

Welcome to Istanbul Medipol University

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

PRE-ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION INFORMATION

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Welcome From International Office



Dear Student,

We congratulate you on your acceptance to MEDIPOL UNIVERSITY. Welcome to our 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 to join this rich and enjoyable program that will last during the Fall Semester. We wish you all 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 such as transportation, accommodation, and all kinds of support services of our students.

International Business Development Unit

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

WhatsApp: +90 531 882 13 38

International Student Relations Unit

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uofis@medipol.edu.tr



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.

The students demanding to study in Medipol are required to go to the nearest Turkish Consulate in their countries and acquire a student visa. When they arrive in Turkey, the Residence Permit process will start for the students. They have to apply to the institution named as **“T.C. İçişleri Bakanlığı – Göç İdaresi Genel Müdürlüğü”** in Turkey to get it. In this process, the International Office will help them step by step about informing. In other words; Student visa is required to register as a student in Turkey. Exceptions are those who are legal dependents of someone in Turkey on a diplomatic visa or with a work visa. Before coming to Turkey, students should take their Letters of Acceptance* to the nearest Turkish Consulate in their native country and obtain a student visa. Then; the students will be provided with the Residence Permit (İkamet Belgesi) that is valid regarding the period they will study be Temporary Residence Permit / Visa Requirements studying at IMU as indicated on their Student Visa.

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: <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-forforeigners.en.mfa> For those who need to apply for a student visa, you need to make the online appointment via www.visa.gov.tr web address.

Critical issues for receiving a student visa;

Student visas must be obtained from the nearest Turkish Consulate in the country - Student visas cannot be obtained within Turkey. - You must apply for a student visa with your “**Letter of Acceptance**” from İstanbul Medipol University and a completed visa application form. Residence Permit Applications are made at İstanbul – İstanbul Provincial Directorate of Migration Management

For more detailed information; <https://en.goc.gov.tr>

Then, prepare the required documents:

One of the most crucial points is that you cannot apply for E-visa as a student as this is only available for foreigners aiming to travel around the country. Based on this, these kinds of applications are required to be carried out via Turkish Representatives. According to the Law for International Students; those who will come to our country as of 1 January 2015 are obliged to provide a passport or a kind of document (substitute of passport) – valid at least for 60 days as of ending period;

- One’s the visa to expire;
- One’s Residence Permit to expire,
- One’s visa exemption to expire
- Required Documents after Your Arrival
- Original copy of your signed “**Learning Agreement.**”
- Copy of your ID or passport
- Six photos (4 biometrical formats)

1. Biometric Photo
2. Authorization by Parents /Custodians (for students under 18 years of age)
3. Acceptance Letter (Available online via an application program. MEDIPOL will not send a hardcopy of the acceptance letter. The list of the accepted students has been sent to the Turkish Embassies and Consulates. So please ask the officials to check your name. If they ask for additional confirmation, you may contact us. Graduate students should contact the graduate school to ask for their acceptance letters.)
4. Income Statement / Sponsorship Letter
5. Additional documents (Citizen ID, Passport and its copy, Diplomas, Health Insurance, visa form, visa fees, etc.)

Please note that during the registration day at MEDIPOL, you need to have a valid visa. If your visa has expired, you need to have either a valid entry stamp on your passport or residence permit. The allowed maximum duration to stay in Turkey with your student visa and without residence permit varies from country to country. Please make sure that you apply for a residence permit before your maximum duration ends. Also, visas given by Turkish authorities are valid for 180 days, which means that you have to enter Turkey within 180 days after the issuance of your visa.



AFTER ARRIVAL

Residence Permit

We recommend you to come to Turkey with a student visa. This will make your life easier in Turkey for further processes such as equivalence letter and residence permit. However, if you face any problem in getting a student visa, you may come to Turkey with a tourist visa or e-visa as well. Please check the webpage of the ministry of foreign affairs given above for detailed information.

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.

After you fill out the application form at <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr> deliver paperwork from your international student affairs office.

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.gov.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 (should be paid to tax office and receipt should be submitted to us)

Prepare all the documents and submit to our office by hand please. We are working on weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

[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.

Equivalence Letter

This is a letter certifying that your high school diploma is equivalent to a Turkish high school diploma. Please obtain this document before coming to the registration. It can be obtained from the Turkish Embassy in your country (if there is an Office of the Educational Attaché in the Embassy). Suppose you do not get this letter from the Office of the Educational Attaché in the Turkish Embassy. In that case, you can also get it here in Turkey from the National Education Directorates in Turkey. If the process in the Embassy will take too long, it is better to apply to this document here in Istanbul or Ankara. If you are going to apply in Turkey, we recommend you to apply to it in Istanbul.

Istanbul Address: Adliye Binası, Binbirdirek Mahallesi M. İmran Öktem C. No 1 Eski, 34122 Fatih

Ankara Address: Ankara İl Milli Eğitim Müdürlüğü, MEB Beşevler Kampüsü I Blok Yenimahalle) instead of any other Turkish city, because of the practicality of further procedures.

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 after that bring your documents to International Student Affairs Office

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

- Application form (available via here)
- A clear file bag
- 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. 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.

- Notarized translations of the documents other than your passport, if these documents are not in Turkish, English, or Arabic. If you come to Turkey with a visa other than a student visa or if you arrive without any visa thanks to the visa-free agreement between Turkey and your country, you will be only able to get a transitory letter upon your initial application. You can only get the final letter once you get your residence permit and submit a copy of the permit to the National Education Directorate. Therefore, it is recommended that you come to Turkey with a student visa instead of a tourist visa. Through this way, you will more easily get the equivalence letter. In case you fail to collect your letter until your university registration date, you can still complete your registration if you bring an official document proving that you have submitted your application for the equivalence letter to the Directorate. In this case, you will fill and sign a missing document form, and you will be given an extra 30 days to bring the Equivalence Letter.

Immigration Issues:

You can fill the application form online, and then you need to deliver your papers in person. For more information, visit <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/>

Immigration Office Address:

İstanbul Address: Hırka-i Şerif, Hırka-i Şerif Mah, Adnan Menderes Blv. No:64, 34091 Fatih/İstanbul

Phone:+90 212 499 40 00

Ankara Address: Ankara İl Milli Eğitim Müdürlüğü, MEB Beşevler Kampüsü I Blok Yenimahalle

Phone: +90 312) 439 40 40

Paper to take to the immigration office:

- A copy of the online application form
- Receipt of the payment (110 TRY) of the Residence Permit (payment should be made to the tax office and the receipt must be delivered to us)
- A copy of the passport and visa
- A copy of the passport which it shows when you enter Turkey
- A copy of your old Residence Permit
- Health insurance

- Student certificate (you should get the certificate via MEBİS)
- 4 passport photo
- Tenancy contract (if you in a house) or dorm paper (if you stay in the dorms)
- Students May Need the Following Documents:

http://www.goc.gov.tr/icerik6/residence-permit-types_917_1060_8865_icerik

As an exchange student, you will apply for the student residence permit.

