



# ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

International  
Student Guide

2020-2021



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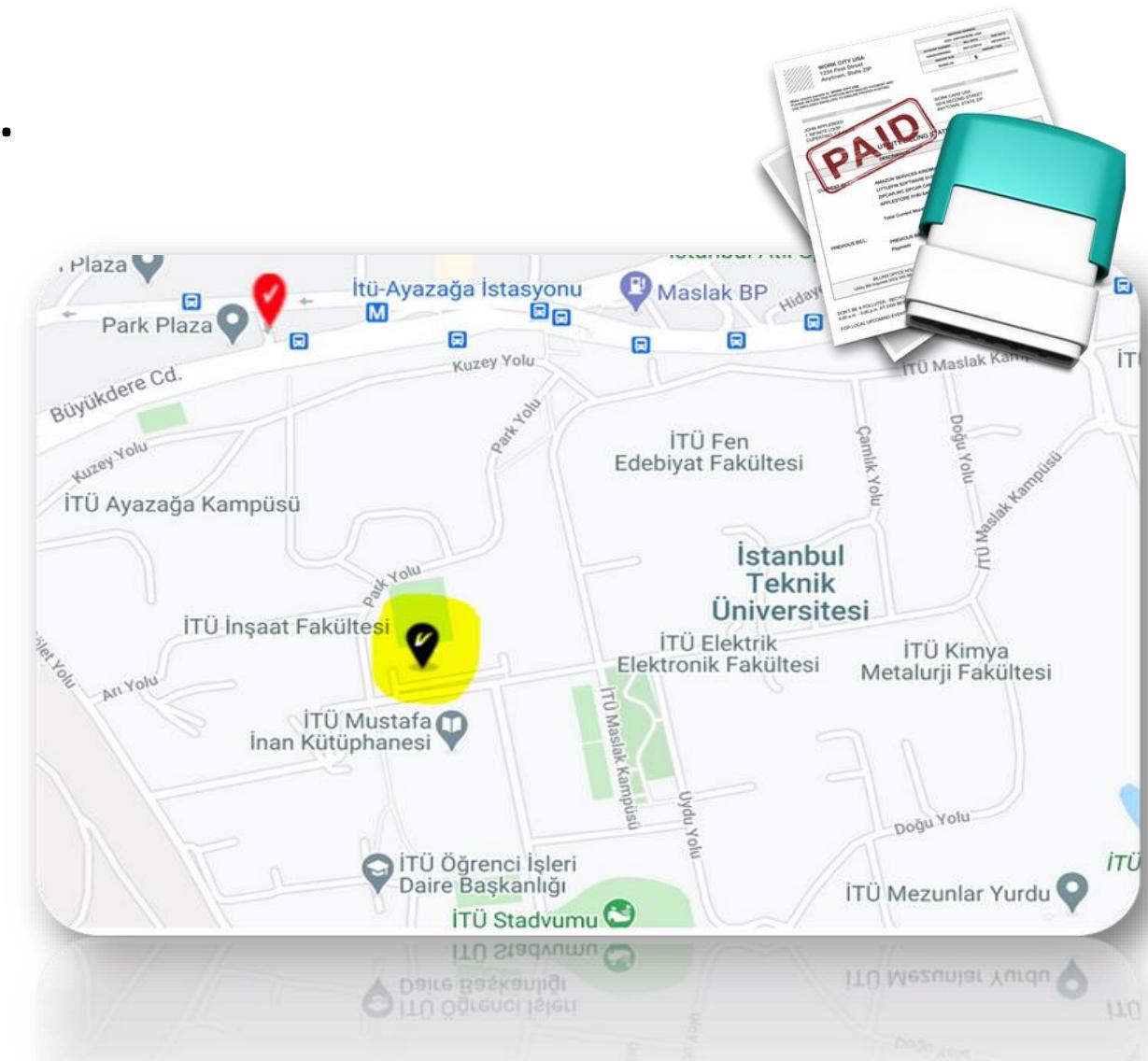
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# Step 1: Payment of tuition fees

If you have a scholarship, please skip to step 2.

