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ABOUT ISTANBUL OKAN UNIVERSITY

Established in 1999 with the vision of being "The University Closest to Business Life," Istanbul Okan University is home to 20,000 students currently receiving education, while 45,000 are already immersed in the business world. Our University operates across two campuses, offering students a modern academic experience. Moreover, through close engagement with the business sphere, collaborative projects, and partnership privileges, we are cultivating graduates who are fully equipped to compete with their peers on a global scale.

Collaboration with 2500 Companies

Our Career and Life Program teaches our students the skills necessary for professional success. As part of this program, starting from the first year, students can intern at businesses through the "Preparation for Business Life Course." Gaining practical experience before graduation prepares students for the business world and opens doors to supplemental income. Within our Career Center's internship and "O'COOP Workplace Training" program, our students engage with leading industry firms totaling 2500 establishments. Furthermore, our undergraduate education involves business professionals from pertinent sectors collaborating with our academic staff.



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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND METAVERSE COURSE



Our Career and Life Program aims to equip students with new competencies in digital technologies. Courses such as Personal Branding, Futurism, Artificial Intelligence, and Metaverse pave the way for this objective.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP COURSE TAUGHT BY INDUSTRY-LEADING BUSINESSPEOPLE

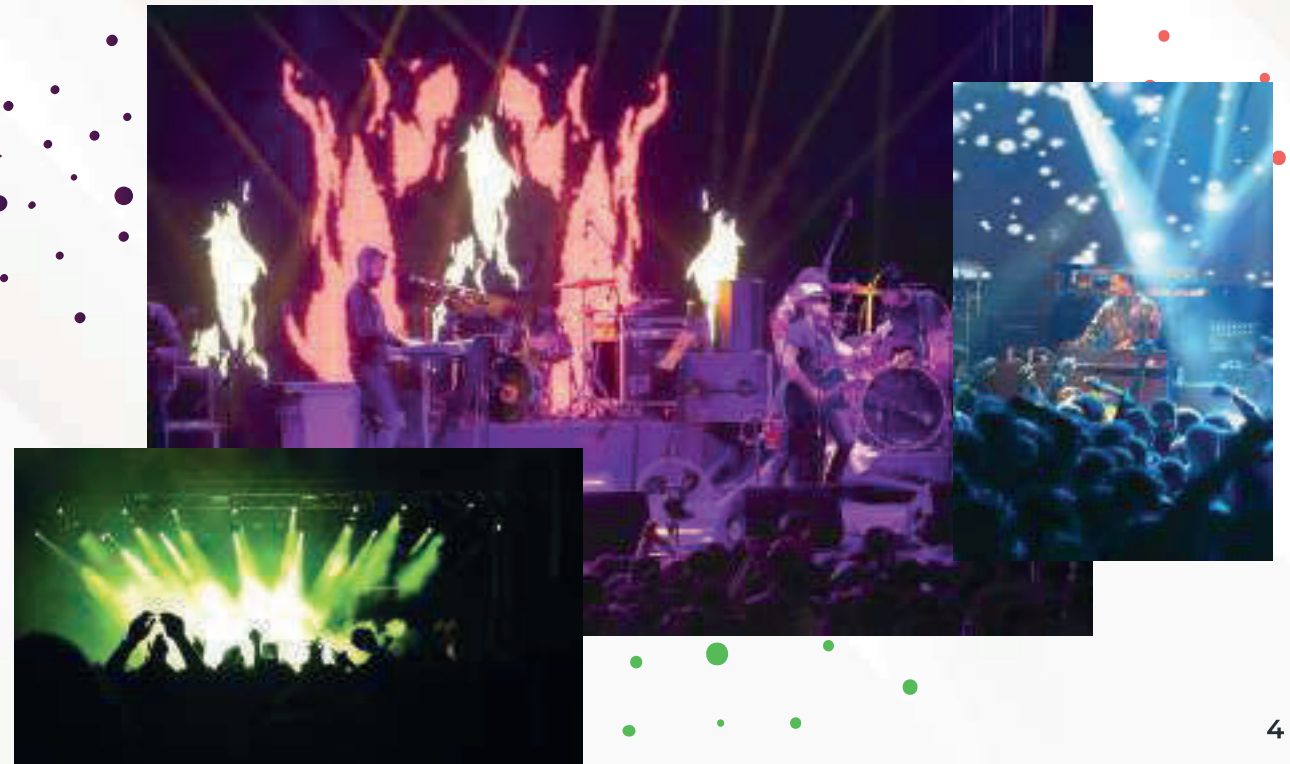


In the Entrepreneurship Course, which marked its debut in Turkey at Istanbul Okan University, students can learn from businesspeople's success stories and experiences. We provide a platform for interaction between our students and industry pioneers.

ENGAGING EVENTS AT THE BEKIR OKAN CULTURE, ART, AND CONVENTION CENTER



The Bekir Okan Culture, Art, and Convention Center boasts facilities such as a multipurpose conference hall accommodating 1550 people, a multipurpose hall for 300 attendees, a four-story library, a two-story exhibition hall, seven foyers, and cocktail spaces, enrich student life with art and cultural activities.





FOUR LIBRARIES ENCOMPASSING 4852 m² OF CLOSED AREA

Across our four libraries, with a combined closed area of 4852 m², students can access 66,000 printed publications, 580,000 electronic publications, and 110,000 e-magazines.



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR R&D PROJECTS

By tapping into national and international funding for R&D initiatives, we collaborate with students on diverse projects within the automotive and energy sectors. We empower students to develop their skills and enable them to earn supplementary income. Under the "OPINA" protocol signed with the Ministry of Science, Industry, and Technology, in collaboration with our Engineering Faculty, the IPA II project proposal with a 5 million euro budget was accepted by the European Union without any proposed alterations. Moreover, the European Commission extended grant support to this project in which our University participated.



113 UNIVERSITIES ACROSS 21 COUNTRIES VIA ERASMUS+ AGREEMENTS

In pursuit of internationalization, Istanbul Okan University has actively participated in international programs, including Erasmus and ISEP, since 2006. Under the Erasmus+ program, we have established agreements with 113 universities spanning 21 different countries. Additionally, we maintain bilateral exchange and collaboration agreements with 24 universities from 16 countries.



CLINICAL TRAINING WITHIN OUR THREE HOSPITALS

At Istanbul Okan University Hospital, with a 250-bed capacity, the Dentistry Faculty Training and Application Hospitals located in Tuzla and Mecidiyeköy, and our Polyclinics in Acıbadem, students benefit from clinical education and training opportunities.

Medical Faculty students undergo practical lessons in our 1000-square-meter Simulation Center using computer-assisted simulators.



FLIGHT TRAINING WITH BOEING 737 NG SIMULATOR IN THE AVIATION DEPARTMENT



Our Aviation Department hosts reciprocal flight training conversion programs with internationally connected flight schools. In tandem with theoretical classes, flight training is conducted by experienced personnel utilizing advanced technology from Fenix Aviation. Additionally, students receive training with the Boeing 737 NG Simulator.

Successful students in the selection process are presented with the prospect of working at Turkish Airlines and Pegasus Airlines, leaders in the Turkish civil aviation sector.



OKAN'S CULINARY TRAINING EXCELLENCE

Within our Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department, practical classes are held at O'Mutfak, one of Turkey's most extensive culinary training facilities, encompassing 1400 m². O'Mutfak comprises three central kitchens and one bakery practice kitchen, facilitating the simultaneous participation of up to 126 students. We provide students with state-of-the-art, comfortable, advanced facilities to ensure a top-quality educational experience.





ACCREDITATION

Istanbul Okan University supervised by YÖK (The Council of Higher Education).

In 2023, our university received a two-year institutional accreditation from the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK / THEQC), which is a full member of ENQA, APQN, CHEA, INQAAHE, and IQA. In 2025, upon re-entering the evaluation process, our university successfully achieved full institutional accreditation for five years, thereby demonstrating and reaffirming the robustness of its quality assurance system. Also, Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Civil Engineering programs are accredited by MÜDEK (Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Engineering Programs).

The University has documented the importance it attaches to brand value and took its place in TURQUALITY in 2023. (which is basically an accreditation system, designed not only for elevating the beneficiary companies to the level of international benchmarks, but also creating awareness on the internationally accepted values like quality and novelty that are actually carried by brands.)

Istanbul Okan University is managed according to ISO 9001, ISO 20000, ISO 22301, ISO 27001 and ISO 27701 quality standards.

Rankings

Our university has been included in the THE World University Rankings, where it is ranked 13th among foundation (private) universities in Türkiye, reflecting its growing academic reputation and international visibility.

In the THE Impact Rankings, the university has demonstrated a consistent upward trajectory, securing a position in the 601–800 band globally. This achievement places our institution 4th among foundation universities in Türkiye, highlighting its strong commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its measurable social, environmental, and economic impact.

Furthermore, in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings, our university was recognized as the 571st most sustainable university worldwide. This distinction positions the university 13th among foundation universities in Türkiye, underscoring its effective sustainability policies, environmentally responsible campus practices, and long-term commitment to ecological stewardship.

The university has also continued its upward performance in the Round University Rankings (RUR), where it is ranked 9th among foundation universities in Türkiye. This result reflects sustained improvements across key performance indicators such as teaching quality, research output, international diversity, and financial sustainability.

Collectively, these rankings attest to our university's steady advancement in academic excellence, sustainability, and global engagement, reinforcing its position as a competitive and forward-looking higher education institution both nationally and internationally.



WE ARE **26** YEARS OLD and Proud!

For 26 years, we have been growing together, producing together, and building the future together. We would like to thank our entire Istanbul Okan University family, our students, and our alumni who have been a part of this pride throughout the quarter-century we have left behind.



- 11 Faculties, 2 Vocational Schools, Conservatory, Graduate School
- 63 Undergraduate Programs / 62 Associate Degree Programs
- 142 Graduate Programs
- 20,000 Students
- 60,000 Alumni
- Turkey's First Autonomous Vehicle OPINA Development and Testing Platform
- Partnerships with Nearly 3,000 Companies
- 80 Student Clubs
- Institutional Accreditation by the Council of Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK)
- 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings
- Council of Higher Education (YÖK) Sports-Friendly Campus Award

- 2025 THE Impact Rankings – World University Impact Rankings
- 2025 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings
- Faculty of Medicine Hospital with a Capacity of 247 Beds
- 2 Faculty of Dentistry Hospitals
- Turkey's First Entrepreneurship Course
- Happy Life Program
- Academic Cooperation Agreements with Nearly 200 Universities in 25 Different Countries
- Nearly 4,000 International Students from 93 Countries
- An Environmentally Friendly Campus Built on 160,000 m², Producing Its Own Electricity
- 4 Different Libraries with a Total Indoor Area of 4,851 m²
- 5 Student Dormitories with a Total Capacity of 1,500 Beds





CAMPUS LIFE

The main Campus is the Tuzla Campus on the Asian part of Istanbul. The campus is close to Istanbul's second international airport Sabiha Gokcen Airport. Campus is ideal for students with its safe and pleasant environment. The university shuttle buses as well as public buses connect the campus to downtown areas.

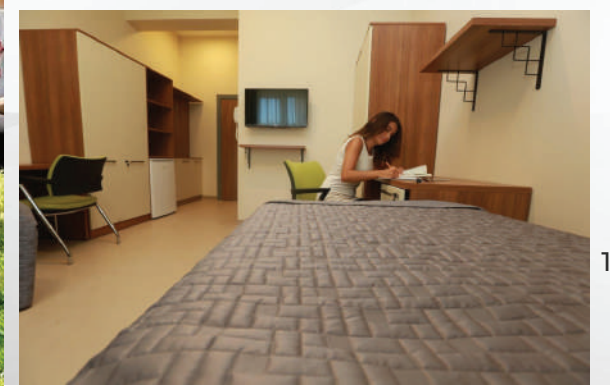
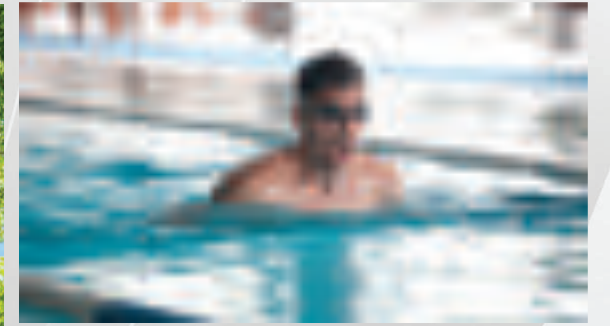
Tuzla Campus Offers:

- Male and female dormitories
- Computer and electronics laboratories
- Technical equipped art workshops
- Library configured with the latest technology
- 24 hours uninterrupted internet access
- Courtroom for practical courses from the Faculty of Law
- Gastronomy cuisine
- 24 hour health care
- Various food alternatives
- Sports complex (indoor fitness center, indoor swimming pool, fitness center, pilates and aerobics studios, race course, squash courts, steam room and sauna)
- Outdoor basketball courts, tennis court and football field
- Social center (cinema, game room, entertainment center, cafes, restaurants, supermarkets, shops)
- Amphitheater
- Mosque

There are other campuses in central locations of the city at both Kadikoy and Mecidiyekoy. Both are business districts with easy access and excellent public transportation links.

- Study Facilities
- Career Services
- Accommodation
- Social Facilities
- Student Affairs Office
- Dean of Students Office
- Medical Facilities

Okan Psychological Counseling and Education Center:
OPDEM





ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

- Medicine (English)
- Medicine (Turkish)

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

- Dentistry (English)
- Dentistry (Turkish)

FACULTY OF LAW

- Law (Turkish)

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES

- Business Administration (English)
- Business Administration (Turkish)
- Economics & Finance (English)
- International Finance and Banking (Turkish)
- International Trade (English)
- International Trade (Turkish)
- Logistics Management (English)
- Political Science and International Relations (Turkish)
- Political Science and International Relations (English)

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND NATURAL SCIENCES

- Automotive Engineering (English)
- Civil Engineering (English)
- Civil Engineering (Turkish)
- Computer Engineering (English)
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering (English)
- Genetics & Bioengineering (English)
- Geomatics Engineering (English)
- Industrial Engineering (English)
- Mechanical Engineering (English)
- Mechatronics Engineering (English)
- Software Engineering (English)

FACULTY OF ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

- Architecture (English)
- Architecture (Turkish)
- Cinema & Television (Turkish)
- Digital Game Design (Turkish)
- Interior Architecture & Environmental Design (English)
- Interior Architecture & Environmental Design (Turkish)
- Textile & Fashion Design (Turkish)
- Visual Communication Design (Turkish)

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Chinese Translation & Interpreting (Chinese & Turkish)
- English Translation & Interpreting (English & Turkish)
- Psychology (Turkish)
- Psychology (English)
- Russian Translation & Interpreting (Russian & Turkish)

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

- English Teaching (English)
- Pre-School Teaching (Turkish)
- Psychological Counseling & Guidance (Turkish)
- Special Education Teaching (Turkish)

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Child Development (Turkish)
- Health Management (Turkish)
- Nursing (English)
- Nursing (Turkish)
- Nutrition & Dietetics (English)
- Nutrition & Dietetics (Turkish)
- Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation (English)
- Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation (Turkish)

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

- Aviation Management (Turkish)
- Flight Training (Pilotage) (English)
- Gastronomy & Culinary Arts (English)
- Gastronomy & Culinary Arts (Turkish)
- Information Systems & Technologies (English)
- Information Systems & Technologies (Turkish)
- New Media & Communication (Turkish)
- Public Relations & Advertising (Turkish)
- Sports Management (Turkish)

CONSERVATORY

- Music (Turkish)
- Theater (Turkish)

FACULTY OF PHARMACY

- Pharmacy (English)
- Pharmacy (Turkish)



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SERVICES

- Anesthesia (Turkish)
- Audiometry (Turkish)
- Child Development (Turkish)
- Dialysis (Turkish)
- Elderly Care Services (Turkish)
- Electroneurophysiology (Turkish) YEAR
- First Aid & Emergency (Turkish)
- Medical Imaging Techniques (Turkish)
- Medical Laboratory Techniques (Turkish)
- Operation Room Services (Turkish)
- Opticianry (Turkish)
- Oral & Dental Health (Turkish)
- Pathology Laboratory Techniques (Turkish)
- Radiotherapy (Turkish)

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

- Accounting and Tax Practices (Turkish)
- Artificial Intelligence Operation (Turkish)
- Banking and Insurance (Turkish)
- Cloud Computing Operation (Turkish)
- Construction Equipment Operations (Turkish)
- Control and Automation Technology (Turkish)
- Digital Health Systems Technology (Turkish)
- Digital Transformation Electronics (Turkish)
- E-Commerce and Marketing (Turkish)
- Electronic Communication Technology (Turkish)
- Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Technology (Turkish)
- Human Resources Management (Turkish)
- Logistics Management (Turkish)
- Natural Gas and Installation Technology (Turkish)
- Smart Infrastructure Technology (Turkish)
- Web Design and Programming (Turkish)
- Aircraft Technology (Turkish)
- Architectural Restoration (Turkish)
- Business Administration (Turkish)
- Civil Aviation Cabin Services (English)
- Civil Aviation Cabin Services (Turkish)
- Civil Air Transportation Management (English)
- Civil Air Transportation Management (Turkish)
- Computer Aided Design (CAD) & Animation Program (Turkish)
- Computer Programming (Turkish)
- Construction Technology (Turkish)
- Court Office Services (Turkish)
- Cooking (Turkish)
- Electricity (Turkish)
- Flight Operations Management (Turkish)
- Foreign Trade (English)
- Foreign Trade (Turkish)
- Graphic Design (Turkish)
- Interior Design (Turkish)
- Machinery (Turkish)
- Mechatronics (Turkish)
- Mobile Technologies (Turkish)
- Occupational Health & Safety (Turkish)
- Occupational Health & Safety (Distance Learning) (Turkish)
- Surveying & Cadastre (Turkish)



STUDYING IN ISTANBUL

Istanbul Okan University is located in Istanbul, the only city that spans two continents (both Europe and Asia). In its rich history, Istanbul has served as the capital city both of the Byzantine and the Ottoman Empires. Today, Istanbul is the center of business, finance, arts, culture and entertainment in Turkey. While there are many historical landmarks such as palaces, mosques, churches and old bazaars to explore Istanbul also offers a very vibrant and lively cultural life, with year-round music and film festivals, modern art galleries, a varied nightlife, and exciting dining and shopping experiences. Istanbul is also an education center, with numerous universities currently operating and hosting thousands of international students.

You can explore Turkey and Istanbul's unique sides while both living and studying at Istanbul Okan University.



FOREIGN LANGUAGES × × ×

Istanbul Okan University puts a special emphasis on learning and teaching foreign languages. Students are provided with language courses in German, Chinese, Russian and Arabic as well as English. All Okan students who do not have English certification are required to pass an Okan

English proficiency test before starting their first academic year.

Students who fail the exam are required to attend English Preparatory School. We also offer Turkish courses to international students.

ISTANBUL OKAN UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The International Office seeks to provide the most comprehensive and timely service possible in order to support the needs of our international community here at Istanbul Okan University. We are also committed to helping our international students make the most out of their education by providing them with opportunities to interact and learn from our other international community members through various educational and socio-cultural programs and events. We aim to give them the chance to share and take pride in their own culture as well as you learn from the culture of others. Accordingly, we unequivocally support our students' adaptation to a university life, while enjoying the opportunities that living in Istanbul presents

Responsible for

- Processing all of the admissions steps throughout our students' arrival to our University.
- Managing and expanding the international partnerships of the University.
- International marketing and recruitment.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STUDENT VISA

Students who are not Turkish citizens require a student visa to enter Turkey. Student visas must be obtained before coming to Turkey from a Turkish Consulate. International students who are accepted for studies at Istanbul Okan University will receive a "Full Acceptance Letter" to facilitate their student visa application to the Turkish Consulate in their home country. The process of issuing a visa for Turkey generally takes around 6 weeks. Please consult the website of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa> to learn the addresses and contact information of Turkish Embassies and Consulate Generals in your home country.

VISA SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At Istanbul Okan University, we actively support our international students throughout the visa application process.

Upon request, our International Office sends an official visa support email directly to the relevant Turkish Embassy or Consulate where the student applies for their visa.

This official confirmation strengthens your application and helps ensure a smoother visa process.





HEALTH INSURANCE

In order to apply for a residence permit, you need to have valid health insurance. According to the latest regulations, international students are required to obtain one-year valid health insurance for each year they plan to stay in the country. To obtain health insurance, students need the following documents:

- Passport ID
- The insurance fee, which varies depending on the age of the applicant

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Within one month of a student’s arrival in Turkey, international students must obtain a residence permit.

To obtain a residence permit, students need the following documents:

- Online application form (www.e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr)
- Health insurance
- Passport copy with an arrival stamp
- Original student certificate
- Forms obtained from the International Programs Office
- Tax number obtained from the Tax Office in Turkey, along with an official receipt



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate:

- High School Diploma
- High School Transcripts (last three years)
- Passport

Master’s:

- Undergraduate Diploma
- Undergraduate Transcripts
- Passport

Ph.D.:

- Undergraduate Diploma
- Undergraduate Transcripts
- Master’s Diploma
- Master’s Transcripts

Notes

