



**STUDENT'S**

*Guide*

**KEY TO THE  
GLOBAL  
EDUCATION**

**IAU**



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“ Dear students,

I believe that modern Turkey will be able to rise as a leader in science, technology and world politics with your efforts and contributions. I hope that our students will discover and plan the career that they dream of and build a happy future for themselves.

In order to realize these hopes and beliefs, we pursue our continuous work at Istanbul Aydin University with the mission of becoming a model university and assuming an important role in Turkey's education sector.

We have a strong belief that Istanbul Aydin University will educate individuals who will have opportunities and privileges to develop themselves, represent our country globally and help our country take its place among the leading countries in the world. We feel proud and happy in this role and believe that education surely will pave the way for our country's journey of modernization. ”





Congratulations on achieving your place at Istanbul Aydın University and thank you for choosing us. We are delighted to welcome you, students from all around world, to Istanbul Aydın University. You all choose the right place to enhance your academic objectives. In fact, “it is a place to be”. Choosing a university is one of the most important decisions you will ever make in your life, as the competitiveness of your academic degree depends on the university you obtain it from. More importantly, within the period you cultivate your sustainable development capabilities and thus you will lay a solid foundation for your entire future life. The years you spend at the university are very important. While you are here, we encourage you to strive for a healthy balance between your academic activities as well as enjoying the rich sporting and cultural opportunities that this university offers. Our goal is to offer you a whole education and we recognize that some of the important lessons you will learn will take place outside of the lecture theatre, the laboratory and the library. We aim at giving you the opportunity to spread your



wings within a safe and exciting environment. At the end of your studies, you will leave this university with not only a world-class qualification, but also with friends you will cherish for a lifetime. Best of luck with your studies, and we are certain that your time at this university will be enjoyable and fruitful.

As the International Students and Staff Affairs of this precious university, we ensure you that we will do our best to ease your academic life at our university. At Istanbul Aydın University, you will receive abundant resources, multi-cultural innovation experience, and more importantly, the passion to explore and to build your dreams. All of this is already available around you and just awaiting you to be discovered and unfolded... This guide highlights the most important things to consider and leads you, step by step, through your life at IAU.

**International Student & Staff Affairs (ISSA)**

## How to use this guide?

Coming to study in another country is an exciting experience and we know you will have many questions. The information in this guide has been compiled with you in mind and we hope that it will help you during your studies at Istanbul Aydin University and in your day-to-day life in Turkey.

You should read the entire guide since much of the information will be relevant to you. The information includes both general facts about life in Turkey as well as practical advice on studies at Istanbul Aydin University, bank services, accommodation, student life and more. So, take a moment to get acquainted with life at Istanbul Aydin University. We wish you the best of luck with your studies at Istanbul Aydin University and student life in Turkey!

If after reading this guide, you still have questions or would like clarification on any aspects, please contact any of the services listed in the guide and their staff will be pleased to help.

If you have more general questions and are not sure who to ask, please contact the International Student & Staff Affairs - ISSA Office.

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### FEEDBACK

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## ABOUT IAU

### The Gateway to Your International Career

Istanbul Aydın University was founded in 2003 to introduce highly skilled graduates to the business world. It is a non-profit, state-recognized Foundation University, offering 292 academic programs under 12 faculties, 1 School of Foreign Languages, 1 School of Applied Sciences, 1 Graduate Institute and 3 Vocational Schools of Higher Education. IAU has 35 research centers, a technocenter, and health sciences laboratories equipped with the latest technology. The university has over 39.000 students, of which 5.000+ is international and 1500 teaching and administrative staff.

Faculties:

- Faculty of Architecture and Design
- Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Faculty of Communication
- Faculty of Dentistry
- Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Fine Arts
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Sport Sciences
- Vocational School of Foreign Languages



IAU offers a wide range of academic programs in order to meet the demands of the labor market in global economy. To prepare students for successful careers, IAU emphasizes on applied education and training. It has the biggest technology center of Turkey, comprising of 165 application laboratories, and strong University business linkages that allow students to get hands on training in internships.

IAU places importance on internationalization of its educational offer. The medium of instruction is English in some academic programs. IAU has an English Language Preparatory Program and also a Turkish Language Teaching and Research Center (TÖMER). Having been awarded with the ECTS and DS Labels by the European Commission, credits and diplomas of IAU are recognized worldwide.

IAU has 5000+ International Full-Time Students from more than 120 countries and supports them with various scholarships. IAU also welcomes international students in its campus through student exchange agreements and summer schools. IAU participates in the Erasmus+ program of the European Union and has 450+ Academic collaboration agreements with distinguished universities around the world. IAU students can take advantage of these international partnerships for short-term study and internship programs abroad.

İSTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY  
**FLORYA HALIT AYDIN CAMPUS**



**A Block :** Board of Trustees, Rectorate and General Secretary, VIP Salon, Press Promotion Department, Conference Halls, Amphitheaters, Gym, Classrooms, Psychological Guidance and Counseling Center

**B Block :** Lifelong Learning Center, Work Placement Center, Anadolu BİL Vocational School of Higher Education, Radio TV and News Agency, Health, Culture and Sports Department, Jewelry and Jewelry Design Laboratories, Hair Care and Beauty Services Laboratories, Classrooms, Bookstore

**C Block :** Cafeteria

**D Block :** Amphitheaters, Computer Labs (Mac, Apple and Microsoft), Cafeteria, Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Technology Center, Conference Halls, Health Application and Research Center, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Incubation Center, Virtual Stock Exchange, IT Support Department, Council Rooms, Cyber Security, Orange Hall, Blue Hall, Oval Hall, Online Training Center, İAÜMED, Flight Mockup, Vertical Transfer Coordinator

**E Block :** Amphitheaters, Fashion and Shoe Design Showrooms, Masjid, Cafeteria, Classrooms

**F Block :** Amphitheaters, Student Affairs, Financial Affairs, Theater and Dance Stages, Drawing Rooms

**G-H Block :** Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Applied Sciences, Amphitheaters, Basic Medical Knowledge Labs, Observatory, Technology and Transfer Office, Classrooms

**J Block:** International Student Affairs, International Exchange Offices (Erasmus), International Academic Relations, TÖMER



**K Block :** Faculty of Architecture and Design, Faculty of Engineering, Construction and Building Control Laboratories, School of Foreign Languages

