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FACULTY OF MEDICINE New Student Handbook



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First Step for Future Physicians

Dear Students,

Welcome to our Faculty of Medicine. Our aim is to educate you as physicians who are equipped with contemporary knowledge and technology, committed to ethical values, contributing to public health, and competent in both national and international arenas.

Medical education is transforming along with continuously changing healthcare systems and rapidly developing scientific and technological advancements. **Developments in fields such as biotechnology, medical engineering, artificial intelligence applications, genetic diagnostics and treatments, tissue engineering, and advanced robotic solutions are bringing different standards and practices to the physicians of the future.** Our faculty keeps pace with the digital age by integrating these innovations into the education process and ensuring that our students progress in line with the requirements of modern medicine.

We aim to raise our students not only as knowledgeable individuals, but also as physicians who adopt the evidence-based medicine approach, internalize humanistic values, defend public health, and constantly improve themselves.

With our Turkish and English medical programs, strong academic staff, modern laboratories, digital education systems, international collaborations, and student-centered approach, we provide you with a rich, versatile, and globally standardized learning environment.

Welcome to our community. I wish you a professional journey full of success, where you will add value to humanity.



Prof. Dr. Halil ALIŞ
Faculty of Medicine, Dean



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Our faculty is a dynamic center of education and research that responds to the needs of the changing world of healthcare and trains physicians equipped with contemporary knowledge and technology.

Medical education is not limited to the transfer of theoretical knowledge alone, it also includes the acquisition of multidimensional competencies such as the development of students' clinical skills, sensitivity to public health, competence in scientific research, mastery of healthcare systems, and professional behavior. In this respect, medical education in our faculty is structured as an integrated program consisting of three main stages.

As one of Turkey's young and dynamic medical schools, Istanbul Aydın University Faculty of Medicine has quickly attracted attention with its strong academic staff and modern infrastructure. **Established in 2016, the Faculty of Medicine** of Istanbul Aydın University has been steadily carrying out its mission to train qualified human resources in the field of healthcare with its large student capacity, strong academic staff, and modern facilities. Our faculty offers two separate programs: the **Turkish Medical Program (2016)** and the **English Medical Program (2020)**. The total duration of education is **6 years**, with the first three years consisting of pre-clinical courses and the last three years of clinical practice.

As of the 2024–2025 academic year, our total student population is 1,172. Among them, 740 are enrolled in the Turkish program and 432 in the English program.





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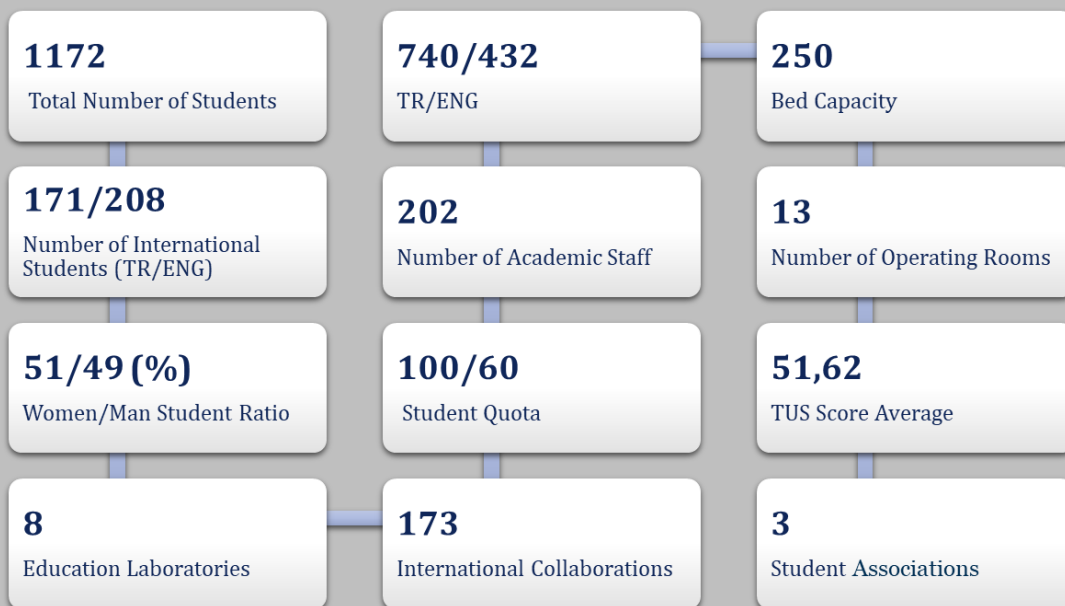


In addition, a **total of 279 international students are studying at our faculty — 171 in the Turkish program and 108 in the English program.** Our faculty maintains a balanced gender profile, with approximately 51% female and 49% male students.

