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SABANCI UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL

STUDENTS GUIDE *2015-2016*

FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS





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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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”. İstanbul 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

Student Visa

STUDENT VISA may not be required to be registered as a student in Turkey due to the new regulation. Please confirm your visa need with the nearest Turkish consulate. You must apply for a visa before coming to Turkey. 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

Residence Permit Application A Residence Permit is an official document stating registration with the Directorate General of Immigration Management (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 need to make an appointment to Directorate General of Migration Management. Your Residence Permit document will be sent to the address you stated in your application, when it is ready.

Required Documents:

- 1) Filled Application Form (<https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr>), which should be printed in colour.
- 2) Student Certificate (You can pick up this document from Student Resources Department after you submit the required documents for registration)
- 3) Your PASSPORT
- 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 50 TRL) for residence permit application, will be paid to Rıhtım Vergi Dairesi (address Maliye Kompleksi Bostancı San.Sit. Değirmenyolu Sk. No.18 İçerenköy/ATAŞEHİR, google map address can be found in our FAQ page)

8) Due to a new regulation, all exchange students need to have a valid health insurance, to be able to apply for the residence permit.

OPTION 1

You can use your own insurance documents if you are an Erasmus student, and if the document meets the minimum requirements (can be found in <http://iro.sabanciuniv.edu/students/exchange/incoming/visa-travel>). If your insurance meets the requirements, you can bring it to our office for approval.

OPTION 2

To make the insurance in Turkey: You will be able to get your health insurance in our office after the semester starts. For 2015 Fall semester, the insurance costs approximately 300 TRL for the students younger than 25 years old, and 600 TRL for the others.

OPTION 3

If Turkey and your country has a social security agreement: You need to visit your social security office (not your private insurance company!!) in your country before you arrive. They will give you a document called "formular". You will get the Turkish Social security Office's approval to this document. You can use this approved formular as your insurance, in your residence permit application.

Here you can find the list of agreements:

Germany TA 11

Netherlands N/TUR 111

Belgium BT 8

Austria A/TR 3

France SE 208-06 A FT & SE 208-28 FT

Turkish Republic of North Cyprus KKTC/TC 3

Romania R/TR 3

Bosnia Herzegovina BH/TR 4

Czech Rep CZ/TR 111

Macedonia MC/TR 4

Luxembourg TR/L 3

Albania AL/TR 4

Dormitory Application

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 double or quad rooms.

Spring Semester:

If you are coming in the spring semester and would like to stay on campus, you should indicate your request on the exchange application form. You can stay in double or quad rooms.

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.

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

Course registrations will be made online by the students in person before arriving at Sabancı University. Dates for registration will be shared with you before course registration days. You will be informed about the detailed online course registration by e-mail 2 weeks before the course registration.

Learning Agreement

After the application is accepted by Sabancı University, you may wish to prepare ECTS Learning Agreement (LA) in coordination with your home university. If you are required to prepare a Learning Agreement you are advised to view the Course Catalog as soon as the catalog for the related semester is open.

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. You should contact your academic advisor upon your arrival to discuss your course selection. Academic advisors will be able to guide you with all your academic related questions. Please consider your advisor's suggestion before you make any changes during the course add/drop period, which you can read about in 'After Arrival' part.

Buddy Students

Erasmus Student Network 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. Erasmus Student Network (ESN) will inform you about the contact information of your buddy, before your arrival.

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. In order to connect to a wireless network at Sabancı University, you should have a .SU-net username and password. **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:

(You'll only be able to create your account after you receive an e mail from IRO about your student IDs).

<http://newcomers.sabanciuniv.edu/en/welcome>

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>

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 Ataturk International Airport.

If you are coming to Turkey through Ataturk 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>

You may also use the public transportation to get to the Campus.

The 133Ü line will depart from the shuttle departure area on campus. 133Ü, Kartal Metro - Sabancı University service will be available on weekdays only with a fare of one ticket.

133Ü Schedule:

[http://www.iETT.gov.tr/en/main/hatArama/hatsaatleri/133Ü SABANCI-ÜNİVERSİTESİ---ORHANLI---KARTAL-METRO-İETT-Otobüs-Sefer-Saatleri](http://www.iETT.gov.tr/en/main/hatArama/hatsaatleri/133Ü_SABANCI-ÜNİVERSİTESİ---ORHANLI---KARTAL-METRO-İETT-Otobüs-Sefer-Saatleri)

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 Ataturk 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>

Checklist

Checklist	Student Visa Application	Residence Permit Application	Online Dormitory Application	Course Registration	Submission of Learning Agreement	Wired MAC address registration
Done						





AFTER ARRIVAL

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 exchange students. The days for orientation will be announced via the official website of Sabancı University and IRO website and also will be e-mailed to you.