**L Block :** Faculty of Dentistry, Dentaydn Hospital of Dentistry

**M Block :** Faculty of Medicine, Health Services Vocational School, Basic Medical Knowledge Labs

**N Block:** Amphitheatres, Classrooms, Simultaneous Translation Classrooms

**O Block :** Vocational Higher School of Justice, Architectural Restoration Workshops, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Application Centers, Demo Kitchen and Cafeteria, Cooking Program Application Center, Classrooms,

**P Block :** Information Center (Library), Gallery

**R Block :** Faculty of Communication, RTV Studios, New Media Applied Research Center, Faculty of Dentistry Laboratories, Corporate Communication Directorate, Web and Social Media Coordinator, Visual Design Coordinator, News Agency, Classrooms

**S Block :** Faculty of Medicine

**T Block :** Student Affairs, Financial Affairs, Institutes, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Faculty of Fine Arts, Faculty of Sports Sciences, Faculty of Law, Library, Research Centers, Student Council and Student Clubs, Amphitheatres, Canteens and Cafes, Laboratories, Conference Halls, Offices, Fitness/ Gym, Museum and Exhibition Areas, Drama Acting Scenes, Masjid

**U Block:** Aircraft Technologies Center (Hangar)

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## Studying At IAU

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic calendar shows the important dates and deadlines which are crucial for your education at IAU. There are 2 semesters in each academic year at IAU, which are Fall and Spring Semesters. There is also an optional summer session where you can take courses which you couldn't pass in semester. The academic calendar includes the registration deadlines for classes, exams, holidays, summer classes and make-up exam deadlines. The deadlines announced in the academic calendar CANNOT BE CHANGED. You can find the academic calendar in UBIS Account or in official website.

## REGISTRATION

The registration for each program – Associate and Undergraduate Degree / Master Degree / PhD Degree require different documents, hence explore our Guideline for International Applicants online: [int.aydin.edu.tr](https://int.aydin.edu.tr)

For applications, Students can apply through IAU online Application form: [appform.aydin.edu.tr](https://appform.aydin.edu.tr)

The registration cannot be made with incomplete documents or by mail. After your arrival to Turkey, you should contact the International Office in person and submit your documents for your final registration.

## ORIENTATION

The Orientation Program, which you must attend in order to receive guidance for your education and life in Turkey, is mandatory. The Orientation sessions are brief information sessions regarding your adaptation to your new academic life such as; registration procedures, residence permit application procedures, cultural adaptation, informing about activities for International Students. The Orientation Program starts 2 weeks before the classes starts and end on the date the Fall Semester classes starts. You can find the schedule of the orientation program from the link:

[issa.aydin.edu.tr](https://issa.aydin.edu.tr)

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

Once you register for the university, an academic advisor will be assigned to you from the academic department you registered for. The academic advisors will help you through your education regarding your course registration, course schedules and thesis. You can reach your advisor from your UBIS account's registration information tab.

- Administrative offices
- The International Student and Staff Affairs (ISSA) Office
- Student Affairs

## Important Notes on Course Registration

The registration for the courses should be completed at the beginning of each semester.

Students are obliged to determine the courses they will take in the semester by consulting their advisor within the time span stated in the academic calendar. In order to register online at Aydın Student Information System (UBIS) students must receive a written approval from their academic advisor.

Students who did not enroll in a course during the registration period will not be able to take courses.

Students who do not pay the tuition fee in due time cannot officially begin coursework. These students cannot take advantage of the student's rights. For further information, please visit [issa.aydin.edu.tr](http://issa.aydin.edu.tr) for regulations and directives.

### Attendance and Examinations

The attendance in classes is compulsory at the IAU. Every course unit has specific evaluation methods and various test and projects to be completed.

In order to be able to take the final exam for each course you have registered for, you need to attend at least 70 % of that assigned course. If your absenteeism reaches 30 % of your total course attendance, the system will automatically give you a NA grade, which means "fail because of non-attendance". For the courses you failed because of absenteeism, 70 % attendance is compulsory in order to be able to pass that course in the next semester/academic year.

If you miss any of your exams because of an official excuse (ie: having an official

health report because of a health issue) , you should apply for a make-up exam before the deadline announced in the academic calendar. If you fail to do this, you may not be given a make-up exam and your exam score will be submitted as “0” (Zero).

Final examinations are given at the end of each semester for every course unit. International students are subject to the same regulations and directives with local students regarding attendance and examinations. At the end of each semester, a student receives the grades for each course unit he/she has registered for.

In order to graduate, a student must successfully complete the coursework of his/her academic program with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of minimum 2.00/4.00.

The normal time duration for the associate degree programs is 2 academic years and a minimum of 120 ECTS; while for bachelor’s degree programs is 4 academic years and a minimum of 240 ECTS. The maximum duration for vocational schools to graduate is 4 academic years and for bachelor’s degree programs is for 7 academic years. If you cannot graduate after completing the assigned time duration for your degree program, which is 2 years for associate degrees & 4 years for bachelor’s degrees, you will be entitled to pay for each credit hours of courses you need to take/re-take in order to complete the minimum credit hours requirement of your degree program for graduation.

IAU Grades	ECTS Grades
AA	A
BA	B
BB	
CB	C
CC	
DC	D
DD	E
FD	FX
FF	F

**Attention:** If you fail to graduate after the maximum time duration of your program, you may not be able to get a student letter from the university which may result in losing your legal residency status in Turkey. For further information, please see the IAU website for regulations and directives.






## Learning Turkish at TÖMER

Istanbul Aydın University Turkish Language Teaching, Application and Research Centre (AYDIN TÖMER) has been successfully teaching Turkish language to foreign students since 2011. From its early beginnings, AYDIN TÖMER has been hosting students from all over the world. The aim of the centre is to teach Turkish to foreign students using the best educational methods possible by implementing the “The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)”.

International students who are accepted into an academic program where the language of teaching is all or mostly Turkish, have to demonstrate proficiency in Turkish language in order to start the first year of their academic programs. Students who are not proficient in Turkish can study at AYDIN TÖMER Turkish Language Center. Students who are registered in an English instructed degree program at IAU, have a 50% scholarship opportunity on TÖMER fees.



