of 4.00. During double major program, the student's overall grade point average may be reduced to 2.72 out of 4.00, for one time only. Students whose Cumulative Grade Point Average falls below 2.72 out of 4.00 for the second time can no longer attend the double major program.

What is a Minor Program?

It is a program that allows students who successfully carry out their undergraduate programs to receive a certificate by taking simultaneous courses in a second undergraduate program of their interest.

When Can I Apply for a Minor Program and What are the admission requirements?

Students can apply to the minor program at the beginning of the 3rd semester at the earliest and at the beginning of the 6th semester at the latest in the 4-year major undergraduate diploma program, provided that they meet the necessary conditions. The student who will apply to the minor program must have successfully completed all the courses taken in the undergraduate program until the application period and the student must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 in the major program at the time of application and they must have a cumulative point grade average of at least 2.50 in their major programs in order to continue. Those who fail the criteria are no longer entitled to attend a minor program.

GRADING SYSTEM

GPA is the main tool in assessing a student's success. In other word, your GPA is commonly used as a measurement of your academic performance. When you apply for a scholarship, master's or Ph.D. program, job and so forth; your GPA will be a great factor in the evaluation. In addition to your academic performance, it is always a criterion when measuring your diligence, determination and reliability. You will get exam scores and letter grades which correspond to a coefficient. The coefficient is calculated towards your GPA.

4 Point System	Letter Grade	ECTS Letter Grade	Definition	IZU Grades
4.00	AA	A	Excellent	90 - 100
3.50	BA	B	Very Good	85 - 89
3.00	BB	C	Good	80 - 84
2.50	CB	D	Satisfactory	75 - 79
2.00	CC	E	Sufficient	70 - 74
1.50	DC	-	Conditionally	60 - 69
1.00	DD	-	Conditionally	50 - 59
0.50	FD	FX	Fail	40 - 49
0.00	FF	F	Fail	00- 39
0.00	DZ	-	Fail	00-00

The instructor may prefer using the Curve System to calculate the letter grade by looking at various factors especially the average score of the class.

FF, FD: The Grade (FF) is given to students who fail the course. Student has a chance to pass the course by succeeding in the retake exam. Otherwise, student is required to retake the entire course in the upcoming year. Student will be automatically registered for the retake exams when S/he fails.

DD, DC: The Grades (DD,DC) are given to students who pass the course conditionally. Conditionally passing means that student's GPA should be at least 2.00 to graduate. In case student's GPA is below 2.00, S/he has to retake the conditionally passed courses.

High Honor: If student has a GPA of at least 3.50 without a disciplinary penalty record, S/he will achieve the high honor status. If student's GPA is between 3.00-3.49, S/he will be awarded with a certificate of honor

HOW DO I UPGRADE MY SCHOLORSHIP?

The success during the year is awarded at our university. Students who have a weighted grade point average of at least 3.40 or above and who are in the top three in their class (including full scholarship students) are given an academic success scholarship of 100% to the first-place student, 75% to the second-place, and 50% to the third-place, in terms of the tuition fees to be paid in the following academic years. The academic success scholarship continues during the normal education period for as long as the student's weighted grade point average is 3.00 or above for each subsequent semester.

What Are the Other Grants and Discounts?

Sibling / Spouse Discount

A discount of 10% is made on the tuition fee to be paid to each brother/sister and spouse, who are studying at the same level diploma programs at our university. This discount is valid as long as the students are studying at the same time. To be able to reflect the fees of your sibling or spouse discount to the tuition fee, you need to submit a petition to the General Secretariat with documents, proving your relationship. Submission should be done during the registration and before making a payment. The petition should be given to Office Records and Correspondence. A copy of the passport must be attached to the petition for the sibling discount. However the documents which indicate that they are married (marriage certificate etc.), must be added to the petition for the spouse discount. Applications submitted after the registration date will be taken into consideration starting from the next academic year.

Student Support Scholarship

A very limited number of monthly stipends are available for students who experience a major change in their family income. Therefore, you can apply for it during the second year. The stipends are provided by İlim Yayma Foundation and you can apply at the **International Office**.

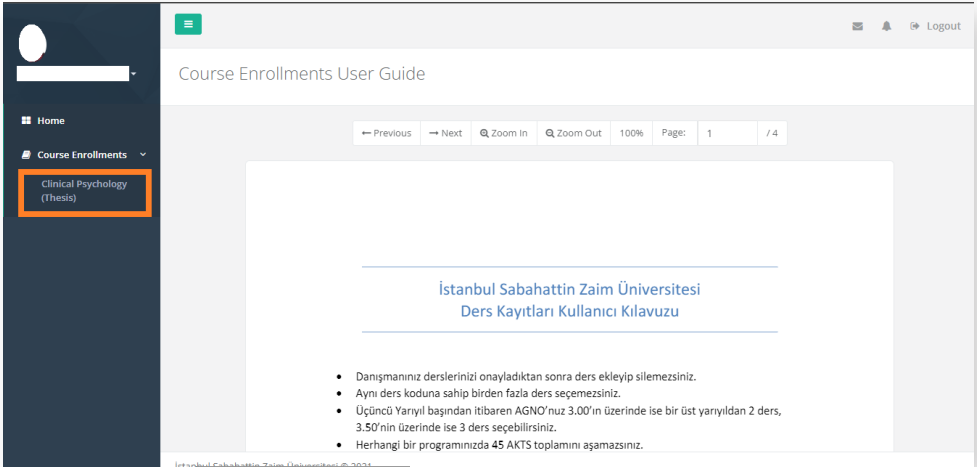
How Do I Select My Courses?

Course selection

- For the selection of the courses visit <https://derskayit.izu.edu.tr/Login>
- You can change the language according to your preference.
- Login to the website with the IZU Webmail and password.
- Then choose your department from the Course Enrollments.