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

<http://iro.sabanciuniv.edu>

Registration at Sabancı University

In order to enroll at Sabancı University, you must submit the required documents to Student Resources Department within the stated dates in the Academic Calendar. To be able to complete your registration to SU, please visit SR desks in the auditorium exit to submit your required documents. You need to fill the required documents, attach two photos, and hand them to SR Desks in the orientation week. This is crucial to complete your registration, and to be able to get your student card. The details will be shared in the orientation program.

Forms and documents that will be asked in the first week:

- 1) 1 passport copy (Pages containing photo, identification, the last entry date to Turkey&Student Visa) for university registration at SU
- 2) Completed forms of Personal Information Form and Student ID Card Information Form (Attached) + 2 passport size photos (4.5 x 6 cm) 1 should be stuck on Student ID Card form.

Required documents and forms:

- 1) A copy of the following pages in your passport containing your photo, information concerning identification, 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.
- 2) 2 passport size photos (4.5 x 6 cm) photos (taken in the last 6 months, head and neck open, clearly identifying the person)
- 3) Personal Information Form
- 4) Student ID Card Information Form

Student ID card

After the enrollment, you will receive a Student ID card in approximately one week. 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 IRO desk in Orientation Days.

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. To get your Tax Number, you need to visit the nearest tax office, submit your passport copy, and make your payment. You'll get your number in the same day.

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. In order to be able to use your phone in Turkey, you need to register it. Otherwise, the phones that are brought to Turkey from abroad will be blocked in 2 weeks. You will be able to use them when you leave the country, but will not be able to use them in Turkey. You need to register it in the tax office with your tax number and 110 TRL registration fee. Please be sure that, your entrance stamp is visible



clearly in your passport. After you register your phone, you can visit Vodafone or Turkcell in Bağdat Street. If we invite a phone company on campus, we'll let you know. AVEA informed us that they can not complete foreigners' registration process anymore. If you do not want to pay for the registration, please buy a second hand cheap phone from Kadıköy. You can use it without registration. 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. In order to apply for this card you need have your YOK number, given by the Student Resources Office. Then you need to visit İETT İşletmeleri Genel Müdürlüğü Elektronik Kart Yönetim Müdürlüğü Karaköy/İSTANBUL (Near Tünel).

Required documents:

- 1) YOK Number given by Student Resources Office
- 2) Student Certificate (You can get it from Student Resources)
- 3) Original Passport
- 4) 2 passport size photos
- 5) 10 TL

Please make your appointment and submit the above mentioned documents to an IETT office. Your card will be ready within few minutes after you have applied.

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.

Course Add-drops

You will make your course add-drop via online and International Relations Office will inform you about the add-drop date. After the online add-drop, you can make changes on your learning agreement. The changes should be written on the second page of the Learning Agreement. The academic advisor, assigned by the relative faculty, will help you with course add-drops, registration procedures and monitoring your academic development. You can see your advisor's name on Student Information System by clicking the following links respectively after you login: Student & Financial Aid / Student Records / Advisor Information. **Please be aware that, no add-drops will be done after the stated period. For this reason, you should decide all the changes on your courses BEFORE the add drop period ends. Otherwise, you'll not have a chance to drop the courses you take, or add new courses.**

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 during your exchange period to learn this language. Turkish Courses at Sabancı University is offered by School of Languages (SL) and the most popular Turkish Courses among exchange students are Turkish Basic I and Turkish Basic II. Both courses are offered by SL.

For more information about these courses please check the links below:

<http://iro.sabanciuniv.edu/node/390>

<http://sl.sabanciuniv.edu/>

Residence Permit Renewal

If you have not been nominated to study at Sabancı University for one year before you arrived, but have decided to extend your exchange stay during your first semester at Sabancı University, you have to renew your residence permit. Please read <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr> section related to renewal, carefully.

How to renew a residence permit?

Applications for extension shall be made within sixty days prior to the expiration of the residence permit and, in any case, before the expiration of the residence permit.

In order to make the application, you have to fill out the residence permit application form completely. Please be sure that your document contents comply with your statements.

Application form of residence permit which shows application number and required documents is produced by the system after the application form has been filled out.

Moreover, “an application document for residence permit” shall be produced by the system for the foreigner who completes his/her application. A foreigner is granted to reside in the country legally with the application document for residence permit until the completion of residence permit procedures, but this document does not grant the right to enter into or exit from the country.