If you are a self-sponsored international student, you are firstly required to pay the relevant tuition fee within the specified dates announced on the academic calendar. Please check <http://www.sis.itu.edu.tr/eng/calendar/calender2021/>.

Tuition fees can be paid at any branch of Vakıfbank.



There is a branch of Vakıfbank on the Ayazağa Campus.

<https://goo.gl/maps/sTogK11Bo6NkWsHx7>

## Step 2: Necessary documents for registration

Please provide the documents listed below for registration:

### A) Undergraduate Students:

- Original copy of exam result (e.g. SAT) to be submitted during pre-registration
- Original copy of high school diploma and transcript with a notarized Turkish or English translation
- Original copy of equivalence certificate (Denklik) for high school diploma
- Photocopy of passport and notarized Turkish translation
- Bank receipt of tuition fee payment
- Letter of undertaking
- 6 passport size photos

**Please Note: Original copies of translated documents are required for registration.**



## Step 2: Necessary documents for registration

### B) Graduate Students:

- Original copy of ALES/GRE score
- Original copy of diploma with a notarized Turkish or English translation
- Photocopy of Passport
- Original copy of undergraduate transcript with a notarized Turkish or English translation
- For Ph.D. students: an original copy of graduate transcript with a notarized Turkish or English translation
- Original copy of English proficiency exam result
- Bank receipt showing tuition fee payment

Please visit [http://www.sis.itu.edu.tr/eng/foreign/oturma\\_izni.html](http://www.sis.itu.edu.tr/eng/foreign/oturma_izni.html) for the list of documents that are required for registration and to follow the student residence permit application process.

**NOTE:** Please note that it is not necessary to complete your registration in person. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic precaution measures, we advise you to complete your final registration online. Translation of documents are not necessary if they are in Turkish or English.

For more information on **COVID-19** measures at İTÜ, please visit:  
<https://haberler.itu.edu.tr/covid-19-en>

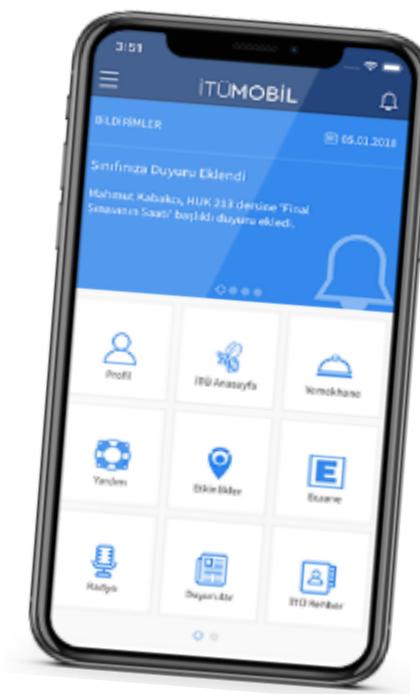
(\*) Registrar's Office [Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/dvLCgoh8FfVsGnsw5>]

# Step 3: Applying for a student ID card and email account



Once your registration has been completed, you will receive an email with the details of your İTÜ account details from the Bilgi İşlem Daire Başkanlığı – BİDB (Department of Information Technologies). All İTÜ services can only be accessed using your İTÜ account. You will receive an email on how to obtain your student ID card.

The İTÜ student ID card allows you to enter all campuses, load cash to purchase lunch/dinner at dining halls and borrow books from the library.



Note: Install İTÜMobil from Google Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS) to easily manage your card and course notifications.

# Step 4: Course Registration for Undergraduate Students



At Istanbul Technical University, courses for the first semester are automatically selected by the Student Registrar's Office, therefore new students are not required to register.

Please note that for course selection, students are required to submit a Turkish and English language proficiency score.

Note: To find the list of courses for each semester and information on course codes, course languages and building codes please visit <http://www.sis.itu.edu.tr/eng/schedule/>.



## Step 4: Course Registration for Graduate Students

Each new student is assigned to a program coordinator, who will assist them in choosing and registering courses for the **first semester only**.