# STUDYING ABROAD

## Study Abroad Opportunities

IAU international students can participate in the Erasmus exchange program. They can study one or two semesters at a partner university abroad and can transfer credits of successfully completed courses to graduate from IAU. To see the list of partner universities of IAU, visit the webpages for Erasmus [erasmus.aydin.edu.tr](http://erasmus.aydin.edu.tr), and the International Academic Relations page [international.aydin.edu.tr](http://international.aydin.edu.tr)

### Everything about Exchange Programs by Q&A

Our Student Exchange Program is open to all IAU students and the students who comply with the requirements can apply for this opportunity. However the host university's acceptance is essential. The students who intend to go for an exchange program for the spring semester must apply between June and October while the application period for the fall semester is between January and April

### What is Student Exchange?

Student Exchange is a program where Universities around the World, including Europe, exchange students through an agreement among two Universities and students are able to study for their program in another country for either 1 or 2 semesters.

### What is the difference of the Bilateral Exchange Programs?

The difference of the Joint Exchange Program is that it is not only limited to Europe. Students may choose a partner university around the world without having to pay a tuition fee to the host university. They can study for 1 semester or 1 full academic year.

Also, as long as students meet the requirements, they can be accepted by the host university without any exam.

The criteria for Student Exchange are:

- Must have completed at least 60 ECTS at Istanbul Aydin University,
- Must have at least a 2.5 GPA with no failed courses,
- Sufficient English knowledge,
- Satisfy host institution's and host country 's entry requirements,
- Be a good ambassador for Istanbul Aydin University
- Must have no academic misconduct.

Furthermore, the acceptance of the applicants also depends on the criteria of the host university. For more detailed information or questions about the Student Exchange Program, please visit us at the International Academic Relations Office located at the J Block, 2nd Floor in the Florya Campus or on our homepage: <https://www.aydin.edu.tr/en-us/international/internationalrelations/>

## Short-Term Study Abroad Programs

International Short Term Study Programs Office organizes, chooses and announces short term study programs such as summer or winter schools, educational camps, short term language training courses for both incoming and outgoing students.

IAU students can easily follow these announcements on our website:

[www.aydin.edu.tr/en-us/international/shortterm/](http://www.aydin.edu.tr/en-us/international/shortterm/)

### Who Can Apply?

All IAU students who;

- Are not graduating the summer when the program is taking place
- Are able to express themselves in English in a foreign country,
- Comply with the specific requirements for each particular program that is posted on the website.



[www.aydin.edu.tr](http://www.aydin.edu.tr)



## Erasmus+ Student Exchange Program

Erasmus+ is a European Union's student exchange program providing opportunities for students to study or gain work experience in a different European country for a period of at least 3 months and maximum of 12 months while completing a degree.

### Who can apply?

- Full time registered student,
- Students who have failed courses from previous years can apply for Erasmus exchange
- Students who successfully completed the first year of the degree program before the Erasmus+ mobility
- Students who attended the Erasmus+ language written and oral examinations,
- Students who delivered all the completed application documents in time to IAU Erasmus+Office via Erasmus+ Online Application System [erasmusapp.aydin.edu.tr](http://erasmusapp.aydin.edu.tr)
- Students who study any subject, both undergraduate and postgraduate, are eligible to participate in Erasmus+ program for studying abroad.

### What are the Assessment Criteria?

The applicants will be ranked according to their "Academic Success" which will be calculated based on their academic GPAs and language proficiencies from Foreign Language Written and Oral Exams. A minimum GPA of 2.20/4.00 for Associate

and Bachelor's programs and 2.50/4.00 for graduate students is required. In the evaluations of Study - Traineeship Mobility; 50 % of Academic Success and 50 % of Foreign Language Knowledge is taken into consideration.

### When to apply?

The application process takes place ONLY ONCE a year. You can follow the IAU Erasmus+ Office web page for the next application term.

### How to apply?

All IAU Students should use Erasmus+ Online Application System at **erasmusapp.aydin.edu.tr** to submit their application form and all their supporting documents, including CV in Europass format.

Students should follow the announcements on the website and the notice boards of the Erasmus+ Office and make their applications in the academic year previous to the academic year that they want to go.

### How much will it cost?

Students who participate in Erasmus+ Program continue to pay tuition fees at IAU, but are exempted from tuition at the host university where they spend their semester/year abroad.

Eligible Erasmus+ students receive a grant which partly covers the costs of the stay abroad. The amount of the grant is different for studies and traineeships and depends on the destination country. It is also possible to participate in the Erasmus+ program without receiving any grant. A number of selected students can benefit from the total Erasmus+ Grant allocated to Istanbul Aydın University by Turkish National Agency. In consequence, IAU cannot guarantee that all selected students will receive a monthly Erasmus+ grant for their study/placement mobility.

### For further information?

 [erasmus@aydin.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@aydin.edu.tr)  [iauerasmusoffice](#)  [iauerasmus](#)  [iau\\_erasmus](#)

## Career Placement Center

In order to let you turn your theoretical knowledge into practice, IAU offers “work placement courses” for both associate and bachelor’s degree program students. The goal of this course is to let you understand and adopt yourself to the job market and develop your own career path based on your experiences in the related fields of your study areas.

The work placement courses are offered at 2nd, 3rd, and 4th semesters of the associate degree programs and 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th semesters of bachelor degree programs. Each semester course are mandatory and lasts for 14 weeks. The attendance of the internship programs, which is planned by the first week of each semester, is also mandatory and non-attendance of 3 days results in a “Fail” grade in the system automatically. The performance during the work placement course is evaluated by the immediate manager, the person who is in charge of the department for your achievements for that semester. You are responsible for filing your weekly workload, observations and opinions and submit it to your immediate manager until the deadline announced by the Work Placement Center on UBIS.

Work Placement Center facilitates on the job training opportunities for students by arranging work placements at companies/corporations/ foundations, who are “solution partners” of IAU. Each student participates in work placement once a week in the fall and spring semesters and undertakes 30 to 60 days of summer internship.

Alumni Orientation Center helps graduating students make their career planning by considering their aptitudes and education. It aims to help alumni improve their employability and the skills necessary for a successful career. It provides connections between the alumni and various prestigious companies.