Student Certificate Demand

Steps For Demandins Student Certificate

In order to request/demand a Student Certificate;

1. After logging into MEBİS, click on the “**Student**” menu.
2. Click the “**Document Operations**” 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 foreign students will request to be submitted to the Provincial Immigration Administration, the “**Wet Signature**” status in the “**Add New Document Request (+)**” tab on the Document

Operations screen must be marked.

In order to receive your “**Student Certificate**” you have requested;

1. After logging into MEBİS, click on the “**Student**” menu.
2. Click the “**Document Operations**” menu from the drop-down menus.
3. If your document is “**Ready**” in the opened tab, a “**Download**” button will appear on the right. Click the “**Download**” button and download the e-signed document. (Wet Signed Student Documents are not downloaded via Mebis system.)
4. Your document will be downloaded to your computer in PDF format. To open the document, “**PDF Viewer**” programs must be available on your computer. (Foxit Reader or Adobe Reader etc.)
5. Your document is ready to print with e-signature.

Ordering a Replacement ID Card

You can order a new card if your details changed or your card is lost, stolen, damaged. You need to follow the steps below to order a new card.

- Pay the 25 TL fee to Türkiye Halk Bankası (account number: 0896 – 16000016) stating that the payment is for “**ID Card Renewal**” in the description.
- Send the receipt of the payment to kartyenileme@medipol.edu.tr with your name, surname, and T.R. ID or foreigner ID number.
- Request a STUDENT CARD on the document request section on MEBIS.
- State the place you wish to collect the card. (Kavacık North Campus, Kavacık South Campus, Unkapanı Haliç Campus, Esenler Campus)
- Once the request status is ready on MEBIS, you can collect the card from the Department of Information Technologies. Please remember that you need to sign a document while collecting the card.

For more information: +90 216 681 53 28

Collection Points

Kavacık South Campus

Department of Information Technologies
Block D2, Floor -1

Kavacık North Campus

Information Technologies Unit
Block C, Floor 1, Room 145

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.

Accommodation

Dormitories

In Kavacak Campus, there are dormitories for students. However, in Haliç 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 Kavacak Campus are equipped with technological infrastructure and comfortable living spaces to meet the accommodation needs in the best way.

Istanbul Medipol University dormitories were designed with a capacity of 2400 students for the 2021-2022 academic year. The Men's Dorm is located 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.

For more information, please contact:

Dormitory for Women's: + 90 216 681 19 88

Dormitory for Men's: +90 216 681 53 13

<https://yurt.medipol.edu.tr/?lang=en>

yurt@medipol.edu.tr

Address:

WOMEN'S DORMITORY: Göztepe Mh. Atatürk Cd. No: 40, 34815 Beykoz, Istanbul

MEN'S DORMITORY: Kavacak Mh. Ekinçiler Cd. No: 19 34810 Beykoz, Istanbul

Tips: Of course, you can always look for the options of accommodation online, but unfortunately, most of them are Turkish. Here are some examples;

- <http://www.apartsturkey.com/>
- <https://www.sahibinden.com/kiralik-daire>.

Academic Calendar (2021-2022)

Explanation	Start	End
Applications for Double Major/Minor Programs	01.09.2021	10.09.2021
Evaluations of Major/Minor Programme Applications	13.09.2021	15.09.2021
Announcement of Major/Minor Programme Results	16.09.2021	
Final Registration Procedures for Double Major / Minor Programs	20.09.2021	23.09.2021
Final Registration Procedures for Double Major / Minor Programs for substitute students	28.09.2021	30.09.2021
English Proficiency Exam	28.09.2021	30.09.2021
Turkish Proficiency Exam for International Students	29.09.2021	
Beginning of the English Preparatory Program	04.10.2021	
FALL SEMESTER (Beginning-Ending Course)	04.10.2021	14.01.2022
Fall Semester-Course Selection (For Associate and Undergraduate Programs)	28.09.2021	8.10.2021
Fall Semester Add-Drop (For Associate and Undergraduate Programs)	9.10.2021	15.10.2021
Mid-term Exams	20.11.2021	28.11.2021
Excuse Exam Term of Midterm Exams		It will be determined within the academic year
General Exams	19.01.2022	30.01.2022
Make-up Exams	9.02.2022	14.02.2022
SPRING SEMESTER (Beginning-Ending Course)	21.02.2022	09.06.2022
Spring Semester Course Selection (For Associate and Undergraduate Programs)	15.02.2022	25.02.2022
Spring Semester Add-Drop (For Associate and Undergraduate Programs)	26.02.2022	04.03.2022
Mid-term Exams	09.04.2022	17.04.2022
Excuse Exam Term of Mid-term Exams		It will be determined within the academic year
General Exams	14.06.2022	26.06.2022
Make-up Exams	4.07.2022	8.07.2022

Payment Process & Tuition Fee Payments

1. Annual Tuitions

- We aim to be the only university among the other universities in Turkey, which provides the most scholarship opportunities to international students and to create a diverse environment by the opportunities given during the registration period.
- The tuition fee is determined by the university's board of trustees by adhering to the decisions of the council of ministers of the relevant year for each academic year and announced on the university website. Only the information on our website is valid. Please do not rely on the information from third parties.
- 2020-2021 academic year tuition fees and scholarship amounts were determined by the decision of the Council of Higher Education and the board of trustees of our university.

Please visit our website to see the tuition fee of each department

<https://mio.medipol.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/F%C4%B0YAT-L%C4%B0STES%C4%B0-last.pdf>

- Every student whose application is approved is supported by our team through the scholarship process.
- Students applying directly or via an intermediary institution to university, cannot be charged for their application.
- Scholarships and discounts will be valid in the language preparation school for the students who are unable to meet the language proficiency requirement and are obliged to study the language program.

