

Istanbul University Regulations for the Acceptance of Foreign and Overseas Students

Part I

Aim, Scope, Grounds and Definitions

Aim

Article 1 - The aim of these regulations are to define the principles and procedures pertaining to the acceptance of foreign and overseas students to the associate and undergraduate degree diploma programs affiliated to Istanbul University.

Scope

Article 2 - These regulations cover the principles pertaining to the exam, quota, application requirements, preference procedures and evaluation conditions for the acceptance of foreign and overseas students.

Grounds

Article 3- These regulations adhere to the law #6287, article #14/f published in the Official Gazette #28261; dated 11.04.2012 and the Higher Education Council Principles for the Acceptance of Overseas Students.

Definitions

Article 4-

The concepts and terms used in this circular are defined as follows:

- a) **ADP:** European Language Portfolio,
- b) **Unit:** The faculties, schools, conservatory and vocational schools affiliated to Istanbul University,
- c) **Unit Board:** The faculty board at the faculties, the school board at the schools, the vocational school board at the vocational schools, and the conservatory board at the conservatory affiliated to Istanbul University,
- d) **Unit Administrative Board:** the administrative board of faculties, schools, vocational schools and conservatory affiliated to Istanbul University,
- e) **Language Center:** Istanbul University Language Center,
- f) **IU:** Istanbul University,
- g) **İÜYÖS:** Istanbul University Exam for Foreign and overseas Students (International Student Exam)
- h) **Manual:** Istanbul University Foreign and Overseas Students Exam (International Student Exam) Manual,
- i) **KKTC:** Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus,
- j) **ÖSYS:** Student Assessment, Selection and Placement System,
- k) **Program:** Associate and undergraduate degree diploma programs,
- l) **Rectorate:** Istanbul University Rectorate,
- m) **Senate:** Istanbul University Senate,
- n) **University:** Istanbul University,
- o) **YÖK:** Higher Education Council,
- p) **Administrative Board:** Istanbul University Administrative Board.

PART II

Principles on the acceptance of Foreign and Overseas Students

Exam for Foreign and Overseas Students

- Article 5-** (1) İÜYÖS is held once a year. The application dates, application instructions, content and date is mentioned in the manual approved by the Administrative Board.
- (2) İÜYÖS, is proceeded by the Exam Preparation and Application Commission assigned by the Rector.
- (3) The coordination and results of the exam are executed by the decisions and instructions of the commission.
- (4) İÜYÖS results are valid for one (1) academic year following the exam.
- (5) İÜYÖS exam fee is determined by the Administrative Board.
- (6) Objection for the exam questions is five (5) workdays following the announcement of questions; objection for the exam results is five (5) workdays following the announcement of exam results. Objections are evaluated according to the context by whether “Question Objections Commission” or “Results Objections Commission”.
- (7) Objections for the questions or the results are to be done in writing to the I.U. Departments of Student Affairs or via e-mail yos@istanbul.edu.tr in the time period mentioned in clause #6 of this article.

Quotas

Article 6-

- (1) The quotas and special conditions of the associate and undergraduate degree formal (daytime) education, evening education, open and distance education programs for the departments accepting foreign and overseas students, are to be decided by the Senate.
- (2) The quotas and conditions determined by the Senate are reported to YÖK.
- (3) In case the quotas of the programs for the foreign and overseas students are not applied or vacant; except for the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Law programs, with the demand of the university, would be added to the quotas of university's other programs not more than the 50% of the quotas of the previous year ÖSYS Higher Education Programs and Quotas Manual with the approval of the Senate. For the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Law programs, may be added within Higher Education Executive Board decision.

Application Requirements

Article 7-

- (1) Applications from Turkey and abroad are both done online through <http://yos.istanbul.edu.tr> Official Website. Applications are accepted only within the application period.
- (2) Applicants;
- a) Are eligible on condition that they are either high school final year or graduates,

1) Those who have a foreign nationality,

2) Those who were born as Turkish citizens but later were permitted by the Ministry of the Interior of Turkey to leave Turkish citizenship, including their underage children who are registered in the document of leaving Turkish citizenship and who can certificate that they have the document regarding the Exercise of Given Rights, pursuant to the Turkish Nationality Law,

3) Those who used to have a foreign citizenship but later have acquired Turkish citizenship/those who have a dual citizenship under these circumstances,