## Campus Life

### INFORMATION CENTER (LIBRARY)

Istanbul Aydın University's newly-built Information Center on Florya Campus occupies an area of 3.000 m<sup>2</sup>. It has a capacity of 728 seats and 50,000 volumes of shelf. The Center has 6 group study rooms and 13 personal study rooms and it is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

IAU Information Center's collection covers national and international various resources like printed books, periodicals, reference materials, technical publications, theses and various multimedia resources. Also internet connection is available for researchers. It is possible to Access e-books and e-journals via academic data bases such as Ebrary, JSTOR, WILEY.

For further information on our Information Center please visit the following webpage:  
<http://kutuphane.aydin.edu.tr/>

## HEALTH, CULTURE & SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Our goal is not only to help you enjoy an active the social life, but also to guide you in learning a working-producing mentality and take part in the social awareness to your new environment. In order to achieve this goal, IAU has student clubs and sport facilities.

## SPORTS TEAMS AND FITNESS CENTER

IAU has currently 20 sports teams divided to 22 categories which compete successfully at national and international tournaments. IAU's Sport Teams have won 17 Cup, 2 Best Player (in Volleyball Team), 14 Gold Medal, 17 Silver Medal, 9 Bronze Medals between 2018-2020. IAU Men's Karate Team has won European Universities Championship (EUSA)

IAU International Student Football Team has become a champion between the Foundation Universities in Istanbul in 2018.



The IAU Sports Center has a fitness center and a basketball field. In order to get a membership at the sports center, you need to register with your Student ID Card to the registration desk at the Sport Center.

## IAU CLINIC (HEALTH CENTER)

You can take advantage of our health clinic located in D Block for your health needs and concerns for free. Examinations, blood tests and prescriptions are free of charge in our clinic. You are suggested to consult a hospital or health clinics that is covered by their health insurance, in case of health problems that require professional care. For further information about health insurance, visit link: [issa.aydin.edu.tr](http://issa.aydin.edu.tr)

Our students and their parents can be treated at discounted rates at Oral Health Application and Research Center associated with IAU Faculty of Dentistry, IAU Faculty of Medicine located in L Block

[www.dentaydin.com](http://www.dentaydin.com)

[www.medicalpark.com.tr/vm-medical-park-florya-hastanesi/h-21](http://www.medicalpark.com.tr/vm-medical-park-florya-hastanesi/h-21)

## STUDENT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Not every individual has had the opportunity to express and embrace him/herself and be empowered enough to develop productive skills. Students clubs are leading a process, which helps in developing one's creative potential and embracing his/herself at their best. Our university gives high importance to the fulfillment of the basic need of "self-expression". In our student clubs and societies, you can enjoy embracing your own creativity by leading your personal projects.

Student clubs and societies create a lively atmosphere for students. You can choose from a variety of clubs ranging from athletics and lobby clubs to academic interest clubs. IAU has an International Student Union which aims at helping students to have a more comfortable social adaptation period when they first come to Turkey. ISU has leaders from each country in order to reach out to the incomers when they need someone who speaks their native language. The ISU has an active membership procedure which allows all member to participate in the events and organization of ISU.

In total, there are 60 student clubs some of which are: International Student Union (ISU), Young Entrepreneurs Club, Environment and Sustainable Campus Club, Social Responsibility Club, Original Design Club, Motor Sports Club, Jordan & Palestinian Student Community, Spanish Language Club, Cinema Club, Music Club, Dance Club,

Photography Club, International Students Club, African Student Union, Uzbek Student Community, Dutch Student Community.

## **MENTOR STUDENTS**

ISU has been mentoring students with their housing, residence permit processes and so on, whenever they need immediate help outside the International Students and Staff Affairs Office. The International Students Union also mentors the incomers once they become their member. The ISU leaders from each country keep in touch with the international students throughout their academic life at IAU. This helps the new students to adopt themselves to their new environment and academic life and solve any issue they come across.



## Practical Information

### How to get your residence permit

Please schedule an online appointment at [e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr](http://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr) in order to obtain a residence permit.

**Important Note:** Applications for residence permits should be made within 30 days of arrival in Turkey.

For more information, updates and useful links, please visit International Student and Staff Affairs (ISSA Office) in J Block or visit our website ([issa.aydin.edu.tr](http://issa.aydin.edu.tr)).

### How to register for HEALTH INSURANCE

In order to apply for a residence permit and/or see a professional health clinic, you need to have a valid health insurance. According with the latest regulations in Turkey, international students have to obtain a 1 year-valid health insurance for each year they are planning to stay in our country.

To obtain a health insurance, you need the following documents:

- Passport ID
- The amount of insurance fee depending on your age.

You can also obtain health insurance from government in the first 3 months after your first arrival in Turkey with your TC ID number, by applying directly to any office of SGK (Social Insurance Department) in your neighborhood.

If the SGK option doesn't work for you, please consider private health insurance options. Our International Students and Staff Affairs Office has made appointments with private health insurance companies who visits our office at J block, entrance floor on specific days of every week during the academic year decided by the company and our office. You may visit our office for more information about health insurance during the office hours.

### How to obtain a TRANSPORTATION CARD

Buying an Istanbulkart is a must for using public transportation in Istanbul. This is a plastic card that looks like a credit card. It can be used as a ticket on buses, Metrobus, Marmaray, trams, suburban trains, metros and even the cross-Bosphorus ferries. You scan the Istanbulkart to a scanner when you get on the bus or enter the tram/metro platform. After getting your student letter you will be able to get your student Istanbulkart. You can obtain it from any of the IETT operation centers in Istanbul. The nearest one to the university is located at the Bahçelievler Metrobus station. You can check

the official web site for further information at:

[www.iett.gov.tr](http://www.iett.gov.tr)

Requested Documents:

- Recent Student Letter
- Passport
- 1 passport photo
- Fee for the card.



**Note:** Transportation Cards need to be renewed each year from any of the IETT operation centers by handing in an updated Student Letter. If you lose your valid IETT Student Card, you may obtain a replacement.

\*Don't forget that before you applied for the student transportation card, you should have your residence permit card.

## BANK ACCOUNT

Banks throughout the country offer full foreign currency and TL services, including deposits and saving accounts, credit cards, debit cards and fast money transfer to any bank in the world.

You can process your banking transactions via the Internet or use the telephone banking option, both of which are designed to serve in English.

For this,

- You need to take your Tax number (Vergi Numarası) from the nearest Tax office (vergi dairesi). There is a tax office in every district of Istanbul, you just need to bring your passport and get this number.
- After you take your student documents, tax number, passport and residence permit card to any bank and open a “student account.”

