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
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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WELCOME TO

Istanbul, Turkey

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

**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. ([www.sabanciuniv.edu](http://www.sabanciuniv.edu))

**Student Visa**

STUDENT VISA is required to be registered as a student in Turkey. All International Students must apply for a student visa. Only students who are legally dependent on a resident in Turkey possessing a diplomatic visa or a work visa are exempted from this rule. In order to apply for 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 apply for a student visa directly to the local Directorate of Security in Istanbul. If you have obtained a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in Turkey and admitted to Master’s or Doctorate program within one year after graduation, you can also apply directly to the local Directorate of Security for a student visa.

**Residence Permit Application**

A Residence Permit is an official document stating registration with the Directorate of Security (Emniyet Müdürlüğü). 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 must fill out an Information Form, which will be sent to you by the International Relations Office. This form must be completed and sent back to the International Relations Office before you arrive in Turkey.

**Required Documents:**

1) Filled Application Form ([https://e-randevu.iem.gov.tr/yabancilar/islem_sec.aspx](https://e-randevu.iem.gov.tr/yabancilar/islem_sec.aspx)), which should be printed in colour.
2) Student Certificate (You can pick up this document from Student Resources Department)
3) Your PASSPORT containing a STUDENT VISA
4) A copy of the following pages in your passport containing your photo, information concerning identification, duration of your passport, Student Visa and the stamp in your passport showing your last entry date to Turkey. The last entry date is the date you arrive to Turkey for your exchange stay.
5) 4 passport size photos
6) Fee (apr. 198 TL) for Residence Permit Booklet. The fee may vary from year to year.

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

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) 800 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.
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
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 *Information System Course Registrations*

Buddy Students
Student Clubs and the International Relations Office organize a buddy program to support you. You are matched with local students who can offer additional information about the Sabancı University community, academics and cultural information. Student Clubs will inform you about the contact information of your buddy, your arrival.

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://iro.sabanciuniv.edu/sites/iro.sabanciuniv.edu/files/Taksim%20Shuttle%20Dept.%20Point.pdf
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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Orientation
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

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). The scores should be sent directly to university by ETS. (Sabancı University institution code: 7100)

3) Original English proficiency exam result (for 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)

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

5) 8 passport size (4.5 x 6 cm) photos taken in the last 6 months. (Your face on the photo must be clearly visible and recognizable).

6) 2 Passport copies (photocopies of the pages that include identification
information and “Student Visa” taken from the Turkish Consulate in home country)
Note: One copy will be submitted for Health Services during University Enrollment.

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

8) 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. map.sabanciuniv.edu

**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](http://mysu.sabanciuniv.edu/en/it/network/wired)

**Student ID card**

After the enrollment, you will receive a Student ID card. This document will be used not only for identification purposes, but also to benefit from campus facilities, such as Information Center services, transportation, cafeteria, sports center, photocopy and printer facilities etc. For further information please check the part “Campus Facilities”.

**How to get a student ID card?**

You must submit the Student ID Card Form along with a passport size photo to our Student Resources Department.

**Tax Number**

In Turkey you need to have a tax number in order to make any kind of payment. Tax number is also required if you wish to open a bank account or register your cell phones, which you have brought from your home country. During the orientation, you are required to submit a copy of your passport to our Tax Number Desk (the page containing your photo, information concerning identification and the stamp in your passport showing your last entry date to Turkey). Last entry date is the date you arrive to Turkey for your study at Sabancı University. One week later the submission of the passport copy, you will receive a free Tax Number from the International Relations Office.

Please note that you do not have to open a bank account for making your dormitory or other SU payments. You should just bring your Tax Number and Student ID Card to Akbank, which is located on campus. With your Tax Number and Student ID Number, the bank assistant will be able to screen your due payment and its amount. If you do not need to make any payments or register your own cell phone, you do not need a Tax Number.
Cell phone registration
If you have brought your own cell phone to Turkey you must register it. Cell phone registration can be done at the nearest Tax Office, which is Tuzla Tax Office for those living on campus. You can also make the cell phone registration in another Tax Office. Please check the addresses for the Tax Offices in the ‘Tax Number’ part above.

Please note that you need a Tax Number, before you can register your cell phone. In order to register your phone, 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 115 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.

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

Apply through SU!
If you want to apply through SU you should submit all required documents to Student Resources. The application deadline will be announced on MySU. The deadline will be in November and the IETT cards will be ready in February. Please note that applying personally is faster.

Applying through SU is only possible for fall semester. If you start in the spring semester you must apply personally.
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:

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

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.