However, an official thesis advisor must be chosen by the student no later than the beginning of the second semester. The advisor is the only person authorized to validate courses in the system.

Please visit your Institute and meet your Program Coordinator.

For further information please visit <http://www.lee.itu.edu.tr/en/candidate-students>

Please check the announcements of the ITU student registrars Office for information on opening courses, as they are subject to change each semester.

Note: To find the list of courses for each semester and information on course codes, course languages and building codes please visit <http://www.sis.itu.edu.tr/eng/schedule/LUprogramlar/> .



# Step 5: Food and Housing Scholarships

Each year, İTÜ offers food and housing scholarships to eligible students:

## **Food scholarship:**

Eligible students receive free meals at the campus dining halls.

## **Housing Scholarship:**

Eligible students pay only a fraction of the İTÜ dormitory rent.

Information and application deadlines for these scholarships are announced at

<http://www.sis.itu.edu.tr/>

Note: The application forms for the scholarship can be accessed using the İTÜMobil application.



## Step 6: Residence Permit (İkamet)

A partnership between İTÜ and The Directorate General of Migration Management of the Republic of Turkey has made it possible for an easy process for İTÜ students.

Visit [http://www.sis.itu.edu.tr/eng/foreign/oturma\\_izni.html](http://www.sis.itu.edu.tr/eng/foreign/oturma_izni.html) to check which documents are required by the İTÜ International Students Office for your residence permit submission.



Istanbul is one of the world's greatest cities famous for its historical monuments and magnificent scenic beauties. It is the only city in the world, which spreads over two continents: it lies at a point where a narrow strait - the Bosphorus, separates Asia and Europe. Istanbul has a history of over 2,500 years, and ever since its establishment on this strategic junction of lands and seas, the city has been a crucial trade center.

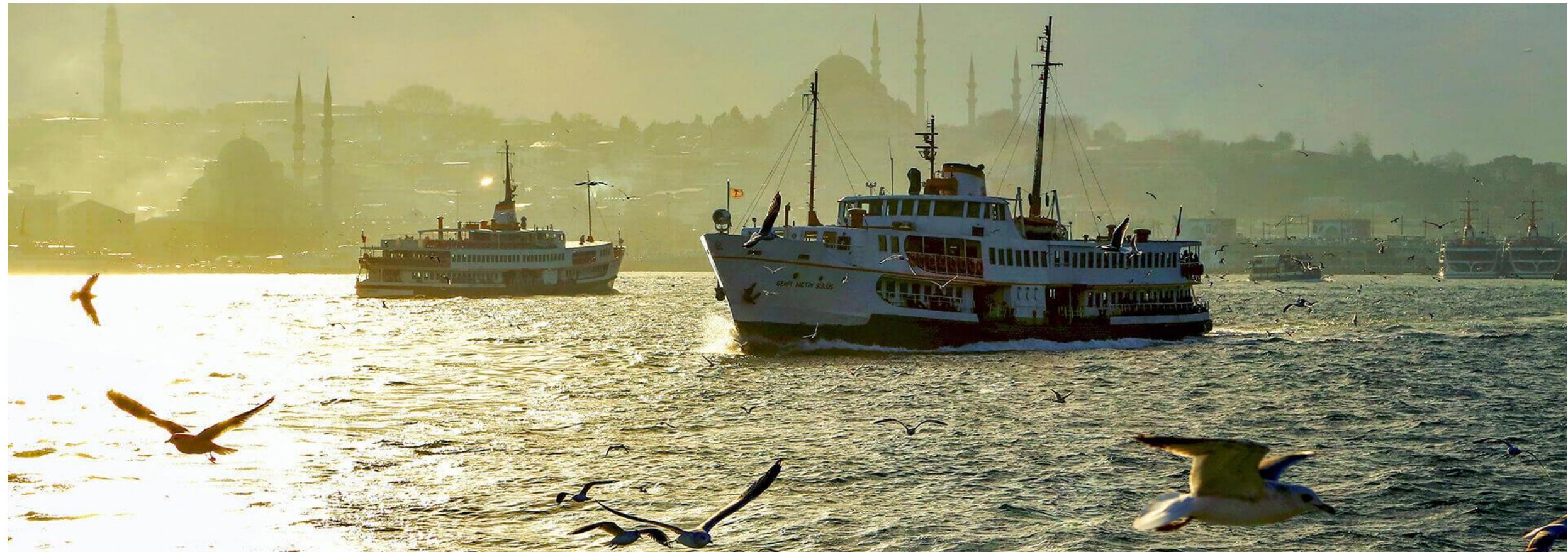
The historic city of Istanbul is situated on a peninsula flanked on three sides by the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. It has been the capital of three great empires, the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires.



İTÜ is a large city university with its campuses located at the central points of Istanbul: Gümüşsuyu, Maçka, Taşkışla, Tuzla and Ayazağa, which is the largest and the main campus that can be reached easily. All campuses are centrally located and are in walking reach to hospitals/health centres, post offices, banks, shopping centres, markets and hotels/hostels. Museum, cultural centres and stadiums can easily be accessed via public transport.

The city of İstanbul is considered as safe as at least all other major cities such as Paris, New York, London. Additionally, all campuses have security measures in place at the highest level.

# Transportation



Students are required to make their own way to their dormitory or residence upon arrival. İstanbul is a metropolitan city and there are buses, trains, and tubes (metro) to and from İTÜ and other areas in the city until late hours.

All İTÜ campuses are located at points that offer public transportation alternatives. There are İTÜ stops between the routes; there are 8 bus lines in Europe and 2 bus lines in Anatolia. İTÜ metro stop is located in front of the main campus in Ayazağa, and the Taşkışla and Gümüşsuyu campuses can be reached within a few minutes walk from Taksim metro station. Taksim - Maçka cable car line is a transportation option between Taşkışla and Maçka campuses. Due to the fact that all the campuses are located in the city center and the public transport facilities are linked to each other, it is possible to easily reach other urban travel alternatives such as ferryboat, metrobus, and tramway.

There are two major airports in İstanbul which are İstanbul and Sabiha Gökçen Airports.

# Transportation - Istanbul Airport

## By Havaist Shuttle

It would be best to take the Havaist Airport Shuttle, which is the most convenient way to travel to the city center, Taksim Square. You can find Havaist shuttles outside of the airport exit gate. This bus would cost approximately 30.00 TL.\* Once you arrive at Taksim, you can take the metro to get to İTÜ Ayazağa station. Follow the İTÜ signs and you will find yourself at the entrance of İTÜ. Further information: <http://www.hava.ist/en/>

## By Bus or Metro

You are required to purchase an “Istanbul Card” from the information desk or the machines provided. The card fee is approximately 10.00 TL.\* Additionally, you will need to load credits to access the metro service. 1 metro pass costs approximately 7.00 TL.\*

## By Taxi

Once you arrive at the airport you may take a cab/taxi to the Ayazağa Main Campus which costs approx. 125.00 TL\* or to the city center which can cost around 145.00 TL.\*

\*Prices are subject to change



# Transportation - Sabiha Gökçen Airport

Sabiha Gökçen Airport is the second major and the furthest from the City.

## By Havaist Shuttle

As mentioned above, you can take the HAVABUS airport shuttle at the airport exit gate to arrive to the city center, Taksim Square. The bus would cost approximately 18.00 TL\*. Once you arrive to Taksim, you can take the metro to get to İTÜ Ayazağa station. Follow the İTÜ signs and you will find yourself at the entrance of İTÜ.



## By Taxi

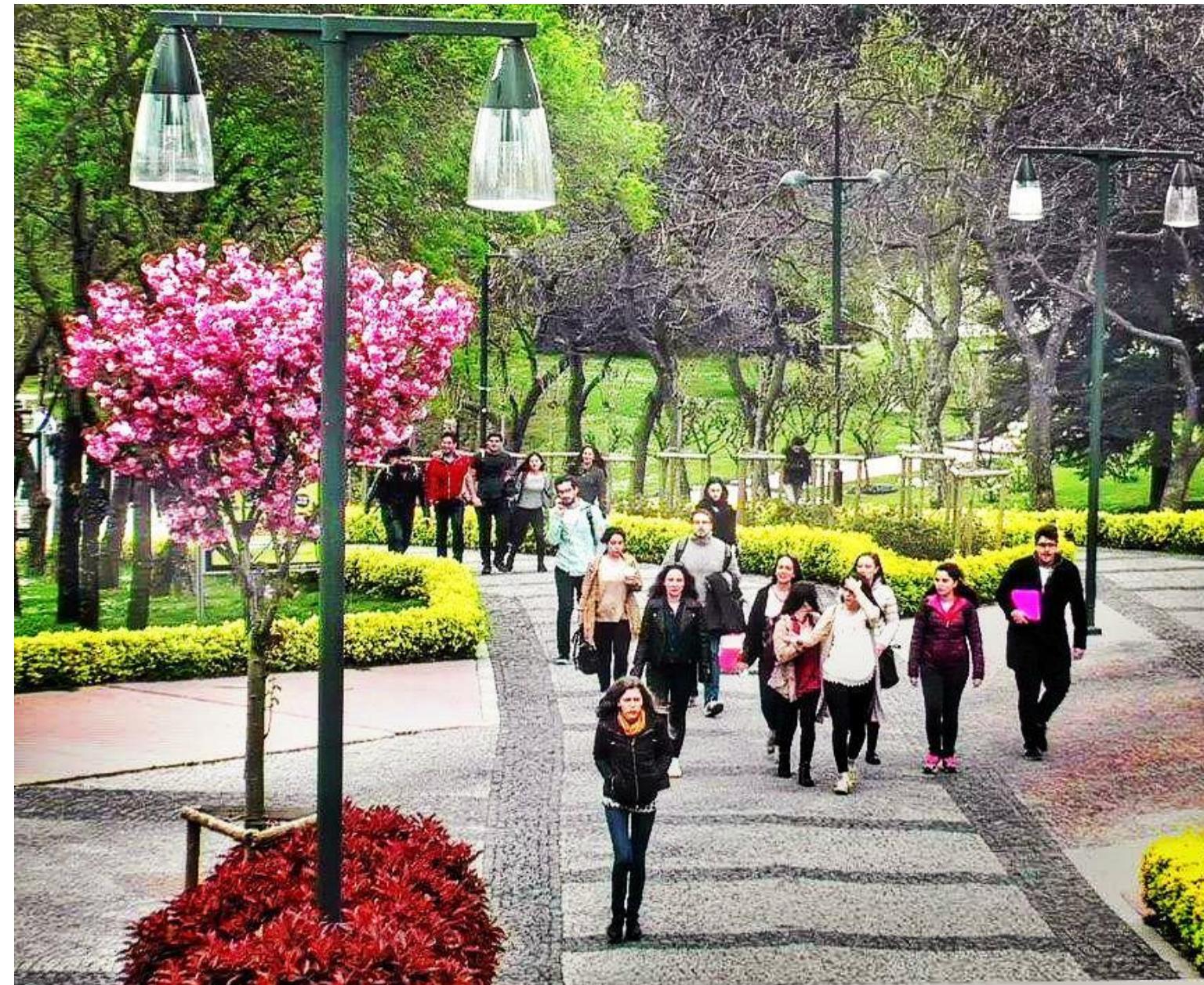
When you arrive at the airport you may take a cab that will cost about 185.00 TL\* to go to İTÜ Ayazağa Campus.

## By Renting a Car

If you have an international driver's license, you can rent a car at Airport Car Rental Agencies.

\*Prices are subject to change

# CAMPUS LIFE



We believe that universities are not just made up of classrooms and courses. They offer a lifestyle to students, such as nature, history, sports, arts, and the city, which brings them together. Our campuses are built upon this mindset.