(!) If the foreigner wishes to enter into or exit from the country, it is required for him/her to arrive at Provincial Directorate of Migration Management in person and to have his/her application document for residence permit approved. The document, except for those specified as exempted from fee on the document, shall be carried together with the fee receipt for the entry into or exit from the country.

Required Documents

The required documents shall vary depending on the residence permit or the reason of stay that you select.

The administration may always ask for additional information and documents concerning your residence permit request.

It is required to have a passport or a document substituting a passport which is 60 days longer than the requested residence permit period.

Photo must be taken within the last 6-month (frontal, clear face, in a way that the foreigner can be recognized easily) with a white background and as biometric.

In cases where passport is not written in Latin letters, certified translation by a sworn translator or official authorities shall also be added to the application.

If name and surname are not written separately in passport, it is required that you to submit document to be taken from your own country representatives showing clear identity information to administration.

In case of a change in your name or last name, it is required to update your information by applying to the provincial offices in person.

The birth certificate may be requested for foreign minors.

During the requested residence permit period, if your expenses concerning food, accommodation or health are covered by public institutions, please notify the administration about the documents showing those.

In cases where the person concerned is under the age of 18, a deed of consent which shall be given by his/her mother/father who lives abroad

or by legal representative and also the recognizance which shall be given by natural or legal persons on condition that it is stated in the deed of consent are required to be submitted to the administration.

In cases where the person concerned is under the age of 18, a deed of consent which shall be given by his/her mother/father who lives abroad or by legal representative and also the recognizance which shall be given by natural or legal persons on condition that it is stated in the deed of consent are required to be submitted to the administration.

Please visit the address below for detailed information about the residence permit application documents:
<http://www.goc.gov.tr/icerik6/ikamet-izni-basvurulari-icin-gerekli-belgeler> 350 361 3603 icerik

Checklist

Checklist	Registration at Sabancı University	Submission of necessary documents for Tax Number	Cell Phone Registration (Optional)	Dormitory Payment	Find your Foreign Identity Number & Inform Student Resources	Learning Agreement submission after add-drop period (Only the second page with changes)	Residence Permit Renewal
Done							



WHAT IS WHERE ON CAMPUS

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

You should possess current and up to date medical insurance before arrival. On campus we have a Health Center located on the 2nd floor of the Social Services Hall (D2). The center has a medical team on call 24/7, and has a full-equipped ambulance.

E-mail: healthcenter@sabanciuniv.edu

Tel: 0216 483 9923 / 0216 483 9923

Fax: 0216 483 9918

Student Clubs

Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9457

E-mail : clubs@sabanciuniv.edu

Facilities, sports team, hall of fame, sports courses, tournaments and reservations.

Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9370

E-mail : spor@sabanciuniv.edu

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.

Office Hours: Everyday between 14:00-16:00

Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9100

E-mail : suincoming@sabanciuniv.edu

Writing center, disability support services, individual counseling program and workshops.

Tel : +90 (0) 216 483 9469

E-mail : ciad@sabanciuniv.edu

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 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

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

All problems related to living on the campus.

Tel (on campus): 9988

Tel (of campus) : + 90 (0) 216 483

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

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

Payments, opening a bank account and ATM services.

Working hours: Mon-Fri 8.30-17.00

Newspapers, magazines, English and Turkish texts, course books and stationary.

Working hours: Mon-Fri 8.30-17.00

Greengrocer, fruiterer and food.

Working hours: 08.30 – 19.30 (Everyday)

Photocopying service

Working hours: Mon-Fri 08.30-17.00

Saturday: 09.00-16.30

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

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

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

Art performances such as operas, theater plays and concerts enhancing the quality of life of the entire community.

E-mail : sgm@sabanciuniv.edu

Services for hair styling

Working hours: Mon-Fri 08.30-19.30

Saturday: 09.30-17.00

LIVING IN ISTANBUL

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 – Kumkapı, Fatih District Istanbul



Hagia Sophia

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 Asmalımescit 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 Sarnici (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.



Kız Kulesi

Topkapı Palace:

Topkapı 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 Topkapı 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 Atatürk during his visits to Istanbul. Atatürk 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.

Anadoluhisari (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 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 Anadoluhisari 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 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 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 IKSİ 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 Beyoglu is the right place to go if you want to try meyhanes.

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

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

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

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

Akaretler-Nisantasi:

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.

Ortakoy-Kurucesme-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.

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Baędat 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 Kavaęı**. 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.

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).



Anadolu Kavaęı

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

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(free of charge and no area code is needed)

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Police 155

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