How to find out the Foreign Identity Number?
1) Click on http://tckimlik.nvi.gov.tr/YabanciKimlikNo/KisiBilgileriSorguModul.aspx
2) Click on ‘Doğum Yılı ve İkamet Tezkere No ile Yabancı Kimlik No Sorgulama’ and then make an inquiry by entering a) ‘Doğum Yılı’ (Birth Year), b) İkamet Tezkere No (Residence Permit Number - which is a number on the first page of your Residence Permits, like 31/112233) c) Resim doğrulama (the number you see on the bottom is to be entered on the blank). Finally, click on ‘Sorgula’.
3) The inquiry results in an 11 digit number (Yabancı Kimlik No) generally starting with 99. Record this number and submit it to Student Resources Unit.
4) There is another possibility that the inquiry may not give you a number. In this case you need to go to Security Office/Emniyet Genel Müdürlüğü and learn your foreign identity number and submit it.
5) WARNING: This process should be done at once.
Student Certificate
Student Certificate is an official document stating that you are a student of Sabancı University. You can ask for a student certificate in following ways:
- Come to Student Resources that is located on the entrance floor of President’s building, to submit your request.
- E-mail a request to sr@sabanciuniv.edu
- Fax a request to: (0216) 483 90 73
Your Student number is sufficient for preparation of the document. Student Certificate will be ready in one day after the request.

Laptop Computer Service Package
You will be given the laptop after enrollment. The Information Technology unit will send an e-mail to you about the place and time where the laptops will be given.
For any questions on this subject you can contact ithelpdesk@sabanciuniv.edu or laptop-info@sabanciuniv.edu
You can access facilities provided by Information Technology from http://mysu.sabanciuniv.edu/bt IT website pages.

Course Add-drops
You can add/drop courses during the second week, 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 Faculty Administrative Board/ 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
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.

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 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

To view your transcript from Information System:
1. Login to the Student Information System using your student number (following four zero’s; ex: 0000xxxx) and pin.
2. Choose ‘Student Records Information Menu’ from ‘Student & Financial Aid Menu’
3. Click on the ‘Academic Transcript’ option to view your student transcript. The web version of the transcript is not the official.

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 13888000 0099 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 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
You will obtain a residence permit for the whole period of your study. This means that you have to apply only once when you arrive to Turkey for the first time and do not need to renew it. We strongly advise you to check your residence permit document to make sure that the expiration date of your residence permit match up with your study period at Sabancı University.

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WHAT IS WHERE ON CAMPUS

Student Resources Unit (Administration Building)
Enrollment, course registration problems, correction of enrollment errors, student ID card, student certificate, change of student ID card, 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, Hepatitis B, Measles (Rubeola), Rubella and Mumps, CBC, HBsAg, Anti-HBs, Anti-HBc IgG, Anti-HAV IgG) and have a chest x-ray taken in order to fill out on 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 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, scholarships for prospective international students, 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
E-mail : suincoming@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 telegraphs.
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 stationary.
Working hours:
Mon-Fri 8.30-17.00

DiaSA 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

Performing Arts Center (Near the lake)
Art performances such as operas, theater plays and concerts enhancing the quality of life of the entire community.
E-mail : sgm@sabanciuniv.edu

Hair Dresser (D2 Building, 1st floor)
Services for hair styling
Working hours:
Mon-Fri 08.30 – 19.30 Saturday: 09.30 – 17.00
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 – Beyoglu District Istanbul
Hagia Triada Greek Orthodox Church, Taksim Square - Istanbul
Little Hagia Sophia – Kumkapi, 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. Beyoglu:**

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 Asmalimescit 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 Ortakoy

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 Ortakoy

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, Ortakoy 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:
Dolmabahce 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 Yildirim Bayezit 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 Rumelihisari 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).

Mısır Carşısı (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 Asmalimescit, 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 İKSV 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. Asmalimescit in Taksim Beyoğlu is the right place to go if you want to try meyhanes.

Go to Balık Pazarı (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 Çicek 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.
Bagdat 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 Vinotheraphy 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 İstanbul. 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.

**How To Call Campus From Outside**
The central phone number of the campus is +90 216 483 90 00 or 91 00 for International Office. After dialing this number, the 4 digit extension number can be dialed (which will be written on the phone in your dorm room, if you are staying on campus.
How To Call a taxi?

If you need a taxi, you can call our call center at 9988 from phone in the dorm room or at 0216 483 9988 from a mobile phone. The staff working in the call center will arrange a taxi for you.

In Case Of Emergency

Within Campus
Health 6666
Security 5555
Call Center 9988

All Over Turkey:
(free of charge and no area code is needed)
Ambulance 112
Police 155
Gendarme 156
Fire 110