**Don't forget you can't apply for bank account without valid residence permit.**

## MUSEUM CARD



The gates of history are wide open with the Museum Pass Istanbul. With this card, you will be able to visit the historical and cultural treasures of Istanbul, the capital city of three empires, whose history dates back over more than nine thousand years, free of charge and without having to queue.

The valid Museum Pass can be purchased from the ticket gates at Topkapi Palace Museum, Hagia Sophia Museum, Chora Museum, and Istanbul Archaeological Museums or from [www.muze.gov.tr](http://www.muze.gov.tr) website.

Requested Documents:

- Student Letter
- 1 passport photo
- Fee of the card

## SIM CARD

After receiving your temporary citizenship number and your tax number (as explained in previous pages of this guide book), you can buy a SIM Card from different agents. You may choose one from Turkcell, Turk Telekom or Vodafone by going to the nearest related representative offices. You should have your passport with you at the time of registration.

Please note that if you have bought your phone outside Turkey, you need to pay taxes of your phone to the nearest “Tax Offices” or “Vergi Dairesi”. After making the payment, you should take your bank document to any mentioned SIM Card selling carrier and “Register” your phone.

## DRIVING LICENCE

The holders of driving licence can apply for Turkish license with following documents to the Driver's Association Office, which is located at your local Transport Registration Department:

- Original valid foreign driving licence
- Notarised Turkish translation of the driving licence
- Original and copy of the residence permit (Ikamet) or Turkish identification card
- 5 identity-sized photographs (required at various steps of the process)
- Original criminal report which can be obtained from the local court house (valid 12-months from issue)
- Original health report issued by a local state health centre (Sağlık Ocağı) or private clinic; photos required (valid 12-months from issue)
- Blood group certificate (can be requested from a clinic or health centre)
- Receipt from the tax authorities showing that the relevant driving licence fee has been paid (cost depends on the class of licence being exchanged)
- Payment for delivery of the credit card-sized photo-ID driving licence



## ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING

Expenses (Approximate, Monthly)	Min. – Max. (TL)
Private Accomodation (shared flats)	1000 – 3000
Dorm Rooms	1000-2000
Food	500-1000
Transportation	50-150
Miscellaneous	200-600

## HOLIDAYS

### National holidays

- 1st of January New Year's Day
- 23th of April National Sovereignty and Children's Day
- 1st of May Labour Day
- 19th of May Youth and Sports Day
- 15th of July Democracy and National Unity Day
- 30th of August Victory Day
- 29th of October Republic Day

### Religious Holidays\*

- Ramazan Bayramı (Eid) Three days holiday
- Kurban Bayramı (Great Eid) Four days holiday

\*The dates of these religious holidays change according to the lunar calendar and fall on different dates each year.



## **ANADOLU EDUCATION AND CULTURE FOUNDATION (AKEV)**

Anadolu Education and Culture Foundation ( AKEV ) was founded in 1995 by our president, Dr. Mustafa Aydın, together with a group of academics and businessmen, who believed that well educated and trained individuals are the most important investment of a nation. AKEV's aim is to help contributing Turkish youth becoming conscious, open minded, productive and creative individuals. Parallel to this aim, AKEV also supports the bright youngsters who have limited financial means, and the children of veterans and martyrs, via free scholarship and allocates special funds for their educational development.

### **Volunteer Opportunities!**

- Education
- Culture
- Disability
- Art
- Social Responsibility Projects
- International Youth Projects
- Social Entrepreneurship

### **And more than this**

Would you like to be a volunteer, AKEV is waiting for you to join! To contact:

## **ANADOLU EDUCATION AND CULTURE FOUNDATION**



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### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS UNION (ISU)**

The International Student Union (ISU) at Istanbul Aydin University (IAU) is committed to tirelessly advocate on behalf of international students, to enhance their entire student experience and to promote the image of the University and its students by upholding ourselves to higher standards by leading with integrity and selflessly serving the University and beyond. ISU equally aims at promoting the cultural diversity that international students bring to IAU. An open platform is our motive to encourage students to share, exchange and appreciate each other's culture, and above all, to look into students problems and enable them to have a positive and constructive atmosphere on campus.

The mission of ISU is to promote international understanding and cultural awareness on the IAU studies, campus, events and facilitation (issues) of students community. One of our aims is to organize social programs to form a supportive and fun network of internationally minded and foreigner students and faculty of IAU. This agenda has been the moto of volunteering the works of students council. that has kept our morale high in spirits till now.

#### **ISU GOALS:**

- To communicate with the international students and act appropriately to their concerns
- To increase international awareness among students groups and encourage European and international student to choose IAU
- To ensure that the voice of the international student are heard while providing mentoring scheme for the international students
- To maintain the social and academic welfare of international students at IAU by fostering a sense of community/solidarity
- To assist and welcome incoming international students to IAU in coordination with the International Students and Staff Affairs Office



- To ensure that the rights and interests of all International Students are suitably represented and protected
- To integrate all of IAU students by organizing and participating in different social, cultural and intellectual events
- To promote relations between International Students and both local and national student organizations in Turkey in order to further common objectives

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## Entertainment

### LANGUAGE & CULTURE OF TURKEY

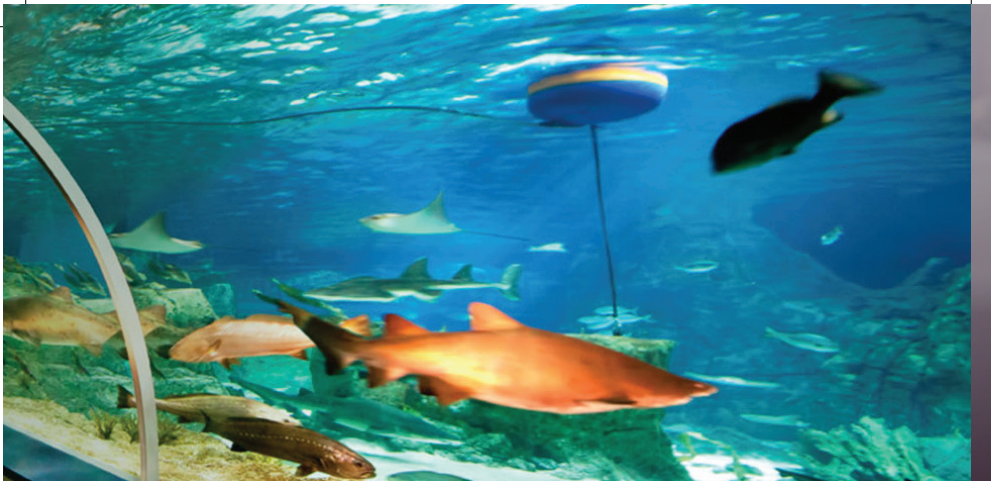
Did you know that the city of Istanbul spans two continents and over 3,000 years of history? Once the seat of both the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, Istanbul is now the cultural and economic capital of the Republic of Turkey as well as its largest city, with an estimated population of 15 million. Istanbul has seen the rise and fall of great empires and the ongoing transformations wrought by rapid migration and urbanization. Culturally diverse, historically rich and artistically inclined, Istanbul is an intriguing mix of East meets West. The main spoken language in Turkey is Turkish.