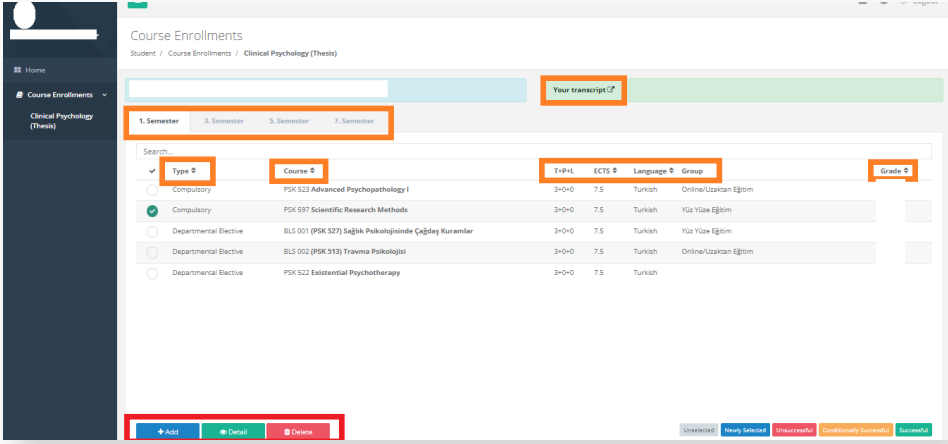
Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University Course Registrations User Manual

- You cannot add or delete courses after the advisor has approved your courses.
- You cannot select more than one course with the same course code.
- If your CGPA is higher than 3.00 at the start of the semester, you can select two courses from the next semester, and three courses if it is higher than 3.50.
- You cannot exceed the total of 45 ECTS in any of your programs.
- You cannot exceed 60 ECTS in your Major + DMP programs.
- You cannot exceed 45 ECTS in your Major + Minor programs.
- Courses that occur on the same day and at the same time will not be available to you. Consult with your advisor.



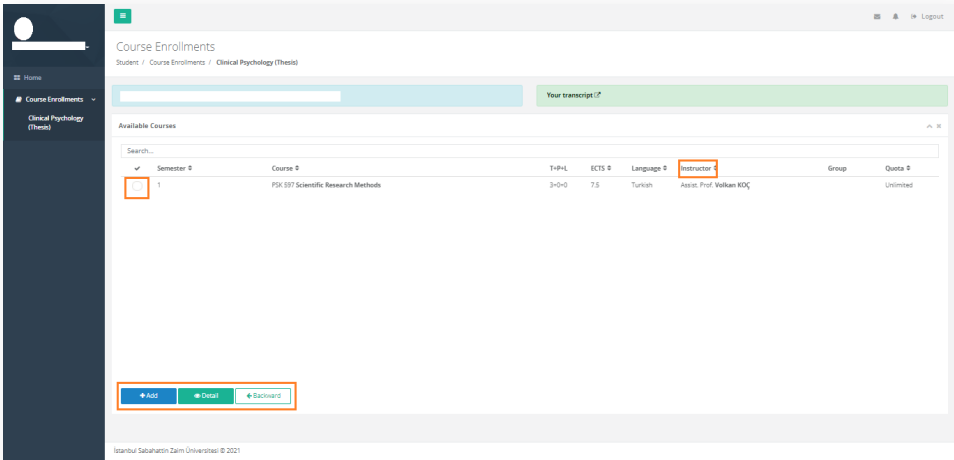
Picture 1

- There are active programs that you can enroll in classes for.



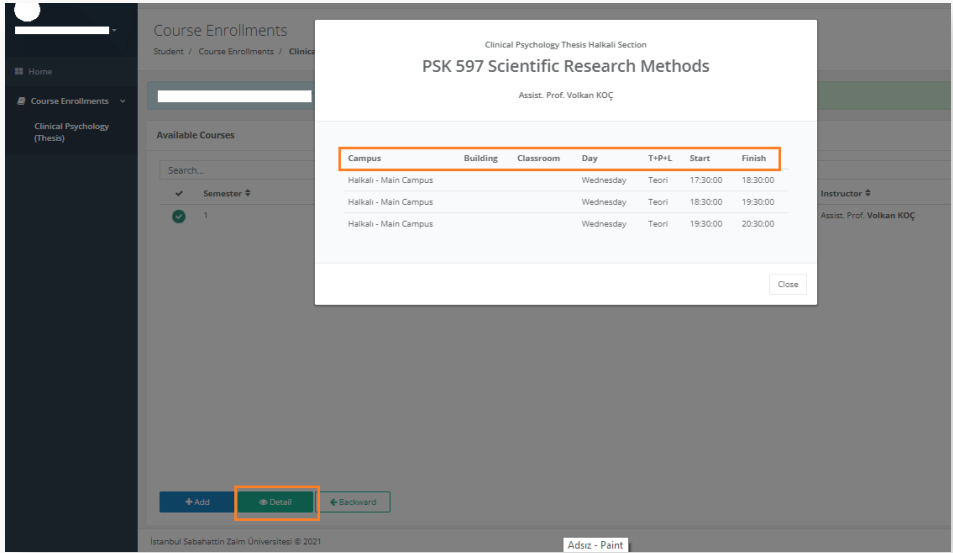
Picture 2

- You can find information about the program you have chosen to register for the course.
- Your transcript of your relevant program is included.
- There are mandatory courses for your associated program that you can choose from.
- Search is made according to any text among the courses you can choose.
- It allows you to select the lesson you marked by adding it to the box.
- Displays the details of the course you ticked, such as Campus, Building, Classroom, Day, Hour, Occupancy rate. (Picture 4)
- The courses you have selected with the add operation (6) are displayed here.
- Deletes the course which box you have checked from among the courses you have selected.
- Displays the total ECTS of the courses you have selected.



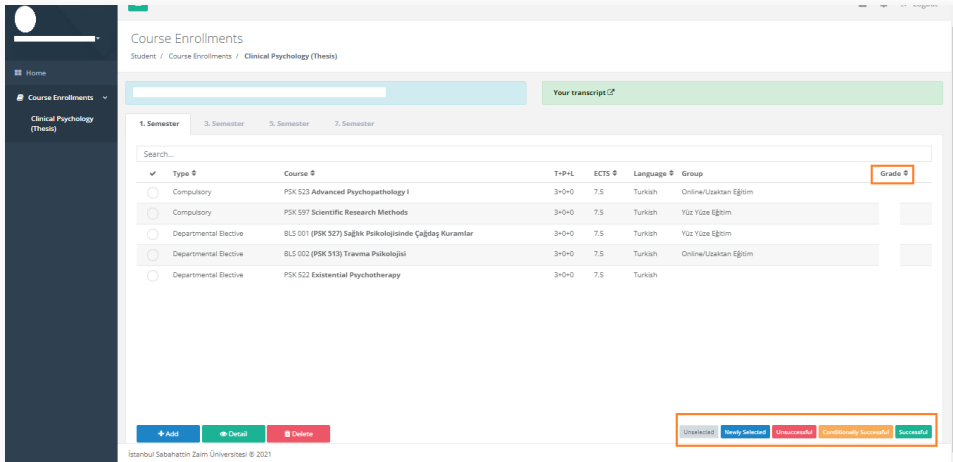
Picture 3

- Displays the elective courses (Example: BLS, FKS, UNS, IZU-COMMON, etc.) that you ticked the box among the courses you can choose.
- Allows you to return to the list of required courses again.



