The information in this booklet is subject to the decisions of Executive Board of Sabancı University and the regulations approved YOK (Higher Education Council).

Throughout your studies at Sabancı University, it is required to follow-up all new and updated arrangements and regulations via our official web site.

www.sabanciuniv.edu

SABANCI UNIVERSITY

Sabancı University will be a participatory institution that is financially and administratively self sufficient and sustainable. Sabancı University will be sensitive to the needs of its students, their families, employees, administrators and the entire society.

We will strive to define and make visible all issues that concern us at large, and focus on applied techniques to meet the social and technological needs of the future. We will adopt an interdisciplinary approach of “learning to learn” to cultivate knowledge, support education and facilitate social advancement.

The University will cultivate its existing local and regional comparative advantages to generate, articulate, uncover and develop leading-edge knowledge in order to create competitive competencies within an international and global context. The University will take active initiative to form and to select international and global educational and research networks.

Keywords of our Philosophy
• Student/Stakeholder Focused
• Participatory
• Socially Responsible
• Application-Oriented
• Developing and Disseminating Knowledge and Science
• Interdisciplinary
• Self-Sufficient
• Teamwork Oriented
• Local, Regional, Global
• Learning to Learn

Vision:
We will be an innovative institution responsive to the needs of all our constituents through a participatory culture that embraces diversity and freedoms. We will have an interdisciplinary educational infrastructure that will create and disseminate knowledge. Sabancı University aspires to become an international reference point for innovation in education and research.

Mission:
"Creating and Developing Together"
Our mission is to develop internationally competent and confident individuals, enriched with the ability to reflect critically and independently, combined with a strong sense of social responsibility; and, to contribute to the development of science and technology on a global level, as well as disseminating the knowledge created to the benefit of the community.
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As the largest city in Turkey and 5th largest city in the world with a population of 12.8 million, Istanbul is the largest metropolitan area in Europe. The French emperor Napoleon said: “If the world was a single state, Istanbul would be its capital”. Istanbul is a truly magnificent and the only city in the world that spans over two continents, Europe and Asia. You can explore the invaluable historical and cultural heritage this unique city offers within a secure, friendly, multi-ethnic and multicultural environment.
BEFORE ARRIVAL

Creating an Account for Sabancı University Access
To create an account is the first thing you have to do. With this account you will be able to have an access to SU information system and thus complete course registration, access to your records...etc. Please check new comers link in order to create your account: http://newcomers.sabanciuniv.edu/en/welcome

Student Visa
STUDENT VISA might be required citizens of some countries. Only students who are legally dependent on a resident in Turkey possessing a diplomatic visa or a work visa are exempted from this rule. If you need a student visa, you will need to visit the nearest Turkish Consulate in your country with the following documents:
• The letter of Acceptance from Sabancı University
• A completed visa application form
• Visa fee

If you are already in Turkey, you can directly register to Sabancı University.

Residence Permit Application
How to Apply
A Residence Permit is an official document stating registration with Provincial Migration Administration Management (İl Göç İdaresi). All international students, regardless of status, are required to apply for a residence permit within a month as soon as they arrive in Turkey. You cannot go abroad before you obtain the residence permit document. If you do, you will be put in the block list by a stamp on your passport which causes 3-months-of block to your coming back to Turkey. You should apply by yourself.

The steps you should follow up for the first application:
• You should make your online residence permit application at this link: https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr
• You should select “first application” button and fill in the form.
• After you complete the form, the system will provide you a new appointment date for your residence permit application.

• After filling the form, you need to get a print of application form and prepare necessary document list as below. Then you should go to “Provincial Migration Administration and submit your all documents there.

Necessary documents for residence permit application:
• Residence Permit Application Form (Signed)
• Original copy and photocopy of passport or passport substitute (the pages which are processed with the pages over which there are identity information and photo)
• The visa for the purpose of stay taken from the foreign missions of the Republic of Turkey (only primary and secondary education)
• Four (4) photos
• Notification regarding sufficient and sustainable resources for the duration of their stay (Notified in the application form. Management may ask for supportive document.) (The proof of financial status is not required if there is no penalty of entry to Turkey or while living in Turkey previously. If applicants already have a penalty due to the mentioned occasions, then they are required to prove their financial status)
• Student Certificate
• Valid Health Insurance (one of following health insurances is enough)
  a-The document that enables benefit from the health services in Turkey within the scope of bilateral social security agreements
  b-The certificate of authorization received from Social Security Institution
  c-Proof of application made for general health insurance to Social Security Institution
  d-Private Health Insurance
• Criminal report “sabıka kaydı”
You can get the criminal record from AnadoluAdalet Sarayı in Kartal. You should go to the office of criminal record with your residence permit and passport. It is in C Block, -2nd floor. You can see address below;
Esentepe Mah. E-5 Yan yol Cad. No:39 Kartal / İstanbul
OR
Çağlayan Meydanı Şişli Merkez Mah. Abide-i Hürriyet Cad. No: 223 Şişli / İstanbul