2. Scholarships and Discounts

- All the scholarship and discount rates are listed below;
- During the Registration Process;
- Students can benefit only one type of scholarship below;
- We have a 10% early bird scholarship for the School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, School of Law, and School of Pharmacy. Also 20% for all other undergraduate programs.
- In addition to the information above, we also have a success scholarship for the School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, School of Law, School of Pharmacy. Scholarship rates are listed below.
 - Students who have 1251 and above SAT: 15%
 - Students who have 30 and above ACT: 15%
 - Students who have between 40 and IB average: 15%
 - Students who have between 2.3 and above ABITUR average: 15%

- Scholarships rates are listed below for all other undergraduate programs.
 - Students who have 1200 and above SAT: 25%
 - Students who have 29 and above ACT: 25%
 - Students who have 39 and above IB average: %5%
 - Students who have 2.5 and above ABITUR average: 25%

* According to the result of the Medipol University Scholarship Exam, which is announced on our website, up to 15% discount for the School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, School of Law, School of Pharmacy and up to 25% discount for all other undergraduate programs may be implemented.

During the Payment Process;

1. The prepayment discount is 10%. After other discounts are implemented to the tuition, a prepayment discount is implemented to the result. The final result after all the discounts is the annual tuition of the relevant year.
2. Scholarship and discounts are implemented after the student brings all the papers, which proves that the student has the right to scholarship/ discount.
3. Students who want to benefit the prepayment discount should complete their payment during the down payment period or until the exemption exam.
4. Students will not benefit prepayment after the announced date.
5. The down payment amount is 25% of the tuition without any discount/ scholarship.
6. Students who make the down payment on time will receive their acceptance letter and have a place reserved in the departments they applied.
7. After the deposit payment, students can make the payment in two installments until November 5 and February 5. The student's access will be restricted in case of delays in the payment.
8. Students must make the payment to the bank account stated in their offer letters.
9. If the students who are already at the mid-classes or register at the new semester make the prepayment until the specified date, they can benefit the 10% prepayment discount.
10. Students who do not make the payment determined by the university will not be able to select courses.

*There is an additional 10% discount for each sibling who will study at our university.

Bank Information

Usd Account For All Of The Students

Bank: Türkiye Halk Bankası

Branch: Altunizade Commercial Branch – 0896 (in case of a troubling use this code 9896)

Name of the Account: İstanbul Medipol Üniversitesi

IBAN: TR54 0001 2009 8960 0053 0006 93

SWIFT Code: TRHBTR2A

Bank Informations For The Students From Iran

USD currency rate is fixed to 6,5 TL for the students from Iran. The tuition will be converted to TRY via the fixed-rate, and payments will be made in TRY. When paid in this way, the tuition will be increased every year following the decision taken by the board of trustees. Students who do not want to be affected by this increase can make the payment in USD. In this case, the fixed rate will not be taken into consideration.

Ziraat Bank For The Students From Iran

IBAN: TR 3900 0100 1795 5983 3035 5005

ACCOUNT NO: 1795-59833035-5005

BRANCH: KOZYATAĞI/İSTANBUL CORPORATE BRANCH

BANK: ZİRAAT BANKASI

RECEIVER: İstanbul Medipol Üniversitesi

ACCOUNT TYPE: USD

SWIFT CODE: TCZBTR2AA

ZİRAAT BANK TURKISH LIRA ACCOUNT INFORMATION

IBAN: TR 6600 0100 1795 5983 3035 5004

ACCOUNT No: 1795-59833035-5004

BRANCH: KOZYATAĞI/İSTANBUL KURUMSAL ŞUBE

BANK: ZİRAAT BANKASI

RECEIVER: İstanbul Medipol Üniversitesi

ACCOUNT TYPE: TL

Halk Bank For The Students From Iran

ALTUNİZADE COMMERCIAL BRANCH: 0896

IBAN NO (USD): TR54 0001 2009 8960 0053 0006 93

NAME OF THE RECEIVER: İSTANBUL MEDİPOL ÜNİVERSİTESİ

Important Note:

*Payments made to the USD and EURO accounts are calculated according to the Central Bank of Turkey. The exchange rates are based on the previous day of the deposit of the money in our account.

*Please do not forget to state the student's name and surname, name of the department or program, citizenship or passport number in the description.

Call Centre: 444 85 44

E-Mail: ogrencimuhasebesi@medipol.edu.tr

Fax: 0(212) 521 28 52

How to arrive at IMU Istanbul Medipol University?

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

Campus: Kavacık South Campus

Phone: 0216 681 51 00

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

Campus: Haliç Campus

Phone: 444 85 44

Fax: 0212 531 75 55

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

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

How To Get 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'll 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 I22 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 HVIŞT-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 HVIŞT-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>

Transport

Transportation Card

As a student in İstanbul, you can use a student transportation card. It's 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 minibusses and buses, sea vehicles, metro, metro bus, tramway, funicular are frequently used in urban vehicles.

www.istanbul-ulasim.com.tr

www.iETT.gov.tr

www.sehirhatlari.com.tr

Intercity Transportation:

There is a highway connection from all over the country from İstanbul. The starting point of domestic transportation is the Harem on the Anatolian side and the international bus station on the European side in Esenler.

International Road Transport:

There are flights from İstanbul to Greece, Macedonia, Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Russia (Moscow), Romania, Bulgaria and Jordan (Amman).

Railway Transportation:

www.tcdd.gov.tr

Sea Transportation:

www.tdi.gov.tr

www.ido.com.tr

Airline Transportation:

There are two airports in Istanbul, Istanbul Airport on the European Side and Sabiha Gokcen Airport on the Asian Side. Besides, there is the opportunity to rent aircraft and helicopters in Istanbul.

www.sgairport.com

University Students are entitled to have discounts by using their Student Card. You can apply for the travel card in the IETT (Transport for Istanbul) Istanbul kart Application Centre with your student certificate. For more information, click the link below:

For More Information Click <https://www.istanbulkart.istanbul/ogrenci-karti-1070>

Transportation from Sabiha Gökçen Airport (Anatolian side):

Bus: You can get on the E-3 Sabiha Gökçen-Levent subway or T22 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>

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-hatlari/>

Campus Transportation

In-Campus Medipol Shuttles

Our bus service is available for all our campuses and hospitals. You can get information about bus service routes and times from our website.

<http://www.medipol.edu.tr/kampuste-hayat/servis-saatleri>
[instagram.com/medipolservis](https://www.instagram.com/medipolservis)

The transportation between the North Campus and the South Campus is 1 TL.

Transportation to campus from other locations is 5 TL per day.

Outside of bus service hours, you can use public transportation with ease.

Eateries on Campus

The catering services of Istanbul Medipol University in Kavacık, Haliç and Bağcılar Campus are provided by a private catering company. The Kavacık Campus (North and South), where the boys' and girls' dormitories are located, offers three. Before meals service, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Self-service and à la carte options are available.