## CINEMA

If you are ready for a movie ..

Cinemaximum is the most popular cinema and you will find it in every district and in most Shopping Center in Istanbul. Mars Sinema is setting the world standard technology, comfort and service beyond expectations are the standards in each new cinema complex. They also brought the Real D 3D film technology to Turkey, and created a brand new three dimensional cinema experience for the cinema admirers which had never been done before..



## ISFANBUL THEME PARK

If you have an addiction to excitement then you must visit Vialand Theme Park Istanbul. Experience the thrills of rides including the Breath Taker, featuring speeds that reach 110 kilometers per hour in 3 seconds. Feel free to scream! The Family Coaster is another option, taking you 30 meters up at 80 kilometers per hour. And that's to only name a few of the excitement awaiting you at Vialand!

## ISTANBUL AQUARIUM FLORYA

The Aquarium is a member of the World Association of Zoos (WAZA). It is a two story building of no less than 22.000 m<sup>2</sup>! There are 64 tanks with 6.800 m<sup>3</sup> water, displaying 15.000 land and sea creatures of over 1.500 species. Dazzled already? Hang on, there is more. By following a geographical route you travel on a route that hosts 16 themes and a rainforest going from the Black Sea towards the Pacific.

## MINIATURK

If you want to explore the most important sights within a short time, than you must visit Miniaturk Istanbul. It is exhibiting a selection of 128 model of archeological artefacts made of polyurethane with a scale of 1:25. Models include 59 from Istanbul, 57 from Anatolia and 12 from inside the borders of the Ottoman Empire.



## Food & Beverages

How to maximize our eating pleasure while minimizing what we spend? Here are a few specific tips that will help you avoid having to get more cash wired from home:

As a backpacker on a budget, the Turkish word you should immediately commit to memory is “büfe”. A type of corner store found throughout Istanbul, büfe is the spot for your daily fix of cheap food, from döner (meat roasted on a vertical spit) to soup (usually mercimek çorbası), as well as panini-like grilled cheese sandwich known as “tost” or “kuru fasulye” (white beans in a tomato sauce). The Black Sea area is also famous for another delicious yet budget friendly item called “pide” (sometimes referred to as Turkish pizza). Fatih Karadeniz Pidecisi is not only one of the best and most authentic pide spots in Istanbul, but is also located in an atmospheric neighborhood rarely visited by tourists.

Don't leave Istanbul without having a grilled fish sandwich at the Bosphorus. This sandwich is made from a grilled fish fillet inserted in a half-loaf of fresh baked bread along with some “Salata” (lettuce, tomatoes and onions), prepared in traditional boats tied to the quay in Eminönü.



## If you have homesickness, here you have a list where you can find the cuisine of your own country:

### **Asitane Restaurant (Ottoman Cuisine)**

Derviş Ali Mh., Kariye Cami Sk No:6, Fatih, İstanbul

[T] : +90(212) 635 7997 [W]: [www.asitanerestaurant.com](http://www.asitanerestaurant.com)

### **Pizzeria Pera (Italian)**

Asmalı Mescid Mah. Gonul Sokak No:6A Beyoğlu, İstanbul 34430

[T] : +(90)212 243 8643

### **P.F.Chang's Ataşehir (Chinese)**

Barbaros Mah. Gelincik Sok. 34750, Bulvar 216, Ataşehir / İstanbul

[T] : 0212 688 25 25 [W]: [www.pfchangs.com.tr](http://www.pfchangs.com.tr)

### **Musafir (Indian - Pakistan)**

Recep Paşa Caddesi No:7/C Talimhane, Taksim, İstanbul

[T] : +90(0)212 235 27 41 [W]: [www.musafirindian.com](http://www.musafirindian.com)

### **Nicole (French)**

Boğazkesen Cad. Tomtom Kaptan Sk. No:18, Beyoğlu, İstanbul 34433

[T] : +90 212 292 4467 [W] : [www.nicole.com.tr](http://www.nicole.com.tr)

### **Reyhun Restoran (Iran)**

Tom Tom Mah.Yeni Çarşı Cad. No: 8/A Galatasaray/Beyoğlu/İst.

[T] : +90 212 245 15 00

### **Hamdi Restaurant (Turkish Kebab)**

Rüstem Paşa Mh., Kalçin Sk No:17, Fatih

[T] : +90 212 528 0390 [W] : [www.hamdi.com.tr/en/eminonu](http://www.hamdi.com.tr/en/eminonu)

### **Kaşibeyaz Restaurant (Turkish)**

Şenlikköy Mahallesi Yeşilköy Halkalı Cad. No:93/4 Florya-İstanbul

[T] : +90 444 10 40 [W] : [www.kasibeyaz.com.tr](http://www.kasibeyaz.com.tr)



## Nightlife

The nightlife in Istanbul is legendary and you definitely shouldn't miss it. When the sun goes down and the lights go on, Istanbul becomes a big scene for nightlife with incredible various options. The city switches into a vibrant scene of night life action. The summer nightlife moves outdoors and towards the water. Large waterside bars and clubs are open all along the Bosphorus and restaurants and bars open their gardens, terraces, even move locations. The popular summer locations are Ortaköy, Kuruçeşme, Arnavutköy along the Bosphorus, and Asmalımescit area off İstiklal street. In the winter the same clubs, bars and restaurants move indoors and into their winter locations. Top areas for nightlife are along İstiklal street and Nişantaşı.