*The address of Provincial Migration Administration Management is HIRKA-İ ŞERİF MAHALLESİ VATAN CADDESİ NO:64/ 34091 FATİH / İSTANBUL (It is next to Vatan Police Station)
Tuition Fee Payment
If your scholarship in the acceptance letter does not cover your tuition fee payment, you are required to pay the fee between the dates stated in the academic calendar. http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/academic-calendar

Course Registration
You should make your course registration via Information System (IS), by using your SU-net username and SU-net password. The course registration date will be announced in the academic calendar and can also be found on the acceptance letter. More information about course registrations can be found from the following link. http://www.bannerweb.sabanciuniv.edu/

How to get to campus?
From Atatürk Airport to Sabancı University Campus: Sabancı University is located on the Istanbul-Ankara highway, actually at the opposite direction of the Atatürk International Airport.
If you are coming to Turkey through Atatürk International Airport, you are recommended to take Havataş, the airport shuttle service to Taksim. The road takes approximately 40 minutes and costs about 10,00 TL.
Havataş Shuttle Hours: http://havatas.com.tr/
From Taksim to campus:
Taksim is the central area of the European side of the city. There are regular University shuttles departing from Taksim to Campus. The arrival/departure point is Hakiki Koc Bus Terminal, near Atatürk Kultur Merkezi, in front of Taksim Park, at Mete Caddesi, No: 18 address. A map and the latest shuttle schedule is available at: http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/academic-calendar
You should check latest shuttle schedule from the web site before you depart from home. http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/transportation/shuttle-hours

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Dormitory Application

Starting in the Fall Semester:
If you wish to stay on campus, you are required to fill out the online Dormitory Application Form, which you will be informed one month prior to start of the semester. If you do not apply online for dormitories, you cannot stay on campus. You can stay in 1 or 2 people room.

Starting in the Spring Semester:
If you are starting at Sabancı University in the spring semester and would like to stay on campus, you should send an e-mail to: yurtlar@sabanciuniv.edu before you arrive and as soon as you are accepted to study at Sabancı University. You can stay in 1 or 2 people room.

On-Campus Accommodation Fees:
www.sabanciuniv.edu Deposit (once, during first entrance) 850 TL. Bank transfer or credit card payments are not accepted. Please note that you will need a Tax Number in order to make your dormitory payment. You can read more on Tax Number in this guide.

Accomodation Facilities
On the serene campus of Sabancı University, which is located far from the bustling city, you find facilities to meet all of your daily needs. Dormitories are designed for occupancy by two or four persons. Advantage of living on campus is the ability to attend group-study sessions and take part in club activities without spending a lot of time commuting. Other advantages of living in housing facilities are the various amenities and the reasonable prices. All dormitory rooms have showers and baths, wardrobes, and private telephones, as well as wired internet connections for all students. No curfews or "lights-out" policies are enforced. You may study in private at your desk in your room, supplied with a wired internet connection, or take part in group-studying sessions at study halls located on each floor, where you also can access the internet. For a little fun and relaxation, common TV halls on all floors offer respite from studying.

Webpage: http://dorm.sabanciuniv.edu/Guide
Contact: yurtlar@sabanciuniv.edu
AFTER ARRIVAL

Orientation (For Fall Term Only)
Upon arrival you will be oriented to Sabancı University and to the city. The orientation is a great chance to learn about practical information and to meet other international students. The days for orientation will be announced via the official website of Sabancı University.

http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/academic-calendar

*The students who will start in studying in Spring, they will attend orientation with exchange students.

Registration at Sabancı University
In order to enroll at Sabancı University, you should submit the required documents to Student Resources Department within the stated dates in the Academic Calendar. The department is located on the first floor of the Administration Building G056 and open between 09:00 – 12:00 and 13:00-16:30, Monday to Friday.

If, for any reason, you fail to complete the process within the required period, you may lose your enrollment right to Sabancı University.