Pre-clinical education is carried out at the **Florya Halit Aydın Campus**, while clinical education takes place primarily at the **Istanbul Aydın University Application and Research Hospital**, as well as in various affiliated training and research hospitals. Our modern university hospital, with a capacity of 250 beds and **13 fully equipped operating rooms**, supports the hands-on training of our students. The total annual admission quota of our faculty is 160 students: 100 for the Turkish program and 60 for the English program.

Our academic staff consists of **202 full-time faculty members**, whose expertise enhances the quality and scope of our education and research activities. The faculty houses **10 training laboratories and 2 research laboratories.** In addition, student development — both social and professional — is supported through the Medical Student Associations, student communities, and clubs.

In the educational process, a strong digital infrastructure is provided through the use of **UBIS (Information System) and MEDU (Education Management System).** Our faculty is currently **undergoing the UTEAK accreditation** process and continues to enhance its quality standards. To strengthen the international competitiveness of our students, **support is provided for preparation toward the USMLE and other national and international medical examinations.** With **173 academic collaboration agreements**, our faculty reinforces its vision of internationalization, while the notable achievement of our students includes a 52% placement rate in the **TUS (Medical Specialization Examination).**





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EDUCATION

The educational approach of the program is based on an **integrated committee system**. This system incorporates problem-based learning methods and provides an integrated learning experience that enhances critical thinking, analytical skills, and practical problem-solving abilities. In addition to hands-on laboratory sessions and clinical practice, students undergo intensive training in **clinical skills and communication**. Elective courses and professionalism courses further enrich the curriculum by emphasizing real-world applications and ethical medical practice.

The curriculum of our faculty is supported by **early clinical experiences, well-equipped education and research laboratories** (Anatomy, Basic Sciences, Clinical Sciences–Hospital), **case-based learning, and vertical integration**. In addition, **digital examinations and course materials delivered through the MEDU system** ensure that the educational process is modern and easily accessible.





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Turkey's Best-Equipped Basic Sciences Laboratories and Advanced Teaching Hospital on Campus

Our students, who aim not only to become skilled physicians but also future scientists, continue their education in the Basic Medical Sciences Department laboratories, which cover approximately 1,000 square meters and represent Turkey's largest and most modern infrastructure. Our Anatomy Department laboratory provides an ideal environment for anatomy education using cadavers and for hands-on practice in certain surgical specialties.

Equipped with modern instruments, our laboratories enable students to conduct research at the molecular level; through techniques such as cell culture, RT-PCR, and other fundamental laboratory methods, students can develop their scientific skills and participate in their own research projects.

Thanks to our advanced teaching hospital on campus, students receive training across all clinical specialties, directly apply their theoretical knowledge in practice, and benefit from post-graduation specialization opportunities within our hospital.

RESEARCH

Students of the Medical Sciences Department at Istanbul Aydın University have the opportunity to nurture their scientific curiosity through a modern and comprehensive research infrastructure. Our laboratories conduct pioneering studies, particularly in the fields of cancer, aging, biotechnology, and the integration of medicine and biotechnology.

For our students, the following opportunities are provided:

- **Project and research opportunities** within the undergraduate program
- **Student projects supported by TÜBİTAK and the university**
- **National and international collaborations**
- **Projects focused on contributing to public health**

In addition, the planned **Medical Biotechnology master's and doctoral programs** will strengthen the infrastructure supporting our students' development as scientists after graduation and offer advanced research potential.

The **presence of our hospital on campus** allows students to work closely with clinical departments, enabling them to reinforce their theoretical knowledge through practical experience.



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INTERNATIONALIZATION

Our students gain international experience through **Erasmus+, exchange programs, and summer-winter schools**, providing opportunities to meet prestigious scientists abroad, build networks, and participate in seminars. They can strengthen their social and cultural interactions by coming together with national and international students.

International collaborations in advanced scientific fields broaden students' academic and professional horizons. Symposia, webinars, and thematic seminar series featuring participants from various countries make valuable contributions to the academic community.

In the annual international summer and winter schools, students attend intensive courses; these programs enhance the academic appeal of both Istanbul and our university, while allowing students from different countries to become acquainted with the Turkish higher education system.

STUDENT LIFE AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Medical Student Association

The Medical Student Association provides support to all our students both academically and socially. By joining the association, you can benefit from the following activities and opportunities:

- **Scientific Meetings:** Seminars and conferences with experts in their fields.
- **Social Responsibility Projects:** Opportunities to actively participate in volunteer projects that contribute to society.
- **Cultural Activities:** Enrich your social life through concerts, theater performances, and other cultural events.

Mentorship System

Each student is assigned an advisor upon enrollment. Advisors provide guidance and answer questions regarding academic and personal development. Additionally, student mentors share their experiences to help new students adapt to university life.

- **Advisor and Student Mentor Support:**
 - Course planning and academic guidance
 - Research and project supervision
 - Guidance on internships and exchange programs
 - Career planning and post-graduation support
 - Academic and personal development seminars



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UBIS & MEDU

These are online platforms that provide easy access to course schedules, exam results, and educational materials:

- **UBIS:** <https://ubis.aydin.edu.tr/>
- **MEDU:** <https://medu.aydin.edu.tr/>

Useful Links

- **Istanbul Aydın University Main Website:** <https://www.aydin.edu.tr>
- **Faculty of Medicine Turkish Program:** tip.aydin.edu.tr/tr
- **Faculty of Medicine English Program:** tip.aydin.edu.tr/en
- **Official Email:** tipdekanlik@aydin.edu.tr
- **Social Media (Instagram):** [iau_tip](https://www.instagram.com/iau_tip)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1] What is the language of instruction?

- **Turkish Program:** The program is conducted entirely in Turkish.
- **English Program:** The first three years are entirely in English; from the 4th year onward, clinical training at the patient bedside is in Turkish, while theoretical courses are delivered in English-Turkish.

2] How is language proficiency determined for the English Program?

It is assessed through the university's language exam or recognized national/international certificates (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.). Students who do not meet the requirement attend the English preparatory program.

3] Is there a language requirement for international students in the Turkish Program?

A minimum C1 level in Turkish is required; students who fail the proficiency exam attend a one-year Turkish preparatory program.

4] Where can I access the course schedule and academic calendar?

You can access them via the UBIS and MEDU systems as well as the faculty website.

5] How is course selection done?

For first-year students, course selection occurs automatically after registration in the system. Selected courses must be approved by your advisor. Advisor meetings are conducted during designated hours.

6] What are the attendance requirements?

Attendance is mandatory at 70% for theoretical courses and 80% for practical sessions.

7] How does the grading and examination system work?

Final grades are calculated based on the average of in-year assessments and final exams. Detailed information is available on MEDU and is provided by the class coordinator during orientation week.



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8] Where is clinical training conducted?

From the 4th year onward, clinical training takes place at Istanbul Aydın University Health Application and Research Center Hospital and affiliated training and research hospitals.

9] Is horizontal transfer possible?

Applications can be made during the dates specified by YÖK (Council of Higher Education). For requirements and documents, please visit the faculty website: [Horizontal Transfer](#).

10] Where can I obtain my student certificate and transcript?

These can be obtained from the Istanbul Aydın University Student Affairs Office (T Block, ground floor).

11] Where can I find information about my assigned advisor?

Your advisor is assigned through the UBIS system, and you can access the information there. All questions will be addressed during orientation week.

12] Is attending orientation important?

Yes, orientation week is crucial as it provides essential information regarding registration, education, research, and internships.

13] When is orientation held?

Orientation is scheduled in the academic calendar and takes place one week before the start of classes. Date and time information will be sent to your @aydin.edu.tr email address.

14] When do classes start?

You can see the start dates of Faculty of Medicine courses on the faculty website; through the UBIS system's Academic Calendar section, you can access both the Faculty of Medicine schedule and the start dates for all courses determined by YÖK.

15] When are exams, and how can I find out?

Exam periods are listed in the Academic Calendar. For detailed information, common exam dates can be viewed in the announcements section of the UBIS system and followed under the Exam Schedule tab. Exam dates for Faculty of Medicine courses are announced by course coordinators (including class and time) and communicated to students separately.

16] How do I activate my email?

To use your @stu-aydin.edu.tr email address for the first time, follow the activation steps in the email sent by the IT Department via UBIS. If you encounter any issues, contact the IT Unit.

17] I am an international student. Where is the International Student Office, and whom can I contact?

The International Student Office is located on the ground floor of J Block. You can contact the office staff for assistance.

18] Are there opportunities for study and internships abroad?

Yes, students can participate in Erasmus+, TurkMSIC, and bilateral agreements for study and internships abroad.

19] What are the dormitory and accommodation options?

The university has its own female dormitory; additionally, there are numerous private dormitories around the campus.

20] For more detailed information: see the [FAQ page](#).

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