There are numerous cafes, canteens, and buffets in the Kavacık, Haliç, and Bağcılar campuses. Our canteens and buffets offer different tastes from Turkish and international cuisine, beverages, and breakfast. On the other hand, Polin Cafés located at the Kavacık and Bağcılar Campus are the places where students spend pleasant times with the cafes' stylish and modern architecture and delicious presentations. Polin Cafés offer hot and cold drinks, breakfast and food menus, and cakes. Also, there are plenty of international and local fast-food chains at the Kavacık South Campus.

For online meal order;

<https://www.yemeksepeti.com/istanbul->

<https://www.zomato.com/tr/istanbul/kavac%C4%B1k-b%C3%B6lgesindeki-eve-sipari%C5%9F-ver>

<https://www.tripadvisor.com.tr/RestaurantsNear-g293974-d7726901-Kavacik-Istanbul.html>

Other services

There are national and international food chains such as Starbucks, Çiğ Köfteci Ömer Usta, Simit Sarayı, Subway, Kahve Dünyası, Etiler Marmaris Büfe and Casa Riso Pilav in Kavacık South Campus. There is also a drug store called Gratis, where students can buy self-care products.

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 Tax Identification Number. You will get this from the Finance and Tax Office or Residence Permit on Student Certificate 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 have to 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 lira. 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. <http://bigpara.hurriyet.com.tr/bilgi/gerekli-linkler/>

Stationery

Students can get lecture books, notes, and stationery and office supplies and use photocopy machines.

Post Office

Istanbul Medipol University provides post services to students, schools/staff. Post Offices are located in the Kavacik North and South Campuses, C Blok. Istanbul Medipol University Post Offices are open weekdays (Monday thru Friday) from 8.30 AM to 5.30 PM.

Post Offices in Turkey and Hours of Operation

Aras Kargo

Weekdays: 8 AM - 8 PM

Saturday: 8 AM - 2 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone: 444 25 52

Website: <https://www.araskargo.com.tr/en/>

Yurtiçi Kargo

Weekdays: 8 AM - 5.30 PM

Saturday: 08 AM - 5 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone: 444 99 99

Website: <https://www.yurticikargo.com/en>.

MNG Kargo

Weekdays: 8.30 AM - 5.30 PM

Saturday: 8.30 AM - 3.30 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone: 444 06 06

Website: <https://www.mngkargo.com.tr/>

PTT Kargo

Weekdays: 8.30 AM - 5.30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 7.30 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone: 444 17 88

Website: <https://www.ptt.gov.tr/Sayfalar/EN/Homepage.aspx>

Sürat Kargo

Weekdays: 8.30 AM - 6.30 PM

Saturday: 8.30 AM - 1.30 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone: 0850 202 0 202

Website: <https://www.suratkargo.com.tr/>

TNT Kargo

Weekdays: 8 AM - 6 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone: 444 08 68

Website: https://www.tnt.com/express/tr_tr/site/home.html

Ups Kargo

Weekdays: 8 AM - 6 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone: 444 00 33

Website: <https://www.ups.com.tr/>

Stores

Some brands are available on Kavacık South Campus of our University, such as Etiler Marmaris, Starbucks, Kahve Dünyası, Simit Sarayı, Subway and Casariso. For personal care needs, Gratis also serves our students on South Campus.

A significant number of cafés, canteens and buffets render services on Kavacık North, Haliç and Bağcılar Campuses. Featuring with their elegant and modern architecture and delicious offerings, Polin cafes located on Kavacık and Bağcılar campuses are the places where students spend a pleasant time

Shopping Malls in Turkey

Many of the shopping malls listed below are arcades which are located on the ground and basement floors of buildings. These collections of shops are convenient and often inexpensive places to buy clothing, personal needs and household goods. Additionally, some of the major affordable and moderately priced department stores are listed below:

Emaar Square Mall

Posh, roomy retail complex with brand-name stores & diverse food options plus a cinema & aquarium.

Address: Ünalán, Libadiye Cd No:88, 34700 Üsküdar/İstanbul

Hours: 10AM-10PM (Monday thru Sunday)

Phone: 0850 290 8090

Web: www.emaarsquaremall.com

Istinye Park

Hours: 10AM-10PM (Monday thru Sunday)

Address: Katar Cad., No: 73 Sarıyer

Phone: 0 212 345 55 55

Web: www.istinyepark.com

Kanyon

Hours: 10AM-10PM (Monday thru Sunday)

Address: Büyükdere Cad. No:185, 34394 Levent

Phone: 0 212 317 53 00, **WhatsApp:** +90 532 290 56 96

Web: www.kanyon.com.tr

Akmerkez

Hours: 10AM-10PM (Monday thru Sunday)

Address: Nispetiye Cad. 34337, Etiler

Phone: 0 212 282 01 70

Web: www.akmerkez.com.tr

Cevahir

Hours: 10AM-10PM (Monday thru Sunday)

Address: Büyükdere Cad. No: 22, 34400, Şişli

Phone: 0 212 368 69 00

Web: www.istanbulcevahir.com

Metrocity

Hours: 10AM-10PM (Monday thru Sunday)

Address: Büyükdere Cad. No:171, 1.Levent

Phone: 0 212 344 06 60

Web: www.metrocity.com.tr

Capitol Altunizade

Hours: 10AM-10PM (Monday thru Sunday)

Address: Mahir İz Caddesi 34662 Altunizade

Phone: 0 216 554 77 77 (Pbx)

Web: www.capitol.com.tr

Palladium Ataşehir

Hours: 10AM-10PM (Monday thru Sunday)

Address: Barbaros Mah. Halk Cad. No:8-B, Ataşehir, 34746

Phone: 0 216 663 15 00

Web: www.brandium.com.tr



About Istanbul Medipol University

Medipol is placed among the top 100 universities by Reputation

The Door To The Future

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 186 undergraduate, 118 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. Kavacık 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, 115 student clubs, cultural activities throughout the year, and online education opportunities.

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Virtual Tour

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



Our Core Values

- Committed to ethical values
- Human-oriented
- Perfectionist X
- Environmentally conscious
- Participatory
- Tolerant
- Innovative
- Liberal

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 Sabahattin Aydın
9 Schools, 3 Institutes, 3 Vocational Schools

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

Phone: 444 85 44

MEDIPOL in Numbers

3 Campus: **301.756 m²**

Total Number Of The Students: **36.500**

International Students: **3.750** (FROM 81 DIFFERENT COUNTRY)

International Exchange Program Collaborations: **78**

Total Programs: **305**

Accredited Programs: **23**

Total Number Of The Academic Staff: **1196**

Sports Teams: **21**

Total Number Of Student Clubs: **115**

Grading System And Credits in Medipol University

European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is one of the most important fields of study in the application phase of the Bologna Process in Turkey. In recent years, many universities in Turkey intensified their studies for adjusting their credit and grading systems to ECTS principles.