Required Documents:
1) Original Bachelor’s Diploma (for master’s students); Master’s or Bachelor’s diploma (for doctoral students). If the original diploma is generated in a language other than Turkish or English, a notarized/attested Turkish translation of the diploma (by the Consulate or Turkish Notary) is also required along with the notarized copy of the original.

2) Original GRE and GMAT Certificate (if required by admitting program), GAT (Only for Pakistani students). GRE and GMAT scores should be sent directly to university by ETS. (Sabancı University institution code: 7100)

3) Original English proficiency exam result (for Master’s students who have not taken the Sabancı University Language Assessment Exam). TOEFL scores should be sent directly to university by ETS. (Sabancı University institution code: 7100)

FOR DOCTORATE STUDENTS: YOU WILL LOSE YOUR ENROLLMENT RIGHT IF YOU DON’T SUBMIT A VALID LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY RESULT FOR REGISTRATION. IF YOUR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAM IS IN ENGLISH, YOU CAN SUBMIT THE RESULT WITH A VALID SCORE AND DATE. (TOEFL(IBT) OR YDS/ÜDS/KPDS).IN ADDITION; IELTS SCORE CAN BE SUBMITTED WITH A VALID SCORE AND DATE IF IT WAS TAKEN BEFORE 14/03/2014.

4) Original Transcript (if not submitted during the application)

5) Candidates applying for the PhD Programs with an MA degree must hold an “MA with Thesis” degree. Candidates whose diplomas or transcripts do not contain such information must provide an official letter of evidence from their institutions. Holders of “Non-thesis MA degree” may apply to PhD programs only upon submission of an official document from their institutions, certifying that they have already been enrolled to the “Non-thesis” program before February 6th, 2013.

6) Candidates applying for the PhD Programs with undergraduate degree must hold a 3.00/4.00 GPA. The candidates graduated from institutions which apply a scale other than “X out of 4.00” system must provide a conversion table or an official letter of evidence from their institutions.

7) 8 passport size (4.5 x 6 cm) photos taken in the last 6 months.

8) 2 Passport copies (photocopies of the pages that include identification information and “Visa” taken from the Turkish Consulate in home country)

Note: One copy will be submitted for Health Services during University Enrollment.

9) If available, a copy of the first seven pages of the Residence Permit (taken from the Bureau of Foreign Residence)

10) Filled Medical Information Form, Chest x-ray results and Blood test results: The forms, the chest x-ray results and blood test results should be given to Health Center during the registration.

SU-net username and password and Wired MAC address registration
Sabancı University wireless is the University’s campus-wide wireless network permitting secure and convenient network access in campus buildings. It offers secure access and encrypting user data over the wireless airwaves.

Wired Network Connection
In order to connect to a wired network at Sabancı University you must do a MAC address registration. You also need to connect to a wired network in your dorm rooms. From the following link, you can find how to register your laptop to a wired network: http://mysu.sabanciuniv.edu/en/it/network/wired
The Tax Office requires:
1) Your passport,
2) Tax Number
3) IMEI number (What is an IMEI number?)
An IMEI number is a 15 or 17 digit unique number to identify mobile devices, as well as some other devices. It is usually found printed on the phones back under the battery. It can also be displayed on the phones screen by entering *#06# on the phones keypad.

After you have registered your cell phone in the Tax Office, you will get a receipt from them, which you have to submit to a Turkish Operator company branch. They will then unlock your sim card. Only one cell phone can be registered during 2 years. Registration fee is 131.50 TL. You must make your cell phone registration personally. If you buy a cell phone in Turkey, you do not have to make a cell phone registration.

İstanbul Card
For low-cost public transportation in Turkey, you can apply for a Student İstanbul Card.

Apply personally!
In order to apply personally you need to make an online appointment with one of the IETT application centers from the following link: http://skart.iett.gov.tr/Eng/Online-Appointment.aspx Please make your appointment and submit the required documents to an IETT office. Your card will be ready within few minutes after you apply.