### CLUBS

- Supperclub
- Masquerade Club
- 360°

### COCKTAIL BARS

- Tektekçi
- La Boom
- KafePi Asmalımescit
- Bomonti Brasserie

### BARs

- Barlar Sokağı
- Caddebostan
- Narpera

### PUBs

- Aliye Meyhane
- Safa Meyhane
- Galata Meyhane





## Sightseeing - Adventure

### Are you curious about the life in a palace?

Did you know that during the Ottoman Empire Istanbul was known as Constantinople? Conquered by Mehmet II the city was declared as the capital of the Ottoman Empire which was the capital of the Roman and Byzantine empires before. Explore this glorious historical heritage and discover amazing sites covering the entire tapestry of the city's history.

Are you curious about the life in a palace?

### TOPKAPI PALACE

The construction of Topkapı Palace was launched in 1478 by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror who took the city in 1453. The Palace was built upon a 700.000 square meters area on an Eastern Roman Acropolis located on the Istanbul Peninsula between the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. In 1923, it was renovated and converted into a museum that has today become one of Istanbul's most popular sights

### DOLMABAĞÇE PALACE

Built in the 19th century, it was one of the most glamorous palaces of the world. It was designed by Karabet Balyan, the head architect of Sultan Abdulmecit in a neo-baroque style. It has also a great importance for Turkish people, because the first President of Turkey Mustafa Kemal Atatürk lived and passed away in this

building. The palace houses the largest Bohemian chandelier in the world, which was a gift from Queen Victoria. Today the palace is converted into a museum, the ceremonial hall and the gardens are available for private reception and as well for weddings.

## HAGIA SOPHIA

It's said that when the Byzantine Emperor Justinian entered his finished church for the first time in AD 536. The Aya Sofya (formerly the Hagia Sophia) was the emperor's swaggering statement to the world of the wealth and technical ability of his empire. Through its conversion to a mosque after the Ottoman armies conquered Constantinople to its further conversion into a museum in the 20th century, the Aya Sofya has remained one of Istanbul's most cherished landmarks.

## BASILICA CISTERN (YEREBATAN SARNICI)

The Basilica Cistern – sunken palace is one of Istanbul's most surprising tourist attractions. This huge, palace-like underground hall, supported by 336 columns in 12 rows, once stored the imperial water supply for the Byzantine emperors. The most famous column bases are known as the Medusa stones in the northwest corner with their Medusa head carvings. A visit here is very atmospheric with the columns beautifully lit and the soft steady trickle of water all around.





## Sport Freaks

### CLIMBING

Ready to climb high...

Indoor climbing is fun, safe and one of the most adrenaline pumping sports you can do. Artificial climbing walls with different angles and slopes will give you an imitated feeling of real rock climbing. The highest wall in Turkey is located in the Olivium Outlet Center. Boulderhane and Boulder Istanbul are dedicated bouldering centers with climbing surfaces over 180 m2.

### RIVER SPORTS

Ready to get wet...

If you want to see the beautiful Turkish countryside, escape the pollution, hustle and bustle of a metropolis, than an exciting excursion to rafting, canoeing, river kayaking or water skiing is all you need. Istanbul has many rafting locations around the region, due to its size and mountainous terrain. High mountains, long distance rivers, amazing green valleys and spectacular geography made Istanbul Turkey a real paradise for rafting and nature lovers.

[www.turkeyrafting.com](http://www.turkeyrafting.com), [www.istanbul-rafting.com](http://www.istanbul-rafting.com)

## PARACHUTING

Ready for pure adrenaline...

Flying above the clouds and falling through the Turkish skies at 120mph is an adventure you will always remember and treasure. Adrenaline junkies shouldn't miss this experience.

[www.thk.org.tr/yeni/turkkusu/parasut/parasut.htm](http://www.thk.org.tr/yeni/turkkusu/parasut/parasut.htm)

## PAINTBALL

Ready for a battle...

Here you have the chance to prove yourself that you are tough enough. Experience the fun and excitement in the wild nature that only paintball has to offer. There are different Paintball areas in Istanbul, which sizes differs from 4.000 - 140.000m2.

[www.naturapaintball.com](http://www.naturapaintball.com) [www.aktifpaintball.com](http://www.aktifpaintball.com)

[www.istanbulpaintballarena.com](http://www.istanbulpaintballarena.com)





## Festivals

Hosting hundreds of festivals every year, Istanbul's agenda spans over different areas for all tastes and genres. The range of festivals is broad, powerful and diverse, attracting both Turkish and international festivalgoers.

**Find out some of the most important festivals of Istanbul:**  
<http://www.biletix.com/anasayfa/TURKIYE/en>





## Shopping

### GRAND BAZAAR

You haven't shopped in Istanbul until you've shopped at the Grand Bazaar. The Grand Bazaar was built in 1461 by Fatih Sultan Mehmet. With 21 gates, 66 streets, 5000 shops you're bound to spend hours in one of the world's oldest and largest covered markets.

### SHOPPING MALLS

Whatever you are looking for or whatever your budget is, you will be able to find anything you are searching for. Istanbul Forum Europe's biggest shopping center, Kanyon, Istinye Park, Istanbul Cevahir on the European site and Palladium. Brantium & Co on the Asian site offer you opportunities to shop from very high-end fashion to local brands.

## STAYING IN ISTANBUL

Whether you are looking for a five star hotel of the instantly recognizable international chains or a cheap and cheerful dorm room, you won't have to look far. Istanbul offers you a wide range of accommodation possibilities, also in the near vicinity of Istanbul Aydın University in Florya.

### ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT DORMITORY (for girls only)

Address

Gültepe Mah 1012 Sk.