Istanbul Medipol University has prepared this specially designed ECTS Information to clarifying specific details about the academic programs and the understanding of education for Istanbul Medipol University, which have been formed in tune with the Bologna Process. Each detail in the ECTS Information Guide regarding the implementation of ECTS credits of courses, student workloads, evaluation process, and the relation of all these components with each other have been explained step by step.

All of the information provided in the ECTS Information Guide is a complete package that integrates the National Qualifications defined by the Higher Education Council of Turkey (YÖK) and their compatibility with the implementation of the Bologna Process.

The beneficiaries of this website will be not only able to access programs offered, course contents but also general information about student life and extracurricular activities both in the city of Istanbul.

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>



What are the application criteria? Who can apply?

Requirements for applying to the Erasmus+ program are given below.

- You must be a full-time student enrolled in formal education.
- Students must have enough ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) for mobility.
- Undergraduate students must have a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2,20 out of 4,00.
- Graduate students must have a CGPA of at least 2.50 out of 4.00. English preparatory class students cannot be regarded as eligible to apply.

How to Apply?

The applications are made on the MEBIS system. The application period usually starts at the beginning of February.

Application steps are given below;

- Students must upload an up-to-date e-signed transcript document that shows the current CGPA to the application system. Therefore, you must request a transcript on MEBIS first .
- After you get electronically signed transcript you should upload it onto Erasmus Application Section in MEBIS system.
- If your application is accepted Istanbul Medipol University Language School will hold a foreign Language Exam (English) to test your English language proficiency.
- Students are required to get at least 60 out of 100 on the exam in order to have the right to join the mobility program. (Students who have valid results from the exams, which are equivalent by the Measuring, Selection and Placement Centre (ÖSYM) or who have at least 60 points from YDS or YOKDIL, do not need to take this exam)

What are the evaluation criteria?

- The evaluation criteria and weighted scores to be used in the evaluation of the applications are as follows;

- Out of a total of 100 points. (final score)
 - Academic Success Level (CGPA) : %50
 - Language Level : %50

Before and After Mobility Requirement Documents

Before Mobility;

- Acceptance Letter
- Learning Agreement

After Mobility;

- Attendance Certificate
- Transcript of Records

About Erasmus+ Grant

- The Erasmus grant results are usually announced in August-September.
- It is foreseen that the, Erasmus grant will be given to the top students among the students who took the Erasmus exam of each department first. If the grant remains, the distribution of the grants can continue as second and third places.
- As renounces happen, the grant is passed on to the next person.

International Student Admissions in Pandemic Period

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

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

After students enter the country, they will be tested for COVID-19 free of charge at any of our contracted hospitals closest to the airport during this period; students will accommodate free of charge at our dormitories or in a hotel contracted with our hospitals.

Our Hospitals:

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



Contact Units & Advisors on Campus

Our academics and relevant units are informed about the students, and they guide our students. Also, a safe transfer, accommodation, other essential needs, and demands & requests of the students who take part in the mobility program are carried out by these units.

Research Assistants at Departments:

In each department, specific Research Assistants have been appointed to assist and guide you in your departments. The list of research assistants for each department can be found on the Registrars' Office web page.

Academic Advisors at Departments:

Academic advisors in your department will approve your course registration and follow your academic progress. You will be able to contact your academic advisors after studying in the Department of Basic English for one year. If you are exempt from a one-year English Language preparation program, then you can directly contact your academic advisor. For detailed information, please contact the directorate of your department.

Arrival & Faculty Mentors

The so-called Faculty Mentors also assist international students in handling programs of all Faculties. As for the programs at the Faculties, the mentors of MEDIPOL are your contact persons when you have questions regarding student life at MEDIPOL. Please contact your program coordinators or your admission officers to find your mentor.

Contacts: mio@medipol.edu.tr

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

More Information: <https://mio.medipol.edu.tr/contact-units-advisors-at-campus/>

Student Enrollment:

The process of your enrollment starts at the Admission Office of the Faculty of the Programme you are admitted to. Make sure to visit them and contact the programme coordinator with the original documents listed in your acceptance letter. They and your mentors will inform you about the steps of your Academic Registration. The Place and the Dates of your Academic Registration vary by the Programme you are admitted to.

Administrative Units

Press Office

Press Office is responsible for the internal and external communication activities of the university. The office manages the content and advertising management of corporate social media accounts, tracking news and publications on the corporate website -medipol.edu.tr-, and the preparation of web-social media videos.

Periodicals and non-periodicals publications such as magazines, books, booklets, and brochures are prepared, and this office also carries out the sales and distribution processes of these publications.

Media relations activities, including the preparation and sharing of invitations and news bulletins to be shared on the media and media monitoring, are also carried out by the Press Office.

Information Technologies Unit

Higher education is one of the fastest transforming fields in the information age. Supporting the rapid transformation in terms of method and content with new infrastructures and software is one of the main elements of a modern university.

Medipol has made serious investments in the field of information technologies in recent years. As a result, our university stands out with its technological infrastructure and its ability to develop products and solutions.

We provide all the systems, infrastructure, and software required by our university and hospitals as private cloud-centered services in the data center with high capacity and security level. The data center also hosts the High-Performance Computing (HPC) system where the bioinformatics processes of the genetic diagnosis center serving within REMER, the only Regenerative and Restorative Medicine Research Centre in Turkey.

The MEBIS software we developed within the university stands at the center of all our academic and administrative processes. MEBIS, with its flexibility and integration capability, is a solution ready to serve not only Medipol University but also all universities in Turkey that are open to the digital world. We continue our efforts to develop similar applications, services, and solutions within the framework of the R&D center.

We use our resources centrally in an extremely flexible structure with the VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure). For example, it takes only a few minutes to install a new virtual server or a new virtual computer, and only 10 minutes to install any software on all computers.

Unlimited internet access, interactive whiteboard, information screens, and face recognition systems we provide in all areas of our campuses and dormitories are at the service of our students and academics 24/7.

A digital transformation is an approach that is at the center of all academic and administrative processes of Medipol University and strongly supported by the management.

We do not mean doing the same job better with the same methods and the same processes, but by transforming the work itself through technology in a different way, making it more effective, more efficient, faster, cheaper, and even destroying the process when necessary with the digital transformation.

One of the most important goals of digital transformation is to eliminate the difference in cognizance between our units. We know that much more efficient results will be obtained by producing in coordination with all relevant teams, rather than trying to create by working only on their own.

While providing the services required by academic and administrative units in a high quality, sustainable, secure, and planned manner, we continue to accompany our university's never-ending digital transformation journey.

Support Services Unit

Activities Provided by the Support Services Department

- Ensuring and supervising the security of the building, staff, and students by professional companies,
- Ensuring and controlling cleaning work by expert teams and modern equipment,
- Managing, monitoring, and supervising dining, cafeterias, and social venues by qualified and competent personnel or companies,
- Carrying out maintenance, heating, shelter, garden and landscaping works,
- Establishing civil defense and environmental security teams, making them functional and controlling them,
- When necessary, to carry out the representation and hospitality affairs on behalf of the University, to fulfill the wreath-laying procedures,
- Carrying out the transactions of goods, fixtures, and storage.

Legal Consultancy Unit

Legal Consultancy Unit is directly affiliated to the General Secretariat and the Rectorate. The unit is obliged to represent the University in judicial and administrative authorities in the conflicts of the university with third parties and institutions, to protect and defend its rights. The unit also provides legal consultancy services within the university.

Duties of Legal Consultancy Unit

To defend the rights of the university in judicial and administrative authorities in disputes and conflicts with the students of the university, other persons and institutions,

To assist the administration in the execution of the university's savings following the laws in force,

To perform other similar tasks to be given.

Administrative and Financial Affairs

Administrative and Financial Affairs Unit collects and evaluates the necessary information, documents, and statistics for the envisaged budget of the university and prepares them according to plans, programs, and principles. Payroll transactions of all academic and administrative staff; calculation of social security deductions and taxes; calculation and payment of additional course fees; calculation, collection, and follow-up of tuition during the student registration period; follow-up of inventory operations; calculation, collection, and follow-up of revenues; follow-up of debts; all accounting transactions; keeping track of records and documents; financial services; preparation and reporting of legal statements and declarations in time are among the duties and responsibilities of this unit.

Human Resources Unit

The Human Resources Unit carries out all kinds of personnel affairs of the academic and administrative staff of the university following the laws, regulations, and directives of the university. The main task of the unit is to plan the labor force at the right time, in the right place, within the framework of the right person principle, and to develop policies in this direction. The responsibility of the orientation training of the first recruits at our university and continuous vocational training belongs to this unit.

Library and Documentation Unit

There are libraries in the Kavack North and South Campus, Haliç Campus, and Bağcılar Campus (Medipol Mega Hospital). The libraries, which serve on a total area of 4866 square meters and shelves of 100 thousand volumes, are home to 30 thousand academic books whose number is increasing day by day.

The library is constantly updating itself with its infrastructure that supports education, training, and research programs, meets the information and document needs of academic staff, students, and other researchers, and closely follows developments in the world.

The library offers access to national and international publications in many areas such as health, science, social sciences, culture, art, and literature. The library, which has 43,071 printed publications, 59 printed periodicals, and digital publications such as 514,344 full-text e-books, 44,048 full-text e-journals, 462 multimedia, 431 theses, 287,630,478 news, biographies, articles, reports, conference contents, patents, reviews, is a member of 40 databases. The library focuses on the development of electronic collections and offers quality electronic information resources to students with the possibilities brought by technology. The library supports the research and education needs of the students regardless of time and place by using mobile technologies extensively in accessing information resources.

Rare Collection

Our library has a rare collection of 38 books from the years before 1950. The works are protected under a special protection status and are exhibited only in glass cabinet showcases. For those who want to examine in detail, the entire collection is digitalized and made available online. Our collection development policy emphasizes providing remote access to electronic publications and databases from within or outside the campus as well as printed resources.

- Kavacık North Campus Library is open 24/7.
- Kavacık South Campus Library is open from 08:30 AM to 10:30 PM every day.
- Haliç Campus Library is open from 08:30 AM to 10:30 PM every day.
- MEGA Hospital Library is open from 08:30 AM to 10:30 PM every day.
- For detailed information, please visit kutuphane.medipol.edu.tr.

Student Affairs

The Student Affairs Unit carries out the procedures of both undergraduate and graduate students within the framework of the legislation.

- Registers the students and creates personnel information files for them,
- Makes transactions on the Council of Higher Education Information System for students who have a change of status (such as cancellation and freezing of the education and graduation),
- Prepares the Student Certificate, Military Status Document and follows up the discounted travel card transactions of newly registered students,
- Writes, archives, and monitors the internal and external official letters about the students,

- Regulates the grade correction and make-up exam, opens the three-course exams, makes transactions of the student exempted from the Turkish and English Preparatory Program, defining the courses to be taught, instructors, programs and academic calendar on the system, checks and updates the information on the Frequently Asked Questions, Candidate Student and Student Affairs Unit pages of the university's website, publishes announcements, answers e-mails, directs and reports them to the relevant units,
- Prepares the Foundation Inspection Forms, Annual Report, Service Inventory and Service Standard, prepares the various information/statistics requested by the Rectorate and other official institutions,
- Completes the procedures of students who are at the graduation stage, prints diplomas and sends them to the Registration (Ministry of Health / Provincial Health Directorate), prepares the Diploma Supplement, Honor and High Honor Certificates, prints Diploma and Diploma Supplement Notebook, distributes diplomas and tracks diploma loss procedures.

Purchase Office

Purchase Unit plans and purchases the services, tools, equipment, machines, fixtures, and consumable goods for the fulfillment of educational and scientific activities within the scope of legal regulations and finalized budget and allowances. The Office, which carries out the logistics processes as a continuation of the purchasing processes, provides uninterrupted support to our internal and external stakeholders.

Health, Culture and Sports Unit

Health, Culture, and Sports Unit aims to create, develop, and supervise activities that help students' cultural, social, and personal development. The unit develops and implements programs that facilitate and support the student's adaptation to university life.

Strategic Development Unit

- Creates a preparation program for the administration's strategic planning studies.
- Provides training and consultancy services that will be needed in the strategic planning process.
- Coordinates strategic planning studies.
- Prepares the activity reports, examines the external factors that will affect the services in the subjects of the duty of the administration.
- Develops performance and quality criteria in the fields of the administration evaluates the compliance of the administration and units with the determined performance and quality criteria and presents them to the manager.

- Carries out the preparation, updating, and renewal of the strategic plan.
- Works on the establishment of the internal control system, development, and implementation of standards.
- Develops annual performance indicators.
- Guides the units in making implementation plans.
- Evaluates the situation at the end of the period and conveys the necessary measures to the relevant units.

Construction Unit

Construction Unit carries out the projects of the buildings and facilities of the university, prepares tender files, carries out the tender files related to construction and repair, controls the constructions, carries out maintenance and repair works, carries out similar works such as ventilation systems, landscaping and elevator maintenance, and repair.

The repair and renovation requests of the buildings and facilities used by the Schools and Institutes of the university and the construction requests of the buildings and facilities are delivered to the Construction Unit through the Rectorate and the Responsible Vice-Rectors. According to the characteristics of the requests, the construction surveying, study project, and approximate cost are prepared. Depending on the budget possibilities, these needs met following the current Public Procurement Law and the related Legislative Provisions.

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Haliç Campus Library

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Medipol Mega Library

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Practical Training at IMU

Turkey's Largest Simulation Laboratory

Turkey's largest simulation laboratory owned by the Istanbul Medipol University School of Dentistry was established to ensure that students acquire manual skills and clinical competencies required during their education and training. Here, students practice regarding various types of dental treatments on prepared manikins. A total of 140 manikins are available in simulation laboratories. Students can watch the demonstrations by instructors live via screens available in their units. The centre conducts training on artificial patients in dental chairs. Thus, students can practice under ergonomic conditions.

Food Preparation and Cooking Laboratory

Food Preparation and Cooking Laboratory, under the umbrella of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics and operating on Kavacik South Campus, educates students on the content of foods, appropriate preparation and cooking methods, losses during preparation and cooking, and some basic and traditional recipes. The lab is used by students to provide information and gain applied skills. There are ten kitchen units in the laboratory. With this laboratory, students have the opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge of foods into practice in a scientific environment.

Labs for Students

Laboratories, operating on Kavacik Campuses and used for all units -especially the School of Pharmacy, provide a wide area our students can research

Research laboratories are well-equipped with high-technology and accredited infrastructure integrated with pharmacy-related units for the needs of today's multidisciplinary pharmaceutical R&D. In addition to the training program and equipment that give traditional and up-to-date approaches to the practice of the profession; student labs are designed to enable prospective pharmacists to conduct research under the supervisor.

Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Application and Research Center

In two laboratories for application and research purposes in the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, students learn the methods of measurement and evaluation in physiotherapy, therapeutic exercises, and study using special equipment and devices.

Students learn the use and effects of electro-physical agents and tools in these laboratories by applying them to themselves and gaining professional knowledge and skills.

In addition, in the virtual reality and aerobic exercise laboratory, patients with neurological and orthopedic problems are educated and applied training is given by showing analysis and special exercise programs in healthy people. Students conduct research in these laboratories and present the results at student congresses and Future Science Forum held by Istanbul Medipol University.

Nursing Skills Laboratory

The Nursing Skills Laboratory, under the umbrella of the School of Health Sciences and Department of Nursing located in Kavacik South Campus, was established in 2010 for nursing students to gain the cognitive, affective and psychomotor skills and competencies required during their education.

Our laboratory is well-equipped with high-technology products and mannequins to create a real clinic. In the laboratory, students have the opportunity to practice essential interventions specific to the care of the healthy/sick persons, such as hygienic care, oral and parenteral drug applications, joint gap movements, and nursing practices specific to all body systems. Training is carried out on mannequins under the supervisor. Preparatory work continues for the Simulation Laboratory, which is planned to be opened as of the next academic year.

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.

In order 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:

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Medipol International Student Association is one of these student clubs, where you can meet many international students and benefit from their experiences. [mdisa_19](#) Instagram Page: For insider's tips and recommendations about being an international student at MEDİPOL, you may visit and follow the Instagram page and group of the Medipol ISA MENTOR initiative.

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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.

Health Services

The Medikosocial Office carries out health services at our university. The office provides service with one specialist physician and three nurses.

The primary purpose of the health center is to provide outpatient clinic services and medical intervention & care in emergency health problems to both Medipol students and administrative and academic staff and to direct them to hospitals within the Medipol Health Group for further examinations and treatments when necessary.

Services:

- Emergency intervention
- Outpatient care services
- Health check
- Counseling on health
- Medical Dressing
- Surgical suture removal
- Foreign body removal
- Measuring blood pressure
- Vaccinations
- Administering medication
- Directing patients to the hospitals
- Preventive health services

Counselling & Mental Health Support Service

Medipol offers counseling and mental health support for all of its students. The service is free and confidential. Counselling provides a safe, confidential, and supportive space for the students to help them to explore their problems.

Individual and group counseling services are provided by appointment system throughout the school term.

For detailed information, please reach out to the unit via pdrbasvuru@medipol.edu.tr.

Project Opportunities & Laboratories

Istanbul Medipol University School of Medicine Regenerative and Restorative Medicine Research Center (REMER) 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, REMER 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.

Cells Are Repaired Here!

One of the prestigious centers of Medipol, REMER is the home to potentially pioneering high-quality research projects relating to the system and cardiovascular system. Cell Culture, Molecular Biology, Genomics, Bioinformatics, Proteomics, Dental, Biomechanics, Electrophysiology, Advanced Microscopy, Pharmacology, Analytical Chemistry and Experimental Animals laboratories serve under the umbrella of REMER.

An environment in which students are encouraged to research

REMER, operating on our Kavacik Campus, offers unique opportunities for students as well as professional scientists. Our undergraduates, mostly consisting of those from the School of Medicine, do not only have access to REMER laboratories to carry out scientific student projects which are part of their curriculum but also join research projects as volunteers during holidays. This opportunity enables Medipol students to be the best in professions of their choice and contributes them an inquisitive nature. This opportunity allows Medipol students not only to be the best in their profession but also to gain the qualification of researchers.

Laboratories

- Cell Culture
- Molecular Biology
- Genomics
- Bioinformatics
- Proteomics
- Dental
- Biomechanics
- Electrophysiology
- Advanced Microscopy
- Pharmacology
- Analytical Chemistry
- Experimental Animals Lab (MEDAM)

Primary research areas of the center:

- Nervous System Regeneration
- Cardiovascular System Regeneration
- Epimorphic Regeneration
- Stem Cell and Cancer Relation
- Biocompatible Materials
- Prosthetics and Bio implants
- Rehabilitation
- Neuromodulation
- Microbiome

Application of Complementary and Alternative Medicine

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.

Career Office

REMAINING IN TURKEY AFTER GRADUATING IMU/COMPLETING SEMESTER AND GO JOB-HUNTING?

This unit works on the career planning of Istanbul Medipol University students and graduates, directs them about the internship and job finding process, and creates relevant employment opportunities for them.

Goals:

- Increasing the number of institutions students can do an internship.
- Working on both national and international employment opportunities for Istanbul Medipol University graduates.
- To carry out activities and studies in order to increase the professional and personal skills of each student/graduate according to the market qualifications and requirements.
- To cooperate with industry, university, and other institutions and organizations, to develop joint projects.

Campus Security Services

We assist the campus security with the cameras placed at certain points. All incidents requiring public order are intervened in the campuses, a report is drawn up, and guidance is provided to the relevant units.

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.

Medipol Online Systems:

Frequently Asked Questions Our Mebis System

<https://www.medipol.edu.tr/en/active-students/frequently-asked-questions>

Which information can I get via 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 the 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 do if I forgot my MEBIS password?

Click I forgot my password section on the MEBIS home page and reset your password. In order to do reset your password, your email address and 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 the card by clicking the Document Request section in the MEBIS system.

What can I do if I need to change or correct my personal information?

You need to visit the Student Affairs Office.

Where can I find out if my student id card is ready or not?

If the status of the student id card is ready on the Document Request section, you can take your card from the Information Technologies Department on your campus.

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>

You can create a password on the application, center, and with the same password, you can make transactions. Once your account is active, you can use the card as a debit card. With your debit card, you can withdraw money from the cash machines of all the banks 24/7. You can make a deposit to your Param card by EFT, transfer, cash machines, or online banking. You can check your Param card account transactions on the mobile application.

Features of Param Card:

It is a member of the TROY card scheme which is only available in Turkey. Param cards offer you advantages when you use it in the member merchant contracted with Param card.

You can follow up with the advantageous campaigns up to date and get information about their details.

You should check the website continuously as the number of member merchants contracted with Param is constantly increasing.



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 are 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: <http://www.kultur.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 km² – 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

Istanbul - İzmir - Ankara - Antalya



Istanbul

The city connects the two continents

An inspiring city

Meeting point of the different cultures

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.

MORE INFO: <https://istanbul.ktb.gov.tr/> <https://tr.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C4%B0stanbul>

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.

Izmir



Turkey's third-largest city, Izmir, is a contemporary, developed province and, at the same time, is a busy commercial center. It is a city for which Herodotus from Izmir 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 don't see it, you'll miss it!"** and Victor Hugo wrote a poem even without seeing it ever and said, **"Izmir is a princess"**. Izmir, 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 considered to be 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.

About Turkish Hospitality, Culture & Food

Misconceptions & Turkish Culture

Camel riding is not a way of transportation for Turkish people.

The capital of Turkey is Ankara, not İstanbul.

Turkey has given first full political rights to women, including the right to vote and be elected locally and nationwide.

Papa Noel had lived in Turkey. Yet Turkish people don't celebrate Noel but only the New Year.

Family means a lot to us. In Bayrams, the younger ones kiss the elderly people, and some candy or money is given in return.

Turkish people are highly hospitable and friendly. Don't be surprised if the person you talk to on the street invites you over tea.

TIP: Watch Turkish TV Series to develop your communication skills as well as an understanding of Turkish daily life.

About Hospitality and Food

Turkish Coffee is one of the irreplaceable habits of Turkish people. Turkish coffee is served with Turkish delight. Moreover, we can tell the drinker's fortune by looking at the marks the coffee grounds left. There is even an app for this.

Even though Turkish coffee is common, tea is another essential traditional drink of Turkish people. They mostly prefer to drink it at breakfast and after dinner.

TIP: Visit Traditional Cafes To Immerse Yourself In Culture

Travel In İstanbul & Museum Card

Where to go?

Places to Travel In İstanbul

İstanbul is a very important place in the world. The city is spread over an area of 7.500 km² 150 km long and 50 km wide. İstanbul became the biggest and the most crowded city in Europe. Because, its location between Asia and Europe, the city always had great geopolitical importance. The city population is estimated 12 to 15 million. Around two million tourists visit İstanbul every year. They see the historical and natural beauties of the city. The city has a lot of historic mosques, churches, and museums in Turkey.

Aya Sofya:

Renowned as one of the most beautiful buildings in the world, the spellbinding Byzantine glory of the Aya Sofya Museum (Hagia Sophia) is not only one of the top things to do in İstanbul, but also in Turkey.



The staggering bulk of its exterior is rimmed by the delicate minarets added after the Ottoman conquest, while the sumptuous and cavernous frescoed interior is a grand reminder of old Constantinople's might and power. This famed monument is a must-do for every tourist visiting the country.

Topkapı Palace:

Sumptuous beyond belief, the Topkapı Palace takes you into the fantastical, opulent world of the sultans. It was from here that the sultans of the Ottoman Era carved out an empire that would extend up into Europe and down through the Middle East and into Africa. The interiors, with their decadently exuberant tiling and lavish jeweled decor, are an unforgettable peek into the Ottoman's power base.

The surrounding public gardens were once the sole domain of the Royal Court but are now open to the public and provide a tranquil, green respite from the city streets.



The Çamlıca Hill:

Çamlıca hill is the highest hill in İstanbul. It is 263 m, high from the sea level. It was used as a picnic area. In 1980 is the Touring Automobile Association built a series of the restaurant, a Turkish cafe, and a park.



The Taksim Square:

The large square at the end of the İstiklal street is the Taksim square, which is one of the most active centers of İstanbul. The square is the most important for İstanbul. There are a lot of different countries people. There is a lot of big department store; this place is really beautiful.



Bosphorus Bridge or The Atatürk Bridge

The project preparations were started in 1950. The bridge-building started in 1970. It was completed on 29 October 1973. It was built by German and England engineers. Thirty-five engineers and four hundred Turkish workers were employed during the construction. Its cost was \$25 million. The height of the bridge from the sea is 64 m. The Atatürk Bridge carries 200.000 vehicles and 600.000 people a day.



The Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge

The Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge was built between 1985 and 1988 the opening date was at the same time the 535th anniversary of the Ottoman conquest of the city.



The Süleymaniye Mosque

It was built by Architect Sinan, the most famous architect at Ottoman history between 1550-1557 Süleymaniye Mosque, according to the construction reports of those days, 5,723 workers (of these 1,713 are Moslems, 3,523 Christians) completed the construction in 2.7 million working days. The cost of the mosque is \$60 million today.



The Leandros Tower

The Leandros Tower covered an area of 1250 m2 and was built 200 meters from the Usküdar beach. It has got an intelligent history. One day a witch has got apples for the girl and gave her a poisonous apple, she did after eating it. That is why the tower is called the Leandros Tower.



THE GALATA TOWER

This tower at the slