

Welcome to Istanbul Medipol University

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

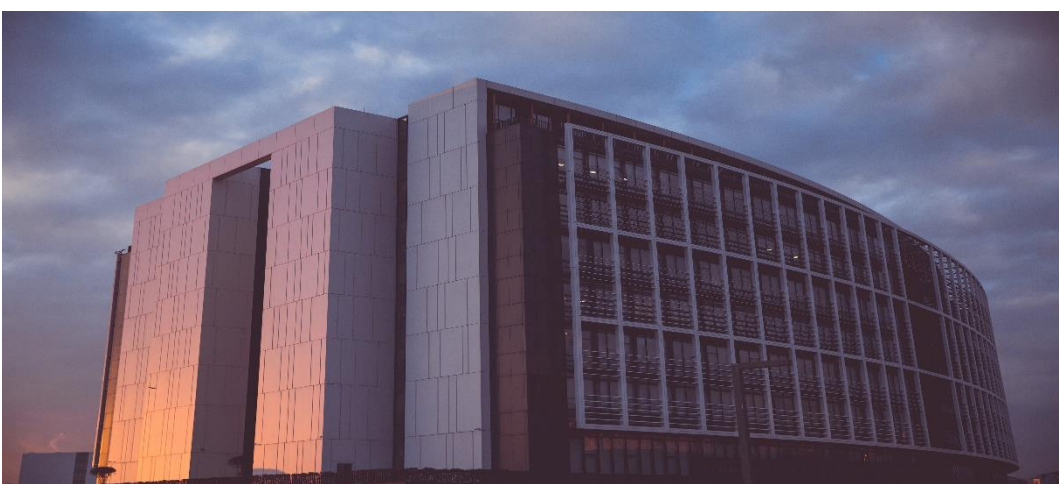
PRE-ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION INFORMATION



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# Welcome from the International Office



Dear Student,

We congratulate you on your acceptance to Istanbul Medipol University. During your MEDIPOL life, you will have the chance to know new people, new cultures, new surroundings, and the different aspects of academic study. During your journey in MEDIPOL, you will also encounter some exciting challenges, and we are here to help you with these issues from your arrival on campus to the successful completion of your study, and to provide you with a worthwhile and enjoyable education life. The Orientation Booklet you have received with your Welcome Package and International Student Orientation Program aims to provide you with useful information about Campus life and access to sources that will guide and support you during your education life. You are advised to read this Orientation Booklet and keep it for reference. The International Student Orientation Program prepared by our university will start with Welcome activities, The Welcome Program. It is designed to support your adaptation to Campus life. The program also includes activities that will contribute to your getting to know the University, Campus, friends and gain different experiences in your first year. We strongly recommend you join this rich and enjoyable program that will last during the Fall Semester. We wish you a successful and pleasant education life in MEDIPOL.

## ***International Office***

With high-qualified academics and relevant units, Istanbul Medipol University guides international students. The International Office carries out Erasmus Exchange Program procedures and assist international students in matters such as transportation, accommodation, and so on.

## ***International Business Development Unit***

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**Telephone:** 444 85 44 -Extension number :5360 / 1853

**WhatsApp:** +90 549 837 26 67

## ***International Student Relations Unit***

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## BEFORE ARRIVAL

### *Applying for a Student Visa*

It is highly recommended that before coming to Turkey, you should apply for the student visa. You can apply with your **"letter of acceptance"** from İstanbul Medipol University and a completed visa application form. You can do it in the nearest Turkish Consulate in your country.

If your country is not exempted from visa by the Republic of Turkey, ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. However, some countries are exempted from applying for a Turkish Visa. To learn about the visa regime used by Turkey to your country, please check the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:  
<https://www.mfa.gov.tr/default.tr.mfa>

For those who need to apply for a student visa, you need to make the online appointment via [www.visa.gov.tr](http://www.visa.gov.tr) web address.



## AFTER ARRIVAL

### How to Get to Istanbul Medipol University?

As Medipol University, we have three campuses. One of them is located on the European side of the city while the other two are located at the Anatolian/Asian side. You will need to arrive at the Anatolian side.

#### Transportation from Sabiha Gökçen Airport (Anatolian side):

Bus: You can get on the E-3 Sabiha Gökçen-Levent subway or 122 H bus line to arrive at Kavacık. You'll get off at the station called "**Kavacık Köprüsü.**" Also, you can get on the Havabus Shuttle. Please visit the link below for detailed information: <https://www.havabus.com/yolcuservisi/taksim-sabihagokcenhavalimani.aspx>.

#### Kavacık Campuses

HAVAIST buses can be used to reach the Kavacık Campuses from Istanbul Airport. You need to get the bus HVIST-9 and get off the bus at the first stop, Kavacık. The HAVAIST bus journey costs 32 TRY (please see the official website of HAVAIST to get the most up-to-date information). It takes 10 to 15 minutes to walk the campus from the stop.

## Unkapanı Campus

HAVAIST buses can be used to reach the Unkapanı Campus from Istanbul Airport. You need to get the bus HVIST-15 and get off the bus at the stop Aksaray. The HAVAIST bus journey costs 25 TRY (please see the official website of HAVAIST to get the most up-to-date information). Then you can take public transportation or take a taxi to reach the Unkapanı Campus. It takes 6 to 10 minutes by taxi, 10 to 15 minutes by bus to get the campus. The taxi journey approximately costs 15 TRY. Bus fare is 3.5 TRY for adults, 1.7 TRY for students.

Istanbul buses are all cashless, so you need an Istanbul Card. You can use the Istanbul Card on HAVAIST buses as well. If you do not have one, you can download the HAVAIST mobile application to create an account, then top up journey credits. You cannot pay with cash on the HAVAIST buses.

IETT (Transport for Istanbul) buses from Aksaray to Unkapanı: **32T, 76E, 78, 97GE, 146B**

IETT Website: <https://www.iETT.istanbul/en>

HAVAIST Website: <https://hava.ist/en>

HAVAIST Stops: <https://hava.ist/en/stops>

HAVAIST Timetable: <https://hava.ist/en/new-timetables>

## How can I go from Beykoz to Istanbul Airport (European Side) by metro?

Passengers who want to go from Beykoz to Istanbul Airport by metro must go to Zincirlikuyu/Gayrettepe station first, after the completion of the ongoing Metro construction, and then from Gayrettepe Station to the M11: Gayrettepe - New Airport Metro Line and can reach the Istanbul Airport.

## How can I go from Beykoz to Istanbul Airport by HAVAIST?

Passengers who want to go from Beykoz to Istanbul Airport by HAVAIST can reach Istanbul Airport by HAVAIST vehicles departing from the Kavacık Köprüsü (Kavacık Bridge) station.

## How can I go from Beykoz to Istanbul Airport by taxi?

Istanbul Airport is approximately 60-65 km away from Beykoz. Passengers who want to take a taxi from Beykoz to Istanbul Airport. It costs around 150-160 Turkish Liras. This journey takes around 50-60 minutes.

<http://havalimaniulasim.com/istanbul-havalimani-iETT-hatları/>

## *Medipol Campuses*

Campus: Kavacık North Campus

Phone: 0216 681 51 00

Fax: 0212 531 75 55

Address: Kavacık Mah. Ekinciler Cad. No: 19, Kavacık Kavşağı, 34810  
Beykoz, İstanbul

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Campus: Kavacık South Campus

Phone: 0216 681 51 00

Address: Göztepe Mah. Atatürk Cad. No: 40/16, 34815 Beykoz, İstanbul

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Campus: Haliç Campus

Phone: 444 85 44

Fax: 0212 531 75 55

Address: Unkapanı Mah. Atatürk Bulvarı No: 27, 34083 Fatih, İstanbul

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Campus: Medipol Mega Hospitals Complex (University Hospital)

Phone: 444 70 44

Fax: 0212 460 70 70

Address: TEM Avrupa Otoyolu Göztepe Çıkışı No: 1, 34214 Bağcılar,  
İstanbul

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## *Transport*

### **Transportation Card**

As a student in İstanbul, you can use a student transportation card. It is handy, and with this card, you will have the chance to transport cheaper.

As the International Office, we will explain to you how to receive it. There are some useful applications that we recommend you to download: <http://www.iETT.istanbul/tr/main/pages/mobiETT/775>  
<http://www.iETT.istanbul/en> (route planner)

### **Transportation in İstanbul**

İstanbul, Turkey's richest province in terms of transport. Domestic and overseas transportation is the center. Introduction to one-third of the tourists visiting Turkey is İstanbul. İstanbul provided one-fifth of one-third of export and import. Road and rail hub, as well as the largest seaport and airport in İstanbul.



## Local Transportation:

In addition to minibuses and buses, sea vehicles, metro, metro bus, tramway, funicular are frequently used in urban vehicles.

[www.istanbul-ulasim.com.tr](http://www.istanbul-ulasim.com.tr)

[www.iETT.gov.tr](http://www.iETT.gov.tr)

[www.sehirhatlari.com.tr](http://www.sehirhatlari.com.tr)

## Residence Permit Application:

Having arrived in Turkey, and after completing your university registration, the most important thing you need to do is to apply for a residence permit.

You will be able to carry out all formal transactions as long as you stay in Turkey with your residence card and foreign identification (YU) number you receive after your application.

If your residence card does not expire, it can be used while entering or leaving Turkey, and thus you do not need to get a new visa. It is important that you renew your residence permit before the validity period expires.

You are exempt from residence application fee as a student, you are only required to pay the card fee.

First you should apply from Immigration Office website: <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/>

## Required documents:

- Application form should be printed
- Health insurance
- 4 photos
- Copy of your passport
- Copy of your current residence (if you have)
- Copy of your rental contract or dormitory paper if you stay in there
- Student certificate (from MEBIS)
- Receipt of payment

[For application guide please click here.](#)



## Health Insurance

The students who are the citizens of the Federal Republic of Germany, Holland, Belgium, Austria, France, Macedonia, Romania, The Czech Republic, Bosnia Herzegovina, Albania, Luxemburg, Croatia, and Serbia have to acquire a document concerning Health Insurance to carry out their insurance policy in Turkey. As for the other students whose countries are not mentioned above, they have to carry out their Health Insurance when they come to Turkey within the first three months in the institution entitled as SGK, or they can do it with private institutions as well. As International Office, we will always provide help to students in this matter about instructions and steps of the process.

## High School Equivalency Certificate

- Those who study at private education institutions at the international primary and secondary educational level and at the schools opened by embassies in the country and at the primary and secondary education institutions in Turkey and abroad can apply.
- You can apply through e-equivalency module from:
- <https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr/>
- Take an appointment and then visit the appointment center\*

### **The required documents for the equivalence letter applications are as follows:**

- Application form (available via [here](#))
- The original and the copies of the residence permit in Turkey or your student visa
- The original and the copy of the passport's identification page and last entrance stamp page.
- The original and the copy of the diploma and the transcripts of all years. There should be Apostille on your diploma. Otherwise, your diploma should have a stamp of either ministry of education, ministry of foreign affairs, or embassy.

## Registration of Mobile Phones

If you are bringing your phone from your country, you must register your phone in 30 days after you arrive in Turkey. You must pay the determined fee (subject to change) to any tax office (vergi dairesi). With the receipt, visit one of the cell phones companies (Turkcell, Vodafone, Avea) Abone Kayıt Merkezi (consumer/subscriber centre) with your phone and passport and tell the staff that you want to register your mobile phone. Prepaid units can be bought at the consumer centre or from almost any mobile phone company shop.

## ***Phone Registration***

According to the Turkish Law, a smart phone which is bought from abroad, must be registered no matter if you are a citizen or not. Otherwise, your phone will be blocked, and you will not be able to use it in Turkish territory. You have 120 days to register your phone, but this time may vary. Therefore, we suggest you do it as soon as possible after you enter Turkey. In case you do not want to register your phone, you can buy a simple phone in Turkey and use it without registration.

However, be aware that smart-phone prices are relatively high in Turkey, so for that reason, we suggest you register your phone. Sim cards are also available at the airports. It is advisable to get one upon arriving.

**TIP:** DECIDE ON YOUR TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDER COMPANY AND MONTHLY PLAN BEFOREHAND.

## ***MEDIPOL AND MEBIS OPERATIONS***

### ***What is MEBIS System?***

It is an information management system where you can see your grades, courses, and syllabus.

### ***What information can I get on MEBIS?***

You can choose courses, examine the courses you have taken, access the information about the exams, check your grades, request documents such as student certificate, transcript, and course contents, make payment, review the past payments and download the receipts, check your course program, participate in surveys at the end of the semester.

### ***What should I forget my MEBIS password?***

Click I forgot my password section on the MEBIS home page and reset your password. To reset your password, your e-mail address or mobile number must be registered to the MEBIS. If there is a lack of this information, you need to visit the Student Affairs Office.

## ***What should I do if my student ID card is lost or stolen?***

You can request a new student ID card by clicking the Document Request section in the MEBIS system.

## ***How can I use my student ID card as a debit card? (Param Card)***

Param Card is an electronic money account that belongs to TURK Elektronik Para Inc. Param Card which you can make a deposit is valid in regular and online shopping.

You can apply via the link below to open an account.

<https://param.com.tr/Basvuru.aspx?KartTipi=classic>

## ***How to Request a Student Certificate?***

To request/demand a Student Certificate.

1. After logging into MEBIS, click on the "Student" menu.
2. Click the "My Documents" menu from the drop-down menus.
3. Click on the "Add New Document Request (+)" icon on the Document Operations screen and fill in the required information on the Document Request Form. (with / without picture, Turkish / English and wet signature status should be marked)
4. Click on the "Save" button at the bottom of the Document Request Form and let the request reach the Student Affairs Unit.

\* For visa applications and documents that international student will request to be submitted to the Provincial Immigration Administration, the "Signed" status in the "Add New Document Request (+)" tab on the Document Operations screen must be marked.

## ***Student Card Collection Points***

Kavacik North Campus Information Technologies Unit Block D Ground Floor  
International Office

Unkapanı Haliç Campus Information Technologies Unit Floor 4

Esenler Campus Information Technologies Unit Floor 2

You can collect the cards on weekdays from 8.30 AM to 5.30 PM.

## ***Student Clubs & Sport Activities***

Every year, the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Sports Office organize a variety of cultural, sports, and arts events such as student groups and societies, concerts, exhibitions, shows, and conferences.

To become a member of these groups and participate in the activities, one should apply to the Office of Cultural Affairs and Directorate of Health, Culture, and Sports, and fill out a membership form.

## ***EXCHANGE PROGRAMS***

### ***ERASMUS***

What is Erasmus+ Program?

Erasmus+ is the European Union program that aims to promote higher education institutions to cooperate. Erasmus + program provides financial support for higher education institutions to develop and implement joint projects and provide education, knowledge, and skills by providing short-term student and staff mobility.

Students can take advantage of Erasmus + mobility as an education or internship.

<https://www.medipol.edu.tr/en/prospective-students/erasmus>

Contact mail: [erasmus@medipol.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@medipol.edu.tr)



## *Accommodation*

### **Dormitories**

In Kavacık Campus, there are dormitories for students. However, in Halic Campus, currently, we do not provide it. We suggest students around dormitories at this point. The Historical Peninsula, where Halic Campus is located, can be called the region of universities because it is home to many public and private universities. For this reason, there are many private Men's and Women's Dorms around the campus.

The dorms located in the Kavacık Campus are equipped with technological infrastructure and comfortable living spaces to meet the accommodation needs in the best way.

The Men's Dorm is in the North Campus while the Women's Dorm is located on the South Campus.

Since the quotas in the dormitories of our school is limited, our International Office will directly assist you to find dormitories and other residential areas you can use in the surrounding area.

#### **Facilities of the Women's Dorm;**

Room Types: There are triple and quad rooms.

The quad rooms have bunk beds, and the triple rooms have bedsteads.

There are desks, bookshelves, and lockers for each student as well as encrypted wardrobes in the rooms.

The rooms have a shower, WC, and a mini fridge. Wi-Fi service is provided.

The dormitory has its refectory, mini kitchen, fitness center and cafeteria. There are rooms located on the ground floor to study courses.

#### **Facilities of the Men's Dorm;**

Room Types: There are single and triple rooms. There are desks, bookshelves, and lockers for each student as well as encrypted wardrobes in the rooms. The rooms have a shower, WC, and a mini- fridge. The dormitory has its fitness center.

#### **Dormitory Address & Contact Numbers**

**WOMEN'S DORMITORY:** Göztepe Mh. Atatürk Cd. No: 40, 34815 Beykoz, İstanbul / + 90 216 681 19 88

**MEN'S DORMITORY:** Kavacık Mh. Ekinciler Cd. No: 19 34810 Beykoz,

Istanbul / +90 216 681 53 13

**Contact mail:** [yurt@medipol.edu.tr](mailto:yurt@medipol.edu.tr)

## ***Banks & ATMs***

There are ATMs of Ziraat Bank and Akbank as well as Halkbank, which Medipol has an agreement on our campuses. ATMs provide all banking services 24/7. Suppose you use a bank in Turkey to use your own country. Before coming to Turkey, you are required to meet your bank. The bank working hours are 8:30 - 17:30. All banks offer banking and mobile application services online.

## ***Opening a bank account in Turkey***

Each bank will have a slightly different process for account opening, but you can expect to be asked for the following:

- o Valid Passport

- o Residence Permit or Tax Identification Number. (You will get this from the Finance and Tax Office)

- o Proof of address in Istanbul (For dormitory residents, it is possible to get a document from the dorm administration). Proof of address in the home country If you are staying in the dorms, the tax identification number can be counted instead of the residence permit. Otherwise, you must wait until you get your residence permit and foreign ID number. The larger retail banks in Turkey have good websites with English translations. Check out your chosen bank's site, so you're confident of the documents you'll need to take with you to the branch.

Almost all banks in Turkey have high-quality internet and mobile banking options. It may be a good idea to check which Turkish banks have branches in your home country. This may help you to make transactions between you and your family easily. Visa and Mastercard are the most common cards. The use of American Express is very limited. In Turkey (and in Istanbul and at MEDIPOL), you can use your major credit card to pay for most purchases. You can even use your credit card in many vending machines. Turkey uses the European credit card system whereby you are required to use a PIN (Personal Identification Number) when making changes.

Turkey's national currency is the Turkish lira, of which the sign is ₺, and the abbreviation is TRY. Note denominations include 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 liras. Coins called Kuruş come in the form of 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50. There is the 1 Turkish lira that is also a coin. If you withdraw money from the ATM in Turkey, you will get the exchange rate used by your bank at that time. However, if you are carrying cash,

only exchange a small amount in your home country to get you through the first few days. The reason is that you will get a better exchange rate using Turkish banks or commission shops in Turkey. (You need to present identification such as your passport.) Never change money at the airport or in hotels because they rarely offer good deals.

<https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/wps/wcm/connect/tr/tcmb+tr/main+page+site+are+bugun>



## About Istanbul Medipol University

*Medipol is placed among the top 100 universities by Reputation*

### Think Better, Choose the Best

Istanbul Medipol University, a corporate, enterprising, and innovative university that shapes the science and the society- aims to deliver an exceptional educational environment to its students from all over the world who are passionate about research. Istanbul Medipol University increases its achievements every year with scientific research it shares with the academic world. It empowered its one-of-a-kind education by being the youngest university in the world rankings.

Istanbul, which connects the two continents, Asia, and Europe, was home to many great empires and inspired great poets with its unique beauty. Istanbul

Medipol University offers not only an exceptional education but also an opportunity to experience this great city with its campuses on both continents. Istanbul Medipol University is among the universities that have the highest rate of the accredited programs. With the School of International Medicine, Medicine, Health Sciences, Engineering and Natural Sciences, Pharmacy, Business Management, Fine Arts Design and Architecture, Communication, Law, Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Istanbul Medipol University offers undergraduate, graduate programs. Also, there are nearly 20 research centers parallel with the study fields of these schools. From cancer research to sixth-generation wireless studies, from sleep and hypnosis studies to media studies, the opportunity to improve in various areas is here!

Starting its education life on the Historical Peninsula, which is known as the home to many civilizations, Istanbul Medipol University maintains being one of the leading universities in the health field with university hospitals and research centers. Also, it offers the opportunity for students to practice in its hospitals. Kavacik Campus, which attracts students' attention with its well-developed infrastructure and modern architecture, has accommodation facilities for girls and boys and offers entirely different life experiences with its central location close to the Bosphorus. The campus is an attractive living center with six sports arenas, student clubs, cultural activities throughout the year, and online education opportunities.

Discover Medipol, a place like no other you have experienced before. Medipol is a truly intercontinental university, positioned in the heart of İstanbul, by the Kavacik and Golden Horn, a place surrounded by the heritage of various ancient civilizations and a place where two continents, Asia and Europe, meet. Since its establishment, Medipol has firmly committed to creating an international teaching environment.

In this first year of teaching, we admitted about 7 percent of our undergraduate students from various countries across the globe. Our admission process is thorough and carefully considers the backgrounds of our applicants and how they would contribute to our academic community. Currently, Istanbul Medipol University offers programs mainly in the field of health and law medical. Prospective students are welcome to visit the campus sites before applying and free to talk to our students and academic staff.

## Virtual Tour

<https://sanaltur.medipol.edu.tr/>



## Our Core Values

- Committed to ethical values
- Human-oriented
- Perfectionist

- Environmentally conscious
- Participatory
- Tolerant
- Innovative
- Liberal
- Diversity

## ***Facts About MEDIPOL,***

**Site of Establishment:** Istanbul

**Date of Establishment:** 2009

**Founder:** Education, Health and Research Foundation of Turkey (Türkiye Eğitim Sağlık ve Araştırma Vakfı)

**Rector:** Prof. Dr. Ömer CERAN

12 Schools, 4 Institutes, 4 Vocational Schools, 1 College

**Contact information:** Kavacık Campuses, Haliç Campus and Bağcılar University Hospital

**Phone:** 444 85 44

## ***MEDIPOL in Numbers***

3 Campus: **301.756 m<sup>2</sup>**

Total Number of The Students: **37.051**

International Students: **8000+** (FROM 130+ DIFFERENT COUNTRY)

International Exchange Program Collaborations: **88**

Total Programs: **292**

Accredited Programs: **23**

Total Number of The Academic Staff: **1213**

Sports Teams: **19**

Total Number of Student Clubs: **133**



## ***Our Hospital Services***

We provide health services to all our international students with our university hospitals.

- All students get medical examinations free of charge
- 50% discount on tests and examinations for students
- 20% discount for their families

### **Our Hospitals:**

<https://www.medipol.com.tr/en/>



## ***Practical Training at IMU***

### **Turkey's Largest Simulation Laboratory**



## Food Preparation and Cooking Laboratory



## Nursing Skills Laboratory



## Student Clubs & Sport Activities

Every year, the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Sports Office organize a variety of cultural, sports, and arts events such as student groups and societies, concerts, exhibitions, shows, and conferences.

To become a member of these groups and participate in the activities, one should apply to the Office of Cultural Affairs and Directorate of Health, Culture, and Sports, and fill out a membership form.

## Department of Cultural Affairs and the Sports Office:

### Health, Culture and Sports Department

**Address:** Kavacık South Campus Kavacık Mah. Ekcinciler Cad. No: 19, Kavacık Kavşağı, 34810 Beykoz, İstanbul -Office B2 Floor

**E-mail:** [sks@medipol.edu.tr](mailto:sks@medipol.edu.tr)

**Phone:** 444 85 44 (2050)

Medipol International Student Association is one of these student clubs, where you can meet many international students and benefit from their experiences.

### Sports Courts

Istanbul Medipol University has sports courts used for football, basketball, volleyball, and tennis.



## Teams

- Our university has Men's Basketball and Football teams. These teams organise qualifying player events at the beginning of the school year and continue their training throughout the year under the guidance of their coaches.
- Both our teams compete in the tournaments held by the Turkish University Sports Federation, Koç Fest, and Unilig to represent our university. Our solo athletes also compete in various tournaments across Turkey to represent the university.



## *Project Opportunities & Laboratories*

Istanbul Medipol University School of Medicine SABITA (Research Institute for Health Sciences and Technologies) stands out as Turkey's most pivotal research center in cellular imaging. Including a great number of laboratories, some of which are the most advanced centers in Europe among their peers, SABITA serves as the basis for the recruitment of many qualified researchers.

Istanbul Medipol University, setting out to prepare its student for tomorrow's powerful Turkey and to build a successful career for them, derives its power from its internationally experienced specialized academic staff, solid health infrastructure and well-equipped high-technology laboratories.

## **SABITA**

SABITA (Research Institute for Health Sciences and Technologies) was built upon its successor – REMER (Regenerative and Restorative Medicine Research Center) as a comprehensive research environment that hosts multiple centers and facilities that encompass a wide spectrum of scientific, technical and applied topics from regenerative medicine to neuroscience and drug development to cancer research.

SABITA has the most advanced imaging technologies in the world where functional imaging can be performed at the protein level, which allows intervention at the cellular level, detailed electronmicroscopic analyzes can be performed, real-time recordings of cellular movements can be taken.

Research centers within SABITA; center for regenerative and restorative medicine research, drug development center, cancer research center, neuroscience research center, bioengineering, and biotechnology research center.

### **Informatics Labs**

Computer Labs of Istanbul Medipol University constantly serve with the internet, and e-mail access spread throughout the campus and a computer network that provides global communication. Laboratories are also used for basic information technology and tools courses. The wireless internet capacity and speed in the campus are sufficient to meet the requirements.

For detailed information; <https://sabita.medipol.edu.tr/>

## ***Campus Security Services***

### **Campus Entrances**

Individual and vehicle controls are carried out at security entrance and exit points. At the campus entrances, our students may use their student IDs at the turnstiles.





## About TURKEY

### *Why Study in Turkey?*

Turkey is a peninsula surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Sea, and the Aegean Sea. It is located between Europe and Asia. Its nature, history, archaeology, heritage is worth seeing. It is possible to live four seasons in one day. There are amazing beaches, spectacular mountains, great museums, the famous **"Turkish Baths"** and more. Turkish people are best known for their hospitality, friendly nature, and good humor.

For any international student, Turkey has a lot to offer high-quality education and a very multicultural population, lively cities and beautiful landscapes, artistic, cultural, and sportive events, and so on.

You may have lots of reasons to come to Turkey!

Turkey is an attraction to everyone in the world because of the spiritual and physical features which are unique to every single city.

It is a country that gathers the cultures of the East and West together.

You can analyze the culture and tourism options from this link:

[https://www.ktb.gov.tr/?\\_Dil=2](https://www.ktb.gov.tr/?_Dil=2)

We also would like to inform you about the legal procedures you need to obtain as an international student.

## *Facts About Turkey*

**Formal Name:** Republic of Turkey

**Declaration of the Republic:** October 29, 1923

**Capital:** Ankara

**Government:** Unitary Parliamentary Republic

**Official Language:** Turkish

**Currency-Money:** Turkish Lira (formerly New Turkish Lira) Turkish Lira (TL = ₺)

**Population:** 83,614 million (2021)

**Total Area-Geographical size:** 814,578 km<sup>2</sup> – of which 790,200 is in Asia, 24,378 is in Europe.

**Time Zone:** EET (UTC+2)

**Religion:** 99.8% Muslim (mostly Sunni), 0.2% Christianity and others

**Capital:** Ankara (Istanbul is the largest city in Turkey, but Ankara is the capital)

**National flag:** a white crescent moon and a white star on a red background

**Telephone:** Country code 90

Area codes are 0212 for the European side – 0216 for the Asian side.

## *Things to Know About the Biggest Cities in Turkey*

İstanbul – Ankara – İzmir – Antalya



## İstanbul

### **The city connects the two continents.**

Istanbul, with its 15 million residents, is the most populous city in Turkey. Albeit not being the capital, it is the economic, cultural, and historic center of the country. Istanbul is a transcontinental city situated at the Bosphorus strait which separates Europe and Asia. Having been the capital of both Byzantine and the Ottoman Empires, Istanbul has a rich historical and cultural value with its strategic position as a junction point between old trade routes. Istanbul is a wonderful choice for international students of any length. There is a wide range of opportunities for food, entertainment, and cultural activities. It is very normal to encounter a live event at your every step around Istanbul.

Having been the capital of three great civilizations in the course of history, together with its magnificent natural beauties, historical monuments, and rich culture, Istanbul attracts visitors from around the world. Being the convergent point for Asia and Europe has made it unique. In addition, Istanbul, a vibrant modern city, is under the spotlight of the world on account of being the world's exquisite and home city.

**FOR INFO:** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Istanbul>

**Tip:** Search for İstanbul vlogs shot by tourists/international students on YouTube

## **The Capital of Turkey: Ankara**



The capital of Turkey, Ankara offers many eye-catching options for both visitors and residents. The city has buildings with national values such as Anıtkabir and the building of the National Assembly of Turkey as well as several important

museums. Ethnography Museum and Museum of Anatolian Civilizations are among the must-see places to understand our history.

Ankara, always referred to as the civil servant city, attracts attention with its calm city life. The seriousness of being the capital is felt in every street in the city. In addition, Ankara is making a whole new face with new projects. Cafes, restaurants, and entertainment areas attract the attention of families as well as young people.

The Youth Park is one of the popular meeting points of Ankara. Those who want to take a short walk can visit places such as Güvenpark and Ankara Botanic Park. Atatürk Forest Farm continues to be the lungs of the capital. Although away from the sea, the capital offers different fun to everyone.

## İzmir



Turkey's third-largest city, İzmir, is a contemporary, developed province and, at the same time, is a busy commercial center. It is a city for which Herodotus from İzmir said **"They established their cities in the most beautiful skies and the most beautiful climates we know on earth"** and Aristotle warned Alexander **"If you do not see it, you will miss it!"** and Victor Hugo wrote a poem even without seeing it ever and said, **"İzmir is a princess"**. İzmir, which extends as a pearl along Aegean Coast, has a great historical and cultural richness with its 8500 years history.

## For Summer Tourism: Antalya



Antalya, the favorite city of summer tourism, also welcomes many people in winter. It is possible to find something to do in this city almost every day of the year. The discovery that starts in the center of Antalya continues with other coastal towns and districts.

The city center, with its famous Lara beach, is alive every hour of the day. Historic Antalya Castle and the cliffs that are naturally wonderful also highlight the beauty of the city. It is very easy and fun to explore the city's other districts.

There are minibusses and shuttle buses to the districts from the city center. Those who want to enjoy the vast beach prefer Side or Manavgat. Belek and Alanya are also among the most popular districts of the city. Those who want to enjoy nature take a journey to the west. Kemer, Kas, and Demre, which is the birthplace of Santa Claus, are welcoming many domestic and foreign tourists. These districts on the slopes of the mountains witness the perfect combination of green and blue.

Those who get rid of the hot weather of Antalya end up at the top of the Taurus Mountains. The Taurus Mountains are among the first choices of those who want to be alone with nature by camping. Considering all these, Antalya continues to be the most popular holiday destination in Turkey.

## Museum Card

The gates of history are wide open with the Museum Card. With this card, you will be able to visit the historical and cultural treasures of Turkey, the homeland of many empires and civilizations, whose history dates back over more than 9 thousand years, free of charge and without having to queue. It is valid over



300 museums and archaeological sites all over Turkey.

You should take your (Turkish) student card to take advantage of the Museum Card student discount. It can be purchased from Museums in which Museum Card is valid. You can find the museums & archaeological sites which are free with MuseumCard on the related website.

**TIP:** APPLY TO MUSEUM CARD, POSSIBLY WITH STUDENT DISCOUNT.

<https://muze.gov.tr/MuseumPass>



## Basic Turkish

Yes	Evet
No	Hayır
Please	Lütfen
Ok	Tamam
Thank you	Teşekkürler
You are welcome	Bir şey değil
Excuse me	Pardon
What?	Ne?
Help!	İmdat!
How much is this?	Bu ne kadar?

1	Bir
2	İki
3	Üç
4	Dört
5	Beş
6	Altı
7	Yedi
8	Sekiz
9	Dokuz
10	On
11	On bir
12	On iki
20	Yirmi
100	Yüz
1000	Bin
10000	On bin

What's up?	Naber?
Water	Su
Beer	Bira
Toilet	Tuvalet
The bill	Hesap
See you	Görüşürüz
Very/Lot/Many	Çok
Hello	Merhaba
How are you ?	Nasılsın ?
I don't understand	Anlamadım

## Cost of living in Türkiye



Milk (regular),(1 liter)  
Average: 19.37₺



Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500g)  
Average: 9.32₺



Rice (white),(1 Kg)  
Average: 31.14₺



Eggs (regular) (12)  
Average: 33.85₺



Local cheese (1 Kg)  
Average: 117.84₺



Chicken Fillets (1kg)  
Average: 77.94₺



Apples (1 Kg)  
Average: 16.01₺



Water (1.5 liter bottle)  
Average: 5.86 ₺



 <b>One-way Ticket (Local Transport)</b> Average: 8₺	 <b>McMeal at McDonalds (or Equivalent Combo Meal)</b> Average: 80₺
 <b>Cinema, International Release, 1 Seat)</b> Average: 70₺	 <b>1 Pair of Nike Running Shoes</b> Average: 1476₺
 <b>Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre</b> Average: 10436₺	 <b>One-way Ticket (Local Transport)</b> Average: 8 ₺

**TIP:** <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>

GIVES YOU ALL THE DETAILS ABOUT PRICES

The cost of living in Turkey depends on location and life choices. You can buy the things you need cheap-moderate-expensive; like in many other destinations, it depends on your choices. The table on the right shows approximate sample prices from Turkey.

## Emergency Contact Numbers

In case of an emergency, you may use the relevant phone number from the following table:

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

#### Emergency Numbers of Turkey

Ambulance: **112**  
 Civil Defense: **112**  
 Police: **112**  
 Coast Guard: **112**  
 Forest Fires: **112**

#### Other Necessary Numbers:

Traffic: **154**  
 Electricity Failure: **186**  
 Gas Failure: **187**  
 Gendarmerie Forces: **156**

## *National Holidays:*

### **Official Public Holidays in Turkey**

This part contains the list of official public holidays, bank holidays, government holidays, non-working national holidays, and sectorial holidays of Turkey.

- **January 1** : New Year's Day.
- **April 23** : National Sovereignty & Children's Day.
- **May 1** : Labor and Solidarity Day.
- **May 19** : Atatürk Commemoration, Youth & Sports Day.
- **July 15** : Democracy & National Unity Day.
- **August 30** : Victory Day.
- **October 28-29** : Republic Day.

### **Religious Holidays**

**Ramazan Bayramı** (Eid) Three days holiday

**Kurban Bayramı** (Great Eid) Four days holiday

The dates of these religious holidays change according to the lunar calendar and fall on different dates each year.