Picture 4

- The quota occupancy rate of the relevant course and details such as course code, course name, lecturer, etc. are included.



Picture 5

Information Technologies

“Campus” Information System

The Student Information System allows you to access your database at the university.

You will receive your student e-mail with your own password by messages to your mobile phone. If you did not receive it, or if you think there is any error with your phone number, please make sure to notify us (International Office) to correct it.

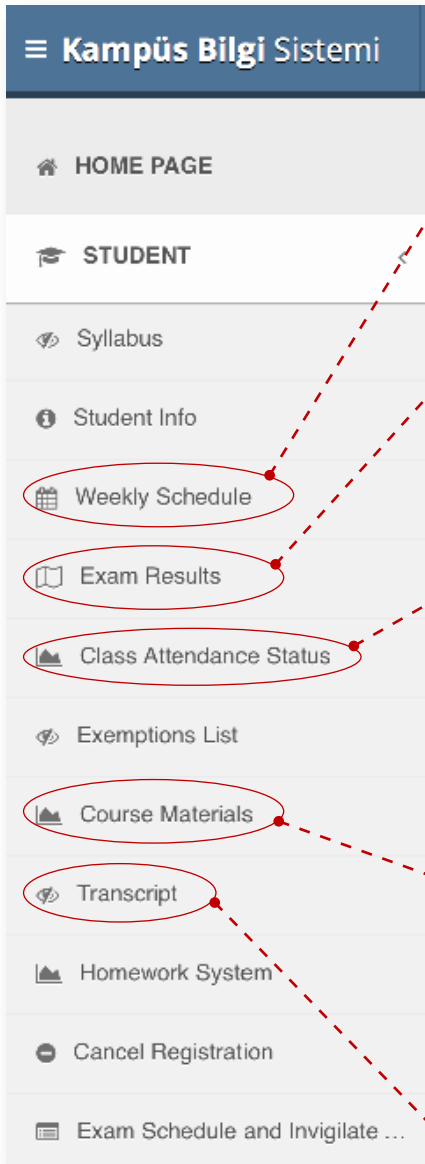
Campus System lets you access your marks, schedules, lectures, transcripts, homework and all your study related tasks.

You can use the Application section in your system to apply for Dorms, scholarships... Etc.

This email and password make you able to enter the Eduroam Wi-Fi network, the PC devices in the campus and the library

PC's (Make sure to not share it with anyone).

Basics of the “Kampus” System



Weekly Schedule:

With this option you can see which classes you have planned weekly. You will be able to see the time and room number of each class.

Exam Results:

This option will show you the results of your exam for each class, the average that the class took and at the end of the semester your final grade.

Class Attendance Status:

This option will show you the number of times you attended the classes, what your attendance percentage is, and on which dates you attended. Not to forget that the attendance rate of the students must be at least 70%, otherwise, they cannot attend the final exam.

Course Materials:

You can find the materials that your instructors upload for each class. These are the tasks/documents assigned to you for your studies. Please do your homework.

Transcript:

You can check your grades and final GPA through your transcript. Keep up the good work and keep your GPA high.

How to Connect to the Internet at IZU Campus?

Wireless Settings (Eduroam)

IZU has one of the fastest internet connections in Türkiye. With the Eduroam connection you will also have the privilege to connect wireless networks of universities, libraries, and institutions around the world. You need to follow the steps listed and shown on pictures below in order to connect to Eduroam using the Wi-Fi settings of IOS and Android phones.

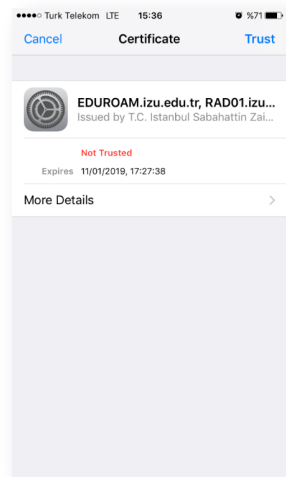
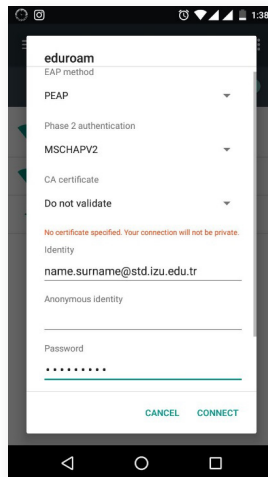
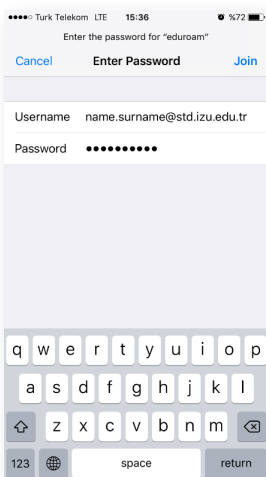
Go to your settings.

Choose the Eduroam Wi-Fi network.

Enter your username (name.surname@ std.izu.edu.tr) and password.

For Android: Choose PEAP as your EAP. For your ID verification chooses MSCHAPV2.