The name of ITU, one of the oldest technical universities in the world, is identified with the education of engineering and architecture. ITU provides undergraduate education with 67 programs in 5 different campuses, 13 faculties, 1 conservatory, and graduate education in 6 institutes located in the center of Istanbul.

# CAMPUS LIFE - Ayazağa Campus



Ayazağa campus is the main campus located in the Maslak area, nearby Istanbul's new work and trade center. The campus houses the rectorate building and management offices in addition to 8 of the 13 faculties and 6 institutes.

The Mustafa İnan Central Library, Central Lecture Hall buildings, Cultural and Art Association, and Student Social Center (75. yıl öğrenci sosyal merkezi) are the most intense living space found on this campus.

The dormitories on campus are: Gölet, IMKB-Vadi , Ayazağa Female student, Ari, Gök, and Verda Üründül.

# CAMPUS LIFE - Ayazağa Campus



Faculties located at the Ayazağa Campus:

[Faculty of Computer and Informatics](#)

[Faculty of Electrical-Electronics](#)

[Faculty of Science and Letters](#)

[Faculty of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering](#)

[Faculty of Civil Engineering](#)

[Faculty of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering](#)

[Faculty of Mines](#)

[Faculty of Aeronautics and Astronautics](#)

There are 9 various Arı Techno parks, an Arı Motor Vehicle Center and İTÜ KOSGEB established for entrepreneurship and innovation studies. Additionally, there is a Mediko medical center, stadium, various cafes, and the İTÜ pond.

# CAMPUS LIFE - Taşkışla Campus



Taşkışla Campus was built as a hospital for Military Medicine, between the years 1846-1852 by the English Architect William James Smith and his assistant, the Ottoman Master-Builder İstefan. Taşkışla Campus houses the Faculty of Architecture, with its Institute of Social Sciences, Department of Fine Arts, and Continuing Education Center, in addition to the Faculty of Architecture library and dining hall. This city campus, which also houses the offices of İTÜ Development Foundation and the City Rectorate office, attracts people's attention with its splendid building. There is a cable car between the Maçka and Taşkışla Campuses.

Faculty located at the Taşkışla Campus:

[Faculty of Architecture](#)

# CAMPUS LIFE - Maçka Campus



Maçka Campus was built as a police station in the Ottoman Empire era. This city campus houses the Faculty of Management, School of Foreign Languages, Turkish Music Conservatory, Central Libraries for Advanced Studies in Music and the School of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Management Library, Turkish Music Conservatory Library, İTÜ Foundation offices, İTÜ social facilities, and dining hall. There is a cable car between the Maçka and Taşkışla Campuses.

Faculties located at the Maçka Campus:

[Faculty of Management](#)

[School of Foreign Languages](#)

[Turkish Music Conservatory](#)

# CAMPUS LIFE - Gümüşsuyu Campus



The Gümüşsuyu campus, along with the Taşkışla campus are located in the Taksim area, the most significant trade and cultural center in Istanbul since the 19th Century. The campus is situated in the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Textile Technologies and Design, Ratip Berker Library, closed sports center, open sports areas, dining hall, female and male student dorms.

Faculties located at the Gümüşsuyu Campus:

[Faculty of Mechanical Engineering](#)

[Faculty of Textile Technologies and Design](#)

# CAMPUS LIFE - Tuzla Campus



Education at the Tuzla Campus commenced in 1992 with the establishment of the Maritime Faculty. As a city campus, it houses the Maritime Faculty, Maritime Faculty Library and real maneuvering boats rather than simulations, a 25 capacity survival-at-sea laboratory, indoor training and swimming pool, with 33 meters in height and 17 meters in width, the largest pool with a wave simulation function in Turkey. The campus also houses a dining hall and a dormitory.

Faculty located at the Tuzla Campus:  
[Maritime Faculty](#)

# CAMPUS LIFE - Libraries



There are 8 libraries spread across the campuses, located in easy to arrive distances.