Required documents:
1) Complete application form: http://skart.iett.gov.tr/Documents/skart_talep_formu.jpg Please ask for help from your buddy to fill out this form, as it is in Turkish. The form should be signed and stamped by Student Resources before you take it to the IETT Office.
2) Student Certificate (You can get it from Student Resources)
3) Original Passport
4) 2 passport size photos
5) 10 TL required fee

Foreign Identity Number
As the requirement of a recent regulation, every foreign resident, like Turkish citizens should have an identity number given by the Turkish Republic. This number is used in Information System as well. This number is used while producing a student certificate, during the graduation, etc. After obtaining the resident permit you receive this number and you are required to inform Student Resources.
Course Add-drops
You can add/drop courses during the dates stated in the academic calendar, following the beginning of classes in fall and spring terms. In this process, which is called the add-drop process for courses, you are required to make such modifications personally by getting the feedback of your advisor. Any add-drop processes after this period are subject to the approval of the Graduate School Administrative Board provided that your request is reasonable. In summer term add-drop process is not carried out.

Academic Advisor
Each student registered at Sabancı University is assigned an Academic Advisor. The responsibility of the Academic Advisor is to monitor your personal and academic development and provide guidance in the registration, add-drop courses.

Updating Personal Information
Some of your personal information (mailing address, home address, telephone numbers, emergency contact person, etc) are transferred in the system during the enrollment to the University. It is your responsibility to submit any changes in the given information. In case there is any change in your personal information, please fill out the "Student Information Update Form" via Student Information System. Your information will be updated within 3 days.

Sabancı University English Language Assessment Exam (Only For Master Students)
Applicants who do not submit a valid English Proficiency Exam score can only be admitted to graduate study on the condition of obtaining a satisfactory grade in Sabancı University's own English Language Assessment Exam (ELAE). Those candidates who fail to attend or get a satisfactory score in the exam are obliged to attend and successfully complete a full course of English Language Preparation in order to continue with graduate courses. Failure to complete this course successfully will result in termination of enrollment at Sabancı University.

Master's Students accepted by the Admission Jury onto graduate programs who cannot submit a Language Exemption Certificate take English Language Assessment Exam (Stage II) and they will be informed about the exam during University enrollment.

Sabancı University English Language Assessment Examination (For detailed information, please visit http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/do).

Turkish Language Courses
The language of instruction at Sabancı University is English (with only few exceptions). Still learning some Turkish can be very useful and you can find some opportunities to learn this language. Basic Turkish I (TUR 101), Basic
reflecting grades for the current semester enrolment are available ten working days after final exams week.

4. All financial obligations to Sabancı University must be satisfied before a transcript is released.

Semester Registrations
You must renew your semester registrations by making course registrations at the beginning of each semester within the periods announced in the academic calendar following the payment fees required to benefit from university’s utilities and taking opinion of their advisors.

If you do not make your course registrations during the regular Fall and Spring term registration period, you can carry out a make-up process for registration during the course add-drop period. No registration process can be carried out after the end of the course add-drop period.

Residence Permit Renewal
The steps you should follow up for residence permit:
1. You should make your online visa application at this link: https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr
2. You should select “extension” button and fill in the form.
3. After filling the form, you need to get a print of application form and prepare necessary document list as below.
4. You will send your documents to *Provincial Migration Administration by post for the residence permit renewal.

Required Documents
- Residence Permit Application Form (Signed)
- Original copy and photocopy of passport or passport substitute (the pages which are processed with the pages over which there are identity information and photo)
- The visa for the purpose of stay taken from the foreign missions of the Republic of Turkey (only primary and secondary education)
- Four (4) photos
- Notification regarding sufficient and sustainable resources for the duration of their stay (Notified in the application form. Management may ask for supportive document.) (The proof of financial status is not required if there is no penalty of entry to Turkey or while living in Turkey previously. If applicants already have a penalty due to the mentioned occasions, then they are required to prove their financial status)
- Student Certificate
- Valid Health Insurance (one of following health insurances is enough)
  a-The document that enables benefit from the health services in Turkey within the scope of bilateral social security agreements
  b-The certificate of authorization received from Social Security Institution
  c-Proof of application made for general health insurance to Social Security Institution
  d-Private Health Insurance

Turkish II (TUR 102), Pre-intermediate Turkish I (TUR 201), Advanced Readings in Turkish for Foreigners (TUR 403) are offered during each semester.

If you would like to take a Turkish Language Course, you will have to get in touch with your faculty to get permission for registration for these courses.

