

# İstanbul University:

## Science Bridge from the Past into the Future

**İstanbul University, the first university in Turkey, is in service with its more than 70,000 students and over 15,000 administrative and academic staff.**

The history of İstanbul University dates back to the conquest of İstanbul by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror in 1453. The Sahn-ı Seman Madrasahs (Conqueror Madrasahs), established after the scientific meetings in Zeyrek a day after the conquest, constitute the first ring of this scientific journey. The madrasahs, where theological and environmental sciences were taught together, became centers of attraction with the reconstruction of İstanbul and the invitation of foreign scholars by the Conqueror. Flourishing with the support of the sultans, the madrasahs reached proficient status as higher education institutions particularly in the 16th and 17th Centuries.



They were transformed into Darülfünun by Sultan Abdülmecid in 1846. The Darülfünun works carried out by Grand Vesir Sait Pasha tried to keep abreast of the speed of the Industrial Revolution.

Following the proclamation of the Republic, the young Republic of Turkey, (in an effort to establish an educational system that is based on rationale and science), acknowledged the legal personality of Darülfünun and accepted the scientific and administrative independence of the institution on October 7th, 1925. After this date, the higher education system tried to meet the needs of the new system in terms of academics and materials. The infrastructure for a modern university was set up with the support of foreign scholars invited

to the country. With the 1933 University Reform, conducted under the leadership of Atatürk, İstanbul Darülfünun was transformed into İstanbul University. İstanbul University started on November 18th, 1933, as the "first and only" university of the Republic of Turkey.

İstanbul University has been the locomotive of Turkey's higher education with its 20 faculties, 8 graduate schools, 16 institutes, 5 departments and 20 Research and Application Centers under the Rectorate, and 37 Research and Application Centers under the faculties. İstanbul University, which led the way in many areas, has kept abreast of new developments thanks to its changing and evolving structure, and has become a model for a number of new universities with its progressive and modern thinking.

The university's buildings, initially established in the historical fabric of Beyazıt and the vicinity, have spread out over time to various parts of İstanbul. Currently, education continues in eight campuses; Beyazıt, Avcılar, Çapa, Cerrahpaşa, Bakırköy, Bahçeköy, Şişli and Kadıköy. The campuses were set up so as to meet the accommodation, sustenance, technological infrastructure, social and sports needs of the students. Over 70,000 students are attended to by around 15,000 administrative and academic staff.

İstanbul University also enjoys a privileged place among the universities with its museums, libraries and buildings. The Central Library, the first university library in our country, and the affiliated Rare Books Library are among these. These two centers, together with the faculty libraries, meet the needs of students and academics, and feature many works, periodicals, books, encyclopedias, photo albums, dissertations and various collections.

The Central Campus in Beyazıt enjoys a particular importance with its Historical Gate, Palaces, Central Building, Astronomy Building, Atatürk and Youth Monument and the Beyazıt Fire Tower. The garden, having the appearance of a natural botanical garden, houses a number of tree and bird species.

# Faculties of İstanbul University

## Languages of Education

Faculties	TR	ENG	TR+ENG
İstanbul Faculty of Medicine	√	-	-
Faculty of Law	√	-	-
Faculty of Letters	√	-	-
Faculty of Sciences	√	-	-
Faculty of Economics	√	√	-
Faculty of Forestry	√	-	-
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	√	-	-
Faculty of Dentistry	√	-	-
Cerrahpaşa Faculty of Medicine	√	√	-
Faculty of Business Management	√	√	-
Tourism Management	-	-	70% TR+ 30% ENG
Faculty of Political Sciences	√	-	-
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	√	-	-
Faculty of Engineering	√	-	-
Chemistry Engineering	-	-	70% TR+ 30% ENG
Electronic Engineering	-	√	-
Electric and Electronic Engineering	-	-	70% TR+30 % ENG
Faculty of Fisheries	-	-	70% TR+ 30% ENG
Faculty of Communication	√	-	-
Faculty of Divinity	√	√	-
Hasan Ali Yücel Faculty of Teacher Training	√	-	-
Faculty of Open and Distance Education	√	-	-
Faculty of Medical Science	√	-	-
Faculty of Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing	√	-	-

TR: Turkish

ENG: English

TR+ENG: Lessons are %30 English and %70 Turkish