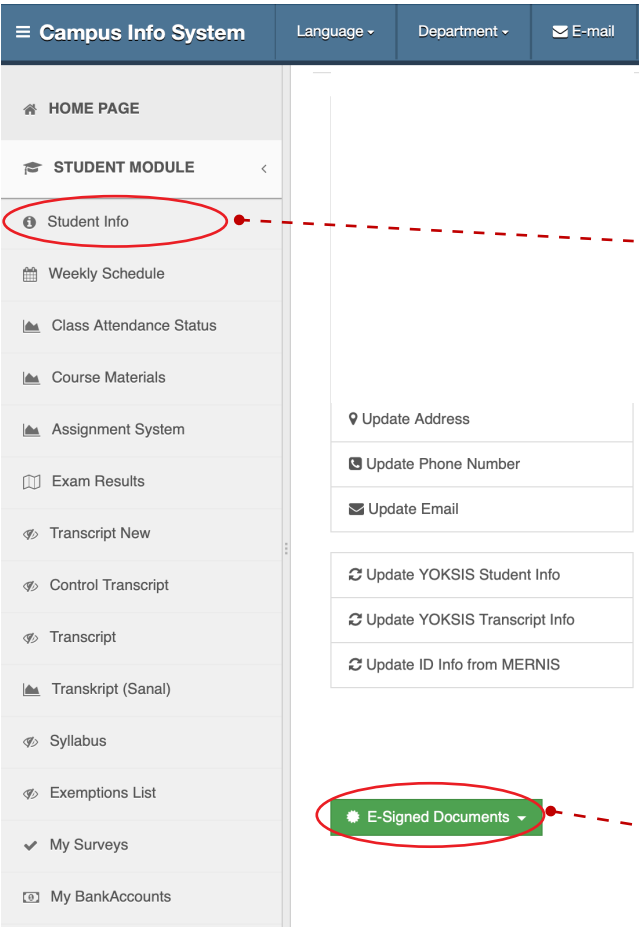
For IOS: After logging in with your user- name and password, choose Trust in order to connect.



IZU Webmail and Free Microsoft Office

Using your email is very important. All notices and instructions will be sent to your student webmail. All students at IZU can use their student webmail in order to download the Microsoft Office tools for free. You will receive your student e-mail with your own password by messages to your mobile phone. If you did not receive it, or if there is an error with your number, please make sure to notify the international office for correction. The steps you must follow: First, you have to go to **www.IZU.edu.tr** at the end of the webpage, you have to choose student webmail. After logging in you will have the option to download Office 2021-.

How To Obtain E- Signed Documents ?



Step 1:
Look for a section or tab labeled “*Student Info*” . This is on the main dashboard.

Step 2:
Scroll down to find a green button labeled “*E-Signed Documents*.” Click on it to view and request the documents you need.

Note: After the document is requested, a download **link** along with a **code** will be sent to your email within the day (except for weekends). Once you enter the code in the linked page, the document will be downloaded automatically to your device.

Basics of the “IZU Portal” System

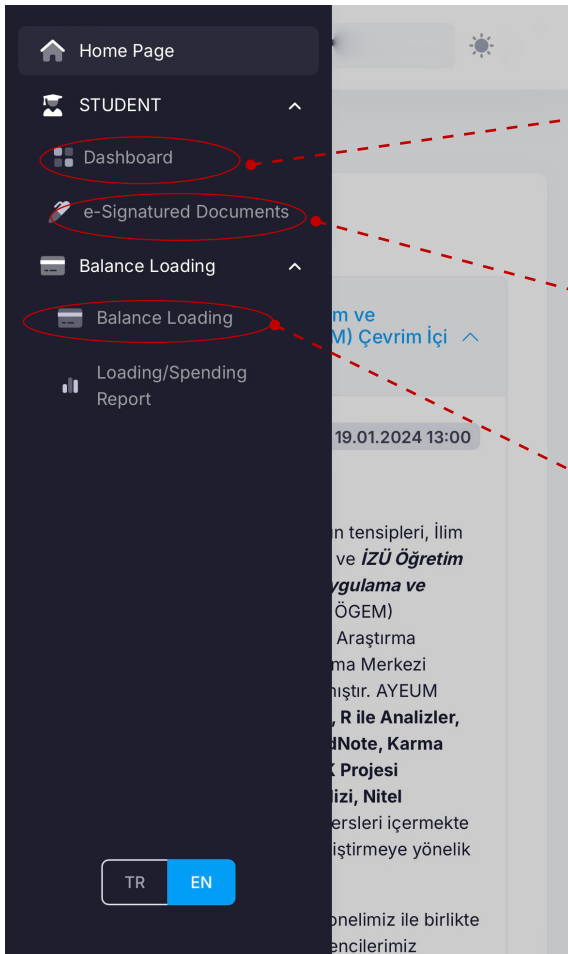
IZU Portal

IZU Portal is a digital platform designed for students of Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. This allows users to easily manage their different tasks such as E-mail activation, Course Tracking, Grades and Transcripts, Payment and Balance Loading, e-Signed Documents, announcements and etc..

Login Process:

To log in to the portal, use the email address provided by the university.

if you are first time user you have to change your password via <https://portal.izu.edu.tr/ForgotPassword> by filling out your student e-mail (You will receive your student e-mail via SMS after registration).



Dashboard:

you can access your GPA, weekly class schedules, and course materials."

E-Signed Documents:

Here You can request the specific e-signed documents that you need.

Balance Loading:

Allows you to load money into your account. You can increase your balance for use in the cafeteria, canteen, and other services.

(Cash is not accepted at IZU)



Legal Procedures

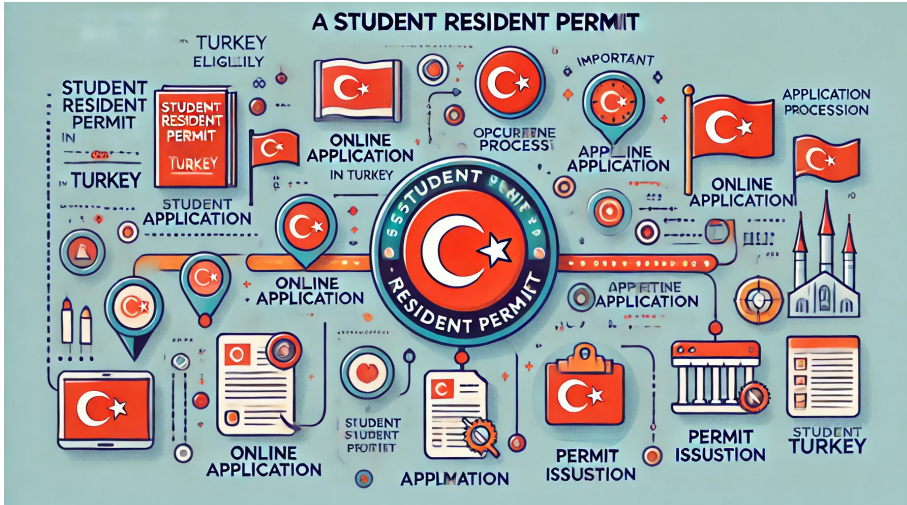
Please read this guideline carefully and follow the relevant steps for both your residence permit card and equivalency certificate applications. If you have any questions about the issues which are stated in this guideline (residence permit, equivalency, health insurance, telephone registration, etc.), please contact us.

international@izu.edu.tr

1. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR TURKISH STUDENT RESIDENCE PERMIT

International students in Türkiye are required to apply for a Turkish Student Residence Permit before their visa expires. This permit allows you to stay in Türkiye for the duration of your studies. All international students, regardless of status, must apply for a student residence permit within one month of arriving in Türkiye. New regulations from the Immigration Office and the Higher Education Council (YÖK) now require that students begin their residence permit applications through their university's international office.

This process ensures compliance with Turkish immigration laws and facilitates smoother administrative procedures. To start the application, students should prepare all necessary documents as outlined by the international office (check the QR) set by Turkish authorities. By meeting these requirements and submitting the complete application on time, students can maintain their legal status in Türkiye throughout their studies. Our office is responsible for delivering students' residence files to the Immigration Administration once a week, so students must submit their residence documents to the International Office within THREE (3) DAYS after the online application.



SCAN QR

For Necessary Documents

2. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCY (DENKLİK BELGESİ)

All international undergraduate students must submit a High School Diploma Equivalency Certificate (Denklik Belgesi) as part of their registration process, along with other required documents. This certificate ensures your high school diploma meets Turkish education standards. Note: Students with Turkish high school diplomas are exempt from this requirement.



Why is the Equivalency Certificate Important?

The equivalency certificate verifies that your high school education is equivalent to Türkiye's system. Without this certificate, your registration will not be completed. Students who receive a rejection cannot legally register at any Turkish university. It is your responsibility to obtain this certificate, though the International Relations Office can guide you through the process.

How to Obtain the Certificate:

1. From a Turkish Embassy/Consulate in Your Country:

- You may be able to obtain the equivalency certificate before arriving in Türkiye. Check <http://abdigm.meb.gov.tr/www/yurt-disi-temsilciliklerimiz/icerik/27> for a list of educational attachés.

- Contact the local attaché to learn about the application process and required documents. This option allows you to complete the process before traveling. Once obtained, submit the certificate with your registration documents.

2. In Türkiye:

- If your country lacks an attaché or they do not issue the certificate, you will need to apply in Türkiye via <https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr/>.
- Register online, providing personal details (including a Turkish mobile number for SMS), and upload required documents. After selecting an appointment date, attend in person with your original documents for verification.
- Once verified, download the certificate as a PDF and submit it to Student Affairs.

Required Documents:

- Application Form: Download here https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr/documents/denklik_basvuru_formu.doc and complete it.
- Passport Copy: Submit the ID page.
- High School Diploma Must be apostilled or stamped by the Ministry of Education, Foreign Affairs, or the Turkish embassy, with seals clearly visible.
- Transcripts: Cover all high school years and be stamped by appropriate authorities.
- Translations: Notarized translations required if documents are not in Arabic, English, German, or French.

Special Considerations:

- Students from Apostille Convention countries must have their diplomas and transcripts apostilled. See www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41 for signatory countries.
- British GCE students must meet specific diploma and exam requirements.
- During registration, notarized copies of your diploma are accepted if originals are at the equivalency office.

Final Reminders:

- The application for equivalency is the student's responsibility. Your registration cannot be finalized without this certificate, and rejection could prevent your enrollment. Be sure to stay informed of any regulatory changes by the Turkish Ministry of Education.

By preparing ahead and ensuring the proper submission of your documents, you will avoid unnecessary **delays** in completing your registration process.

3. HEALTH INSURANCE

Foreign students who are studying in Türkiye are required to have health insurance from a Turkish insurance company, as a prerequisite for obtaining a student residence permit in Türkiye.

According to Turkish law, all the residents are required to obtain health insurance valid for at least one year, so that they can obtain a short-term residence permit in Türkiye, including the students.

Note: Student Health Insurance Regulation (SGK)

All students are required to update their registration with the Social Security Institution (SGK) within **three months** of their university enrollment. This registration necessitates a valid ikamet (residence permit).

Private Insurance Option: In case students miss the governmental SGK registration deadline, they have the alternative to register for private health insurance (sigorta).

4. PHONE REGISTRATION

If you have brought your own mobile phone to Türkiye, you must register it within 120 days after your last entry date to Türkiye. If you do not, your phone will be blocked after 120 days.

You will need to submit your residence permit card during the phone registration. If you register without a residence permit card, your phone will be blocked after 6 months.

In order to register your phone to the system, first you need to pay the mobile phone registration fee (currently 31,692 TL). You can pay your fee via online banking, by going to the nearest tax office, or to any bank branch. (The fee may change annually.)

Whether you pay your fee online or in person, you will be asked to provide the IMEI number of your mobile phone. After making the payment, please take the receipt and keep with you.

If you do not know the device's IMEI number, you can learn it by dialing these digits:

*#06# After you learn your IMEI number, please write it down to a paper.

Paying the registration fee does not mean registering the phone. You must register your phone through the e-devlet portal. (<http://www.turkiye.gov.tr>)

PS: As the cost of registering your phone is almost equal to a new phone cost, we suggest buying a new phone instead of going through all these bureaucratic processes.

5. E-DEVLET PORTAL

E-devlet is a website offering access to all public services from a single point. You can register your IMEI Number, download your criminal record or student certificate or address document.

If you are an internet banking customer of a Turkish bank, you do not need to obtain an e-devlet password. You can enter the platform with your internet banking credentials. Once you enter the e-devlet website, you will see an internet banking option to enter the platform. Select that option, choose your bank and proceed. Otherwise, you do need an e-devlet password. To get your password, you have to visit a PTT branch (post office) with your active Turkish cell phone, passport and residence permit card.

6. OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

In order to open a bank account in Türkiye the following papers and documents are required;

- Tax number
- Student certificate or student identification card
- A rental agreement or an invoice with your name and address on it
(An invoice: electricity, water or gas bills).
- Passport

7. HOW TO OBTAIN ISTANBULKART ?

Istanbulkart is a new-generation contactless card used in place of traditional paper tickets or tokens on public transportation. It can be loaded with electronic money and is valid for almost all public transportation vehicles operated by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, including buses, metrobus, metros, funiculars, trains, ferries, and trams.

Required Documents for the Istanbul Student Card:

- Student Certificate (T.C. number must start with 98 or 99).
- Passport
- Passport Photo
- Istanbulkart Fee

You need to take these documents to the **Yeni bosna application center Only**.

To find the application center, click the link below:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/bV5MSTtmmpM1PkZ26>

LIFE AT IZU

A CAMPUS UNIVERSITY - IN THE CITY

Located in the center of Istanbul metropolis, İZU offers its students the advantage of studying in a peaceful environment in the city in Halkalı campuse. Located in the middle of important points such as the Istanbul Airport and the E-5 and TEM (European Highway) highways, İZU provides easy access to every part of Istanbul with its proximity to transportation services such as the metro line, metrobuses, and Marmaray line (metro).



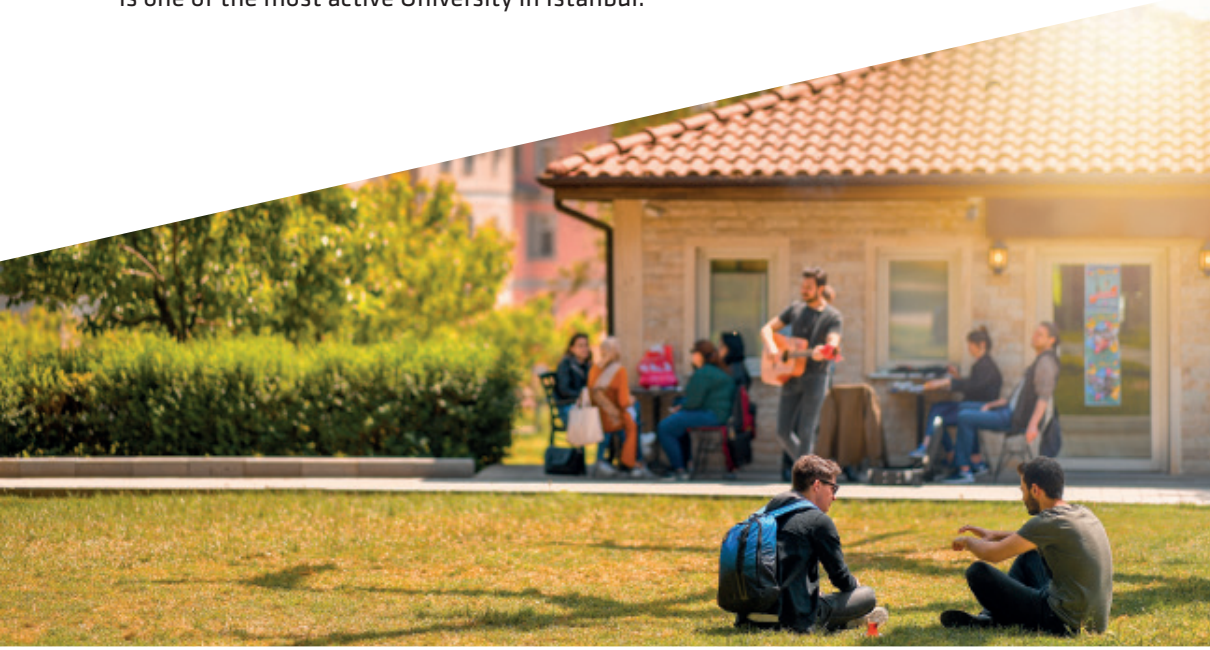
A WONDERFUL CAMPUS IN THE SHADOW OF CENTURY-OLD SYCAMORES

You can experience a peaceful university life on the İZU campus away from the chaos and noise of the city in the shadow of centuries-old sycamore trees. While studying in a quiet environment, you can taste organic fruit in the garden, which has about **30 varieties of fruit**, and share your food with our lovely friends (parrots, rabbits, cats, lambs and squirrels) who live on our campus.



ACTIVE STUDENT LIFE

In addition to **65 active student clubs**, IZU has many communities and platforms. Our students organize many activities on and off the campus, adding value and color to the society. Programs such as volunteer-based and original sounding seminars, trainings, excursions, sports tournaments and poetry recitals are carried out under the leadership of our students. With **more than 650 events** throughout the year, IZU is one of the most active University in Istanbul.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CLUB

IZU International Student Club organizes, promotes and/or supports cultural, social and sportive activities like country presentation days, friendship wall day, trips, picnics and many more, representing its members who are from diverse cultures. Students from more than 91 countries around the world already joined the club, you are more than welcome to join the International Students Club too.

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OUTDOOR AND INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES

There are many sports facilities and social areas at IZU that allow our students to socialize and pass time. Courses in sports branches such as golf, basketball, fitness, football, volleyball, Taekwondo, tennis, rowing, handball, wrestling, and traditional or olympic archery are provided for our students indoor and outdoor sports complexes, with many national degrees and championships having been won in these fields. Meanwhile, courses such as zumba, pilates and other activities organized throughout the year offer a healthy and stress-free student life.



COMFORT, PEACE and SAFETY: IZU GUESTHOUSES

In addition to providing safe and comfortable accommodation for our female and male students in the guesthouses located on our campus, many activities are organized that will contribute to their personal and social development. Our guesthouses also have movie theaters, cafeterias, fitness rooms, handicraft workshops and computer laboratories built in the Apart system.



FULLY EQUIPPED RESEARCH LIBRARY

IZU libraries serve seven days a week with their extensive collections and expert staff. In addition to our 2 existing libraries, our 13,500 square-meter central library with a capacity of 1 million books and 1,500 researchers has been put into service as **one of the biggest library in Istanbul**. Our central library with its rich collection, international academic databases, individual and group study rooms provides service 7 days a week, 24 hours a day during midterms and finals.



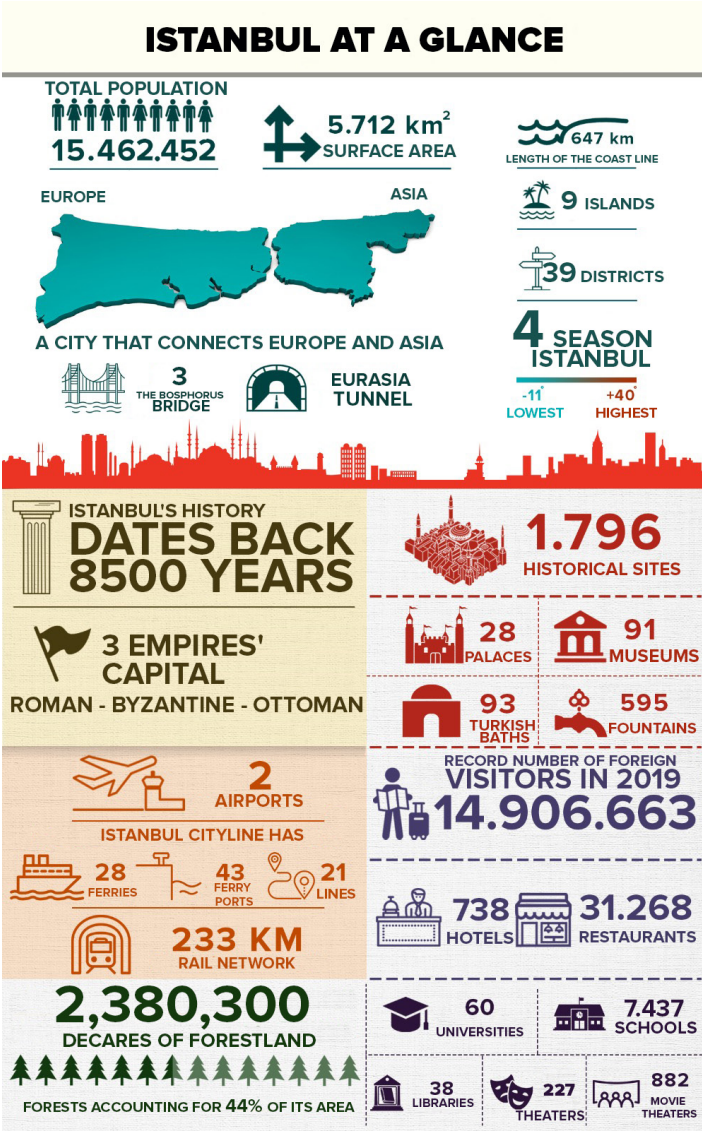
HEALTH CENTER

The Health Center has been established to address the personal health issues of employees and students. In case you experience a health issue, you may directly visit the Health Center. If the health unit deems it necessary, you will be referred to more comprehensive institutions. All sorts of examinations and emergency services are free of charge at the Health Center. The Health Center provides services with one specialist doctor and one nurse. The nurse is available full-time on the weekdays. The doctor is available on some weekdays on campus; for more details please contact the Health Center.



LIFE IN ISTANBUL

Istanbul is truly a world city, the city which everyone should visit at least once in their lifetime. It is an enchanting blend of Eastern and Western culture, a vibrant, modern city with a unique identity. Its rich past coexists alongside its youthful energy. Even though no longer the capital of Türkiye, Istanbul still remains the country's cultural and business center. It is the only city in the world that sits on 2 continents: Europe and Asia. The city lies on both sides of the Bosphorus channel and the Sea of Marmara, which connects the Black Sea to the Mediterranean. On the European side of the Bosphorus, old Istanbul developed on the western side of the narrow Golden Horn, a canal about 4 miles in length that empties into the Bosphorus.



Well connected Cosmopolitan (Public Transport)

Istanbul is a fairly large and colorful city with so many different places to explore, but it can be a little confusing to get oriented in the beginning. With each area seeming completely different from the next one, the municipality of Istanbul (Istanbul Büyükşehir Belediyesi) has done a great job connecting them. There are over 10 metro lines, ferries and an underwater train crossing right through the bosphorus sea, that let's you cross over from Asia to Europe in 2 minutes.





Cost efficient (For students)

Istanbul is one of the most affordable metropolitan cities in the world. With the Turkish Lira being an affordable currency, foreigners coming to Türkiye find things to be much cheaper than the locals. It goes one step further for students, who are entitled to student discounts all over the city. Starting from extremely cheap access to all the public transport, to museum entries, discounts on restaurants, and almost any other store you could try your luck on.

Turkish Culture

Turkish Culture is arguably the best part of Türkiye. Turkish people are warm, friendly and open people who love interacting with people from other cultures. Turkish Culture is uniquely beautiful and consists of traditions from hundreds of years of Ottoman history. From Turkish Hamams to the Evil Eye (Nazar) hanging everywhere in Türkiye, Turkish hospitality is likely the most remarkable aspect of the culture, where Turkish people frequently wish to treat you to a cup of tea, food or offer you a place to stay. As a student, it is extremely fun to constantly discover the beauty of this culture and appreciate the diversity within Türkiye itself.

Diversity

Istanbul is the most diverse city in Türkiye for the mere reason that it serves as the urban hub for the country. Turkish people from all over Türkiye come to Istanbul in search of employment and a better living standards. Istanbul is also a home to many Europeans, Asians and residents of other Middle Eastern Countries, outside of Türkiye who come to the city for education, employment or tourism.

This exposes you as a student, to people from so many different regions at an early age of your life, that allows you to explore different cultures, mix and interact with different people from all over the world, giving you the unique opportunity to become internationally acquainted and grow.

Student City



Istanbul is the city with most universities in Türkiye. It is the educational hub of Türkiye with around 50 universities in the city. Istanbul has many international students registered to be studying here from all over the world pursuing undergraduate degrees, masters degree and PHD's. It is also the city with the most exchange students in Türkiye from Europe, USA, South America and Asia. Because it has the highest ranked universities in Türkiye and the most Agreements with International universities.

Festivals and Concerts



There are frequent Festivals occurring throughout the year in Istanbul starting from Private University festivals to Turkish Music festivals and other annual fests that go on for entire weeks. As a famous metropolitan city, Istanbul attracts many international artists who give out concerts in different parts of the city, at affordable prices. Students have an opportunity to indulge in these activities outside of their academic life during vacations, post mid-term exam breaks and spring breaks. There are social events taking a place in Istanbul all the time, outside of the festivals and Concerts, so students are always free to explore.

Opportunity to learn a new language

Finally, the reason for an international student for studying abroad is to experience a different culture. The Turkish culture and the Turkish language go hand in hand. Turkish is one of the easiest and sweetest languages to learn. It is nearly impossible not to learn Turkish as an international student because you hear it everywhere, on the streets and in every shop.

Turkish people get extremely happy when a foreigner speaks even a little bit of Turkish. Locals are extremely helpful and are ready to help you with learning this language at every go. This is a unique opportunity to enhance your linguistic skills in your student life and its definitely something significant that you could add to the CV. Learning Turkish is definitely going to make it easier to get a job in Istanbul.

Useful Apps

We recommend you to download some applications onto your phones to make the life easier for you in İstanbul.

Getting around: Trafi, Otobüsüm Nerede , Yandex and İBB Ceptrafik, Bitaksi, Martı, istanbulkart, İstanbul Senin



Order-in: Yemeksepeti, Trendyol, Getir



Accommodation

International students in Türkiye have several options for accommodation:

1. University Dormitories: Many universities offer dormitories specifically for international students. These are often affordable and convenient, located on or near campus.

2. Private Dormitories and Student Residences: Private dormitories cater to students with various amenities such as furnished rooms, shared kitchens, and common areas. They are available in major cities and near universities.

3. Private Rentals: Students can rent apartments or rooms in private residences. This offers more independence and flexibility but requires navigating rental agreements and possibly furnishing the accommodation.

4. Hostels and Budget Hotels: For short stays or temporary accommodation, hostels and budget hotels offer affordable options with basic amenities.

5. Cooperative Housing: Some students opt for cooperative housing, where they share living spaces with other students, contributing to household chores and expenses.

Turkish national days and celebrations

1. Republic Day (29th October): Celebrates the proclamation of the Republic of Türkiye in 1923. Festivities include parades, concerts, and fireworks, focusing on Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the Republic's founder.

2. Victory Day (30th August): Commemorates the Turkish victory in the Battle of Dumlupınar in 1922, marking the end of the Turkish War of Independence. Celebrations include military parades and ceremonies nationwide.

3. Youth and Sports Day (19th May): Honors Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's landing in Samsun in 1919, which started the Turkish War of Independence. It's celebrated with sporting events, parades, and cultural activities.

4. Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day (23rd April): Dedicated to children and their future role in the country. It's celebrated with performances by children, concerts, and various cultural events.

5. New Year's Eve (31st December): Celebrated nationwide with fireworks, parties, and festivities, similar to worldwide celebrations.

Cities To Visit In Türkiye

Some key cities in Türkiye that students might find interesting to visit:

1.Istanbul: A city bridging Europe and Asia, known for its historic sites like the Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, and Topkapi Palace. It's also a cultural hub with vibrant markets and cafes.

2.Ankara: The capital city is known for its modernity, government buildings, and historical sites such as the Atatürk Mausoleum. It offers a glimpse into Turkey's political and cultural heritage.

3.Antalya: A popular resort city on the Mediterranean coast, famous for its stunning beaches, ancient ruins like Perge and Aspendos, and vibrant nightlife.

4.Izmir: Türkiye's third-largest city, known for its waterfront promenade, historical sites like Ephesus (nearby), and lively bazaars. It has a relaxed vibe and a rich cultural scene.

5.Cappadocia: Famous for its unique landscape of fairy chimneys and cave dwellings, Cappadocia offers hot air balloon rides, underground cities, and ancient rock-cut churches, making it a favorite for adventurous travelers.

6. Bodrum: A coastal town known for its beaches, ancient Bodrum Castle (built by the Knights of St. John), and vibrant nightlife. It's also a gateway to nearby Greek islands.

7. Göbekli Tepe: While not a city, Göbekli Tepe is an archaeological site in southeastern Türkiye, dating back to around 10,000 BC. It's one of the world's oldest known structures, offering insights into early human civilization.



HOUSING, LIVING EXPENSE & FEES

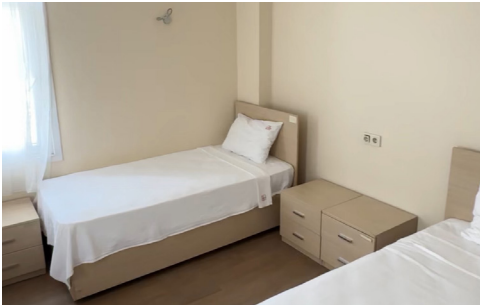
Here's a summary of the housing, living expenses, and fees:

1.Housing:

University Dormitories: Costs range from approximately 15000-27500 TRY per month. For more details and application procedures, please visit the University Dormitory page. <https://www.izu.edu.tr/uluslararasilisans/uluslararasi-ogrenciler/konukevleri>

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ROOM TYPE	FEE (MONTHLY)
Room for 4 people (apartment for 13 people)	15,000 TL
Room for 3 people (apartment for 11/13 people)	16,000 TL
Room for 3 people (apartment for 7 people)	17,500 TL
Room for 1 person (apartment for 11 people)	25,000 TL
Room for 1 person (apartment for 7 people)	27.500 TL



2.Living Expenses:

- Food: Around 2,500 to 5,000 TRY per month.
- Transportation: Around 300 TRY per month.
- Health Insurance: Around 330 to 800 TRL.
- Residence Permit: 565 TRL.
- Tuition Fees: Vary by program. Please consult the Tuition Fees page for specific information. <https://www.izu.edu.tr/en/international/admissions/fees-and-scholarships>
- Miscellaneous: Approximately 2,000 to 2,500 TRY per month.

For the most current details, please visit the university's official website. : <https://www.izu.edu.tr/en/home-page>

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