No:4-6 Küçükçekmece/İSTANBUL

E-mail: info@aydinuniversitesikizogrenciyurdu.com

Other alternatives can be found on the link below:

<https://www.sahibinden.com/>

<http://www.hurriyetemlak.com/>

<https://www.airbnb.com>

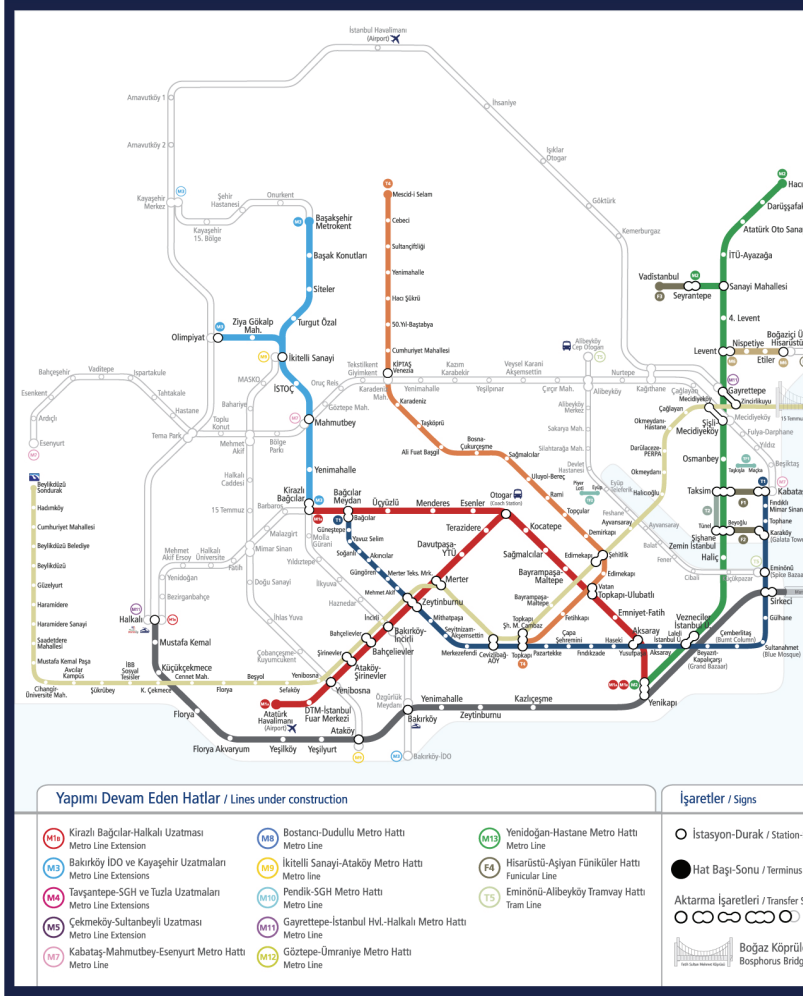


[www.aydin.edu.tr](http://www.aydin.edu.tr)

**HELPFUL  
TIPS**









## Useful Information

### TIME ZONE

UTC/GMT + 2 hours

### CURRENCY

The country's official currency is the Turkish Lira.

### TELEPHONE

Turkey's code: +90

Area codes are: 0212 for the European side - 0216 for the Asian side

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Medical Emergency : **112**  
Police : **155**  
Fire : **110**  
Tourism Police : **0212 527 45 03**

### UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

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Besyol Mah. Inonu Cad. No:38 34295  
Sefaköy / Küçükçekmece / Istanbul / TURKEY

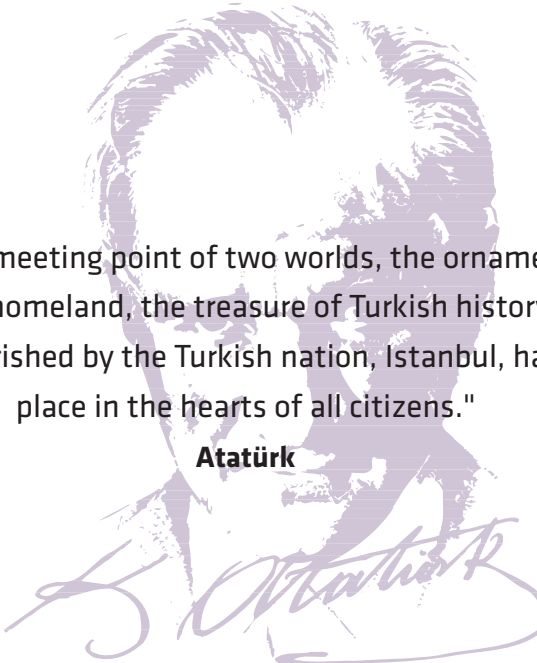


English	Turkish
Hello	Merhaba!
Good evening	İyi akşamlar!
Good-bye (said by person leaving)	Hoşçakal!
Good-bye (said by person staying)	Güle güle!
How are you?	Nasılsın?
I am fine, and you?	İyiyim, sen nasılsın?
Not very well.	Çok iyi değil.
Thank you	Teşekkür ederim.



English	Turkish
<b>You're welcome</b>	Birşey değil. (in response to "Thank you")
<b>Please</b>	Lütfen.
<b>Do you speak English?</b>	İngilizce konuşur musunuz?
<b>Do you speak English?</b>	İngilizce biliyor musunuz?
<b>I don't speak Turkish</b>	Türkçe bilmiyorum!
<b>I don't understand</b>	Sizi anlamıyorum.
<b>Could you please repeat?</b>	Şunu tekrar edebilir misiniz?
<b>Pleased to meet you.</b>	Tanıştığımıza sevindim./Memnum oldum
<b>Where is the washroom?</b>	Afedersiniz, tuvalet nerede?
<b>How much does it cost?</b>	Ne kadar?
<b>May I speak to [Name]?</b>	[Name] ile görüşebilir miyim?
<b>I am sorry</b>	Özür dilerim. / Pardon!
<b>Excuse me</b>	Afedersiniz.
<b>Can you help me?</b>	Yardım edebilir misiniz?
<b>Yes</b>	Evet.
<b>No</b>	Hayır.
<b>I don't know</b>	Bilmiyorum.



A black and white portrait of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He has short, dark hair and a mustache. The portrait is centered on the page.

"On the meeting point of two worlds, the ornament of Turkish homeland, the treasure of Turkish history, the city cherished by the Turkish nation, Istanbul, has its place in the hearts of all citizens."

**Atatürk**



## Welcome to the **ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY**

**01**

Globally Recognized  
Diploma

**02**

Education in the heart of  
Istanbul

**03**

Special assistance from  
International Student

**04**

Health Care Services

**05**

Multilanguage Facilities in  
the International Office

**06**

Cooperations with more  
than 3000 solution partners  
from business life

**07**

Erasmus+ and Exchange  
Programs

**08**

Multicultural and friendly  
campus environment