4)

a) Those who have Turkish citizenship and have completed the last three years of their secondary education (high school) in a foreign country except Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) (including the applicants who completed their secondary education (high school) in Turkish schools opened by Turkish Ministry of Education (MEB) in a foreign country except TRNC) before 01/02/2013,

b) Those who started and completed their secondary education in a foreign country except Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) after 01/02/2013 (including the applicants who completed their secondary education (high school) in Turkish schools in a foreign country except TRNC),

5)

a) Those who have TRNC citizenship, reside in TRNC, have completed secondary education (high school) in TRNC and have obtained GCE AL degrees (The General Certificate of Education – Advanced Level), and those who have or will have GCE AL degree after registering and getting education in the colleges or high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010.

b) All the applications are ineligible on condition that the applicants have the following requirements.

1) Those who have Turkish citizenship and have completed secondary education (high school) in Turkey or in TRNC,

2) Those who have TRNC citizenship (excluding those who have completed secondary education at TRNC high schools and have obtained GCE AL degree and those who have or will have GCE AL degrees after registering in the colleges or high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010),

3) Dual citizens whose first citizenship is Turkish from birth, as prescribed in article 2.a./2 of this guide (except those who fulfil the requirements in 2.a/4),

4) Dual citizens who have TRNC citizenship (excluding those who have completed secondary education (high school) at TRNC high schools and have obtained GCE AL degree and those who have or will have GCE AL degrees by registering in the colleges or high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010),

5) Those who are Turkish citizens or dual citizens whose first citizenship is Turkish as prescribed in the article 2.a./2 of this guide and have studied or are currently studying at foreign embassy schools or foreign high schools in Turkey.

Program Preference Requirements

Article 8-*(Modified by IU Senate dated 20.03.2017, meeting no.20, ruling no.4)* 1) For the Foreign and Overseas Student quotas, applicants who get at least 40 points from the İÜYÖS Test of Basic Learning Skills; except for the open and distance education programs of the Open and Distance Education Faculty can apply. Applicants who can get at least 30 points or over from the İÜYÖS Test of Basic Learning Skills may apply for the Open and Distance Education Programs of the Open and Distance Education Faculty.

- 2) The necessary information on the preferences, and if there are special conditions and descriptions, will be announced on the University web page.
- 3) Applicants can apply maximum 3 diploma programs. Applications for the programs are made online from the İÜYÖS page of the University.

Program Preference Procedures

Article 9-

- 1) Applicants must apply online at İÜYÖS web page for the program preference procedures.
 - a) Applicant can log in the system with Applicant Number and Password.
 - b) Chooses the preferred program.
 - c) May choose three (3) different programs.
 - d) Applicant will see and approve the three (3) programs.

Evaluation and Placement

Article 10-

- 1) Evaluation and placement of the foreign and overseas student quotas are determined based upon the highest İÜYÖS points, order of preferences, and the number of applicants of the same nationality accepted to the programs. The number of eligible applicants of the same nationality cannot exceed the 20% of the related program quota. In case of equivalency of the quota placements, the youngest have the priority.
- 2) The procedures to evaluate and place the applicants who get the basic point and apply for the programs accepting within Special Talent Examination are in accordance with the Special Talent Examination score, order of preferences, and the number of applicants of the same nationality accepted to the related programs. The number of applicants of the same nationality who are qualified to register the programs cannot exceed the 20% of the related program quota. In case of equivalency of the quota placements, the youngest have the priority.
- 3) Providing the application requirements does NOT mean to gain the right to be placed in the programs.
- 4) Applicants who do not match the requirements will not be evaluated.

The Announcement of the Exam Results and Registration

Article 11-

- (1) Evaluation of applications and placement results for programs are to be announced on <http://yos.istanbul.edu.tr> Official Website. Eligible students will receive a "Letter of Acceptance" to the address they declared on application.
- (2) Registrations are to be done by the related units on the announced dates on the University web page. Students lose registration right unless registered within the registration period.

(3) The required documents for registration will be announced on the University web page.

(4) The required documents are:

- a) The original copy of high school diploma or temporary certificate of graduation and a copy in Turkish; notarized or officially approved by Turkish External Representatives.
- b) The original copy of diploma equivalency taken from the Provincial Directorates of Republic of Turkey Ministry of National Education or Turkish External Representatives.
- c) The officially approved transcript of the high school stating the high school courses, grades and grade point average of the student and a copy in Turkish; notarized or approved by Turkish External Representatives.
- d) Those who have TRNC citizenship, residing in TRNC, completed secondary education at TRNC high schools and have obtained GCE AL degree and those who have or will have GCE AL degrees after registering in the colleges or high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010 should provide an original copy of GRE AL exam result certificate and a copy in Turkish; notarized or approved by Turkish External Representatives.
- e) A printed copy of İÜYÖS result document,
- f) The copy of pages of the passport including the visa, identity information and time of validity and a copy in Turkish; notarized or approved by Turkish External Representatives.
- g) If available, copy of an internationally recognized Foreign Language Certificate and Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate, in Turkish; notarized or approved by Turkish External Representatives.
- h) Residence Document (should be given to the Student Affairs Office of the related department in one month after registration.)
- i) 8 photos 4,5 x 6,0 in size (front view and taken in the last 6 months enabling the applicant to be clearly recognized).
- j) Bank receipt of the tuition fee payment
- k) Officially approved Financial Guarantee Document
- l) A copy of identity register for dual citizenship holders if foreign at birth and acquired a Turkish citizenship.

(5) The registered foreign or overseas students may have general health insurance if they apply and pay for general health insurance premiums in three (3) months.

(6) The registration of students who submit falsified, counterfeit, incomplete or incorrect documents for application, placement and/or registration, will be annulled even if final registration was done.

Tuition Fees and Amount of Financial Guarantee

Article 12-

(1) A certain amount of tuition fee, determined by the University and approved by the Higher Education Council, within the framework of the Council of Ministers decree stipulating minimum and maximum limits annually, is taken from the students.

(2) Students must ensure the sustainability of their higher educational expenses and living expenses in our country, signing the “Subsistence Assurance Declaration Form”.

(3) The amount of Subsistence Assurance is determined by the Administrative Board.

Language of Education

Article 13-

1. The language of education at the University is Turkish. Students accepted for the programs with a foreign language education or that have compulsory preparatory class are subject to foreign language level and proficiency exam.
2. The compulsory foreign languages level and proficiency test and preparatory class education adhere to the Istanbul University Foreign Languages Education and testing Regulations.

Turkish Proficiency Level**Article 14-**

- (1) Turkish language proficiencies of the accepted students are determined by;
 - a. İÜYÖS Turkish level results if applied,
 - b. Result of the İÜ Foreign Languages Department-Turkish Proficiency Exam at the beginning of the term,
 - c. Language Center Turkish Proficiency Certificate
 - d. Turkish Proficiency Certificates of the Turkish Language Research and Application Centers of universities,
 - e. Turkish Proficiency Certificate of Yunus Emre Institute.
- (2) Evaluation of Turkish Proficiency;
 - a. (C1 and C2) Level: Turkish Proficiency is sufficient. Student can be enrolled to the preferred program.
 - b. (B1 and B2) Level: Turkish Proficiency is not sufficient but can be improved. Student can be enrolled to the program but on condition to continue Turkish language education. Student must certify a C1/C2 level of Turkish language until the beginning of third academic year. In case the language skills level is still B1/B2, student cannot continue education until the language level is C1/C2.
 - c. (A1 and A2) Level: Turkish Proficiency is not sufficient. Must get Turkish language courses. Such students should certify their C1/C2 language levels until the beginning of the third academic year. Students who provide C1/C2 level adhere to the first, students who provide B1/B2 level adhere to the second clause of this article.
 - d. These conditions are valid for students graduated from a Turkish high school abroad or foreign or overseas students graduated from Turkish high schools.
- (3) İÜYÖS Turkish Proficiency levels and points in accordance with the European Common Language Framework Levels:

C2 95-100 Turkish: Sufficient

C1 85-94 B2 75-84 Turkish: May be sufficient in a short term

B1 60-74 A2 30-59 Turkish: Insufficient

A1 0-29 No Turkish

PART III**Miscellaneous and Final Provisions****Conditions unavailable in this Regulation**

Article 15-

1. Conditions unavailable in this regulation adhere to the tenets of Istanbul University Associate and Undergraduate Education Regulations, regulations of the related educational unit, other related provisions of legislations and Higher Education Council, Senate, related unit administrative board and related unit principles and decisions.

Invalid Regulation**Article 16-**

1. “Istanbul University Regulation for the Acceptance of Foreign and Overseas Students” approved at University Senate meeting #41, dated 28.03.2012, is repealed.

Validity**Article 17-**

1. This Regulation is valid within the date approved by Istanbul University Senate.

Enforcement**Article 18-**

The provisions of this Regulation are executed by the IU Rector.