Please check the following link for further information: http://sl.sabanciuniv.edu/

How to Get Transcript
1. Students may request an official transcript signed and stamped by the university through the Document Request Form on Student Resources web site.
2. You have to upload the receipt showing that you have paid total amount of transcripts (1 transcript is 10 TL) to Akbank Central Branch (Branch number: 713) account no 9999 (IBAN NO: TR53 0004 6007 1388 80000999 99)
3. An official transcript will not be issued when unsatisfied financial obligations to the University exist. Please be sure that you have no obligations left to the university.
4. After your online request, official transcript is prepared in two working days. You can pick up your certificate in person by visiting Student Resources.
5. Besides, students may display unofficial transcripts online through Information System.
6. Please note that, transcript without seal and signature by Student Resources Unit is not valid.

To obtain an official transcript:
You have to apply to the Student Resources with the receipt showing that you have paid 10 TL to Akbank Central Branch (Branch number: 713) account no. 9999 (IBAN no: TR53 0004 6007 1388 80000999 99) (For international payment you have to use Swift Code: AKBKTRIS713) together with an “Official Transcript Request Form” by using the following ways:

1. Come to Student Resources that is located on the entrance floor of the President’s building, to submit your request.
2. Fax a request to: (0216) 483 90 73.
3. Your transcript will be prepared within 2 days. Transcripts
• The copy of current residence permit (It is requested just at renewal of residence permit)
• The receipt of the renewal fee. You can pay at the Bostancı Tax Office which address is Maliye Kompleksi Bostancı San.Sit. Değirmenyolu Sk. No.18 İçerenköy/ATAŞEHİR
• Criminal report "sabka kaydı"
  You can get the criminal record from Anadolu Adalet Sarayı in Kartal. You should go to the office of criminal record with your residence permit and passport. It is in C Block. -2nd floor. You can see address below:

  Esentepe Mah. E-5 Yan yol Cad. No:39 Kartal / İstanbul

OR

You can also get the criminal record from İstanbul Adalet Sarayıs, address below;

  Çağlayan Meydanı Şişli Merkez Mah. Abide-i Hüriyet Cad. No: 223 Şişli / İstanbul

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Sabancı University International Students Guide for Graduate Degree Students
WHAT IS WHERE ON CAMPUS

Student Resources Unit (Administration Building)
Enrollment, course registration, correction of enrollment errors, student ID card, student certificate, name or address, transcripts, scholarship for current students, tuition fee payments.
Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9058
E-mail : sr@sabanciuniv.edu

Health Center
The Health Center on the 2nd floor of the Social Services Hall (D2) has a medical team on call 24/7, and has a full-equipped ambulance.

IMPORTANT! Please complete your blood tests (Tbc (Tuberculosis), Hepatitis A (Anti-HAV IgG), Hepatitis B (HBsAg, Anti-HBs, Anti-HBc IgG), Measles (Rubella), Rubella and Mumps, CBC (Hemogram) and have a chest x-ray taken in order to fill out your Student Medical Information Sheets online. (Refer to Completing Medical Records.) You will need to submit your chest x-ray and report as well as blood test results to the Health Desk during registration. (This requirement also applies to graduates of Sabancı University who are re-registering.) Please fill out the SU Medical Form and hand it in to the Health Center.

For details and questions about the Medical Information Sheets:
Health Center
Telephone : 0 216 48399 23/46/24
Email : healthcenter@sabanciuniv.edu

Student Activities (University Center 1098)
Student Clubs
Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9457
E-mail : clubs@sabanciuniv.edu

Sport Activities (Sports Center)
Facilities, sports team, hall of fame, sports courses, tournaments and reservations.
Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 xx
E-mail : spor@sabanciuniv.edu

International Relations Office
Residence permit, tax number, cultural adjustment issues, visa issues, learning agreement, signatures on arrival-departure certificates and trouble-shooting for other problems not handled elsewhere.
Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9100
: +90 (0) 216 568 7053
E-mail : degree-incoming@sabanciuniv.edu

Center for Individual Academic Development (University Center, 1st floor)
Writing center, disability support services, individual counseling program and workshops.
Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9469
E-mail : ciad@sabanciuniv.edu

Information Center
Book collection, multimedia, reserve/e-reserve, digital collection such as e-books, SU e-literature and SU e-theses.
Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9214
E-mail : bm@sabanciuniv.edu

Career Development Unit (Administration Building Room G030)
Career development workshops, company/sector presentations, basic information and personal development seminars and practice sessions.
Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9354
E-mail : intern@sabanciuniv.edu career@sabanciuniv.edu

Communication Center
Mailing of letters, cargos, cards or telegrams.
If you are staying on campus, you will receive a mailbox and a mailbox key. The mailboxes are located on your dorm building.
Location: Ground floor of the D2 Building.
Tel : + 90 (0) 216 483 9915
E-mail : tmpmbox02@sabanciuniv.edu

Call Center
All problems related to living on the campus.
Tel (on campus): 9988
Tel (of campus) : + 90 (0) 216 483

Dining Hall (University Center)
University Cafeteria (breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served. More than 30% discount for four plates of food by putting money into the Student ID Card).
E-mail : yemek@sabanciuniv.edu

Health Center (D2 Building, 1st floor)
Preventive medical services, medical treatments, immunizations, emergency services laboratory, supply of medicine, basic health care and health insurance information.
Tel (calling from campus): 6666
Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 99 23

Banking(University Center)
Payments, opening a bank account and ATM services.
Working hours:
Mon-Fri 8.30-17.00

Homer Bookstore (University Center)
Newspapers, magazines, English and Turkish texts, course books and stationery.
Working hours:
Mon-Fri 8.30-17.00

ŞOK Minimarket (University Center)
Greengrocer, fruiterer and food.
Working hours:
08.30 – 19.30 (Everyday)

Cemil Copy (University Center)
Photocopying service
Working hours:
Mon-Fri 08.30 – 17.00 Saturday: 09.00 – 16.30
Gürsel Shuttle Office (shuttle departure area on campus)
Putting money into the Student ID Card for transportation.
Office hours:
Mon–Thur 08.30–17:30  Fri 08.30–17.00
Weekend 08.30–17.00

Dormitory (Dormitory Area)
Room number, key, room changes, damages in the room and all other problems and questions concerning the dormitories.
Tel: +90 (0) 216 483 90 00
E-mail: yurtlar@sabanciuniv.edu

Lenovo Office (Behind the Information Center)
Laptop rent, problems with SU-name and SU-password, problems with accessing Internet, cable and help to MAC-address registration.
Tel: +90 (0) 216 483 99 60
E-mail: lenovo@sabanciuniv.edu
laptop-info@sabanciuniv.edu

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)
Questions/problems about/with the buddies and/or mentors, questions/problems about/with daily life in Turkey, helps with residence permit application process and social and practical integration.
E-mail : esnsabanci@esnturkey.org

Hair Dresser (D2 Building, 1st floor)
Services for hair styling
Working hours:
Mon–Fri 08.30 – 19.30 Saturday: 09.30 – 17.00

Shopping Center
Via Port is an open-air concept shopping mall and a living center near to Sabanci University. You can find there many shops of famous brands, restaurants, cafes, banks and whatever you needs.
You can see the shuttle times on the link below:
http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/transportation/shuttle-hours

Performing Arts Center (Near the lake)
Art performances such as operas, theater plays and concerts enhancing the quality of life of the entire community.
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You can explore the invaluable historical and cultural heritage this unique city offers within a secure, friendly, multi-ethnic and multicultural environment. As the largest city in Turkey and 5th largest city in the world with a population of 12.8 million, Istanbul (European Capital of Culture, 2010), is the largest metropolitan area in Europe. Due to very intensive internal migration from other regions of the country, the city itself embraces almost all local characteristics of Turkey.

History of Istanbul & Religion
During its long history, as Constantinople or Istanbul, the city served as the capital of the East Roman, Byzantine, Latin, and Ottoman Empires. Muslims constitute the religious majority. At the same time, many minority religions, particularly Christianity and Judaism, are permanent and respected elements of Turkey's spiritual mosaic, observing their beliefs for over 900 years, with synagogues and churches in cities. Please note that we have masjid/prayer room on campus in the second floor of university center.

Suleymaniye Mosque:
Constructed by the great Ottoman architect Mimar Sinan, Suleymaniye Mosque is the second largest mosque in Istanbul. 16th-century masterpiece, Suleymaniye Mosque was built for Suleyman the Magnificent.

Sultanahmet:
Scene of chariot races and the center of Byzantine civic life. There are an Egyptian Obelisk, a stone obelisk and the Serpentine Column which were originally brought by the emperors and used for the decoration of the Hippodrome. Today it’s a nice area for picnics and meetings.

The Hagia Sophia:
It was the great cathedral of Byzantium for over a thousand years and was the greatest mosque in the Ottoman Empire for five centuries. Now a museum, it is still one of the most fabulous buildings in the world. Keep an eye out for the shallow pits in the stone floor either side of the massive central doorway, created by the shuffling feet of the guards stationed there over the ages. Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Istanbul – Istiklal Avenue – Beyoğlu District Istanbul
Hagia Triada Greek Orthodox Church, Taksim Square - Istanbul
Little Hagia Sophia – Kumkapı, Fatih District Istanbul

Fun & Nightlife
You should not forget that Istanbul is a living city all day long; you can continue your fun at night. As you see, we cannot make a “to do” list for Istanbul, because nobody is able to have time to explore Istanbul in a few weeks. This enormous city is like an ocean to discover. And, this city is waiting for new guests!

NuPera Tepebasi Mesrutiyet Cd. Beyoğlu:
NuPera hosts international DJs catering to those of you who enjoy 80s electro sounds, funky house and other music of the sort.

Babylon:
Şehbender Sk. No:3 Asmalımcot Taksim
A stylish multi-purpose performance center which leads the city’s cultural and social life for years. Babylon presents a monthly program featuring eclectic selections from jazz to reggae, world music to electronica, Latin to Turkish vibes as well as indie pop and rock acts.

Istanbul Jazz Center:
Radisson Blue Bosphorus Hotel, Ciragan Caddesi, No: 46 Ortaköy
One of the few jazz clubs in Istanbul, JC’s hosted world famous musicians including Stanley Clarke, Mike Stern Band, Spyro Gyra, Kenny Barron, Chiara Civello in its elegant atmosphere.

Supperclub Istanbul:
Muallim Naci Cad. No: 55 Ortaköy
You must be ready to experience the “unusual” and “unexpected” when you visit this place. World-famous nightclub Supperclub has a branch in Kurucesme, in the heart of Istanbul’s nightlife. You can listen to club music played by famous DJs, watch dancers and dance with them until the sunrise.

Things to See & to Do
Istanbul is a city of joy especially at weekends. There are lots of opportunities in the city, let’s have a look at some of them; you can walk around Moda, Ortaköy or Taksim area to feel fresher in the morning, and delicious Turkish foods will always be with you.

Yerebatan Sarayı (Basilica Cistern):
Byzantine underground cistern, Yerebatan Sarayı is located near south-west of Hagia Sophia. Founded by Justinianus I, a Byzantine Empire (527–565), began to be called by the public “the Sinking Palace” – and not without a reason, seeing the great number of marble columns arising out of the water. Make sure you find the head of Medusa that forms the base of one of the columns. Open daily, 9am-5.30pm.
**Topkapi Palace:**
Topkapi was the first Ottoman palace to be built (1466-1478) in the newly conquered capital of the Empire. Located on the spot where the foundations of the city were first laid in ancient times by Megarian Chief Byzas in 7th century BC, the palace boasts one of the most beautiful views of Istanbul, incorporating the Bosphorus, the Golden Horn, the two shores and the sea of Marmara. Open daily except Monday between 9:30am-5:00pm.

**Dolmabahçe Palace:**
Dolmabahçe Palace was built in 1853 in the rapidly growing northern section of the city, at the Marmara outlet of the Bosphorus, to replace the Topkapi Palace which was pulled down for the purpose. It housed Sultans and their families before the Republic, and it was then used by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk during his visits to Istanbul. Ataturk died here on the 10th of November, 1938. The palace now serves as a museum and a guest-house used for receptions for foreign statesmen. Open daily except Mondays & Thursdays between 9.00am-4.00 pm.

**Symbols of the City**

**Kız Kulesi (Leander’s Tower - Maiden Tower):**
A 12th century stone tower erected on a rock at the entrance of the Bosphorus. This tower, which has served as a prison and a lighthouse, became the source of many legends in ancient days. It’s now open to the public as a cafeteria and an elegant restaurant which hosts concerts and meetings as well. Transportation to the Tower is valid by private shuttle boats from both shores of the Bosphorus.

**Galata Kulesi (Galata Tower):**
A 55 meter tower providing a panoramic view of the old town, Galata Tower was built by the Genoese as part of the wall surrounding their district of Galata directly opposite Byzantium (Constantinopolis). The tower now houses a restaurant.

**Anadoluhisarı (Anatolian Fortress):**
A 14th century relic of the Ottoman’s first attempt to conquer Istanbul, Anatolia Fortress is located on the Asian shore at the narrowest point of the Bosphorus. Sultan Yıldırım Bayezıt built this fortress in 1393 on the ruins of a Byzantine temple dedicated to Zeus. It’s much smaller in size, when you compare with Rumelihisarı on the European side of Istanbul.