In our opinion, the success of a university is linked to the inspiring environment it offers its students. The atmosphere, facilities, and libraries were created to keep the motivation of our İTÜ members high.

<http://www.kutuphane.itu.edu.tr/>

# CAMPUS LIFE - Dormitories

İTÜ provides 4 thousand-bed capacity housing facilities\* to its local and international students. In total, there are 13 dormitories at Ayazağa, Gümüşsuyu, and Tuzla campuses, with comfortable conditions. The rooms are fitted with either 3 beds, 2 beds or a single bed to a room. In addition, there are separate working stations, tv rooms, canteen, and security services. All students have telephone and internet access.

You can apply for dormitories after completing your registration.

\*subject to availability

<https://sks.itu.edu.tr>



# CAMPUS LIFE - Health Service Center

All international students and scholars are offered free medical care at the İTÜ Medical Centers located at the relevant campuses.

The Department of Health Services, which is affiliated with the Health, Culture and Sports Department of our university, provides first-hand health services to students, academic and administrative personnel, and their immediate family members.

The Ayazağa Health Center accommodates medical practitioners, a dentist, a psychologist, a biochemist, a nursery, emergency specialists and ambulances, and laboratory specialists.

Ayazağa Sağlık Hizmetleri Şube Müdürlüğü  
Maçka Sağlık Hizmetleri Müdürlüğü  
Gümüşsuyu ve Taşkışla Sağlık Odaları



<https://sks.itu.edu.tr>

# CAMPUS LIFE - Dining Halls



At İTÜ, there are separate academic and student dining halls at each campus, of which approximately 15,000 students benefit. All calories are calculated in accordance with the required daily calorie intake by the departments of Food Engineering.

Additionally, there are various cafes and restaurants located on the campus to suit all budgets.

## Information for Students with Special Dietary Needs

Students who have special dietary needs may have difficulty when it comes to finding a suitable menu at various eateries. The University dining halls offer options for students who are following various dietary lifestyles, such as "Veggie Set" which does not use meat, fish, egg, or dairy products. Additionally, there are vending machines throughout the campuses.

<https://sks.itu.edu.tr>

# CAMPUS LIFE - Sports Facilities

A major sports complex, which includes a soccer field, an eight-lane tartan track, and an indoor sports facility with a basketball court, is located on the Ayazaga Campus. All students have access to the two olympic-size swimming pools within the Ayazaga Campus (open from September to August)

The Ayazaga campus also has a gymnasium with extensive workout equipment. The current extra-curricular sports offered include aerobics, badminton, basketball, fencing, handball, gymnastics, rowing, table tennis, tennis, taekwondo, triathlon, volleyball, among others.

The Gümüşsuyu campus has a basketball, volleyball, and badminton court. In addition, there is a swimming pool, fitness center, and basketball hall on the Tuzla campus.



<http://www.ituspor.itu.edu.tr>

# CAMPUS LIFE - İTÜ Events and Festivals



Numerous events that highlight creativity in different branches of arts meet under the roof of İTÜ. These events generate much excitement and are a perfect way to enjoy the campus scene with fellow students.

# CAMPUS LIFE - Student Clubs



[info@itukuluplerbirligi.com](mailto:info@itukuluplerbirligi.com)

The University encourages and supports extra-curricular activities that complement the academic, physical, social, and cultural development of students.

Members have hosted and participated in international and national contests and organizations. All international students, including those visiting, are welcome to participate in club activities during their stay. We encourage our visiting students to mingle with their peers in club activities.

# CAMPUS LIFE - Transportation at Campuses

## Free Shuttles

[Click](#) for network and schedule.

## Transportation by Bicycle

Cycling is the most convenient and environmentally-friendly way of transportation. [Click](#) for the bicycle route map.



# International Student Identity Card (ISIC)



Students who own this card can obtain the rights granted to foreign students in the country of destination. For example; many opportunities such as accommodation abroad, transportation, museums, cinema, and theaters can be available at a discounted rate. In addition, through the ISIConnect service, the card can be used as a phone card, benefitting from discounts on phone calls.

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