**Rumelihisarı (Rumeli Fortress):**
Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror built Rumeli Fortress in just four months directly to the opposite of the Anadoluhisarı in 1452 in preparation for the final attack on Constantinople (Istanbul), which led to the downfall of the Byzantine Empire. Today, the fortress hosts many concerts and dramatic performances in its amphitheatre in summer. The fort is open to the public as a museum as well (except on Mondays).

**Misir Çarşısı (The Egyptian Spice Bazaar):**
Built in the 17th century next to the Golden Horn, the Spice Bazaar is the second largest covered bazaar in Istanbul. Originally housing shops selling medicine and spices, the Spice Bazaar continues to fulfill its original function. This distinguished example of Ottoman architecture continues to sparkle with life even today. Open every day except Sundays and National Holidays.

**The Hippest Neighborhoods**

**Beyoğlu-Cihangir-Galata:**
This is like the heart of the city where everyone finds himself after work. You can walk down the Istiklal Street window shopping, have some snacks in a café in Asmalımescit, and walk down to Galata where you can find the hippest small design shops of young Turkish designers. If you lead to Sishane, you can find İKSİV Deniz Palas and the Pera Museum. If you go back to Taksim Square and turn your way to Cihangir, the hometown of Turkish movie stars, directors, artists and writers. Walking through the narrow streets, you can see the old houses, witness the daily life of neighbors and visit the antique stores. The most traditional of Istanbul’s eateries are the taverna-style meyhane where you can sample tapas-like meze. Asmalımescit in Taksim Beyoğlu is the right place to go if you want to try meyhanes.

Go to **Balık Pazari (Fish Bazaar)** in Beyoğlu. This is the place to find lots of seafood, antiques, handcrafts, and carpets. A must see.

Go to **Nevizade** in Beyoğlu, an area full of casual bars with terraces and outdoor spaces. Drink cold beer and eat mussels and kokorec.

Go to **Cicek Pasaji** in Beyoğlu. A nostalgic place full of meyhanes. A must see.

Robinson Crusoe is a great bookshop located in Beyoğlu where you can find international books and magazines.

**Akaretler-Nisantaşı:**
This is the design district of Istanbul where you can find brands like Armani, Gucci, Prada, Yves Saint Laurent, Burberry and many others side by side. There are hip design cafes and chic restaurants as well as art galleries and cinemas. You must definitely go there, if you like fashion and luxury.

**Ortaköy-Kuruçeşme-Bebek:**
On the banks of Bosphorus, you may find many good restaurants and nightclubs which lead the city’s nightlife. And on a Sunday morning, you can see the Turkish jet-set having their breakfast in a café in Bebek, jogging or swinging their kids in the playpen.
Bağdat Caddesi:
This is like an open air shopping mall. A very long street full of fashion stores and cafés, Bagdat Street is the place where people go to if they are on the Anatolian side. You can make shopping, and then have a walk to the Caddebostan where you can have a walk through the seashore.

Take a boat trip on the Bosphorus. Ferries, private boats and water taxis on the Bosphorus are one of the most attractive ways to get around the city. Boats can transport you from Europe to Asia in a matter of minutes. You can also use the two bridges if you prefer to travel by car. Try Turkish coffee, nargile (hubbly-bubbly pipe), baklava (a Turkish pastry) and Turkish delight.

Have a bath in Turkish hamams. If you prefer a historical hammam, you may prefer Cagaloglu Hammam near the Grand Bazaar. Otherwise, Caudalie Vinotherapy Spa in Hotel Les Ottomans offers a luxurious, modern take on the Turkish bath using Caudalie products and has couples treatments.

Take a ferry up the Bosphorus to Anadolu Kavağı. The village is surrounded by wooded hills and there are great views from the Byzantine Yoros castle which once controlled the Black Sea approaches. Go to peaceful Princes’ Islands in the Sea of Marmara to the south of Istanbul. Four of the nine islands are easily accessible by ferry from Istanbul. Burgazada, with its horse-drawn carriages and its Greek Orthodox Church of St John the Baptist, is particularly charming.

Istanbul is like a big stage where you can find many cultural events for all tastes. Some of the most important ones are the International Music Festival (June), International Jazz Festival (July), International Film Festival (April), Istanbul Biennale (September), Contemporary Istanbul Arts Festival (November).

Local Time
In Istanbul the local time zone is GMT+2 and time is always used on 24 hours.

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- I want a taxi to...building. (in Turkish - ...binaya bir taksi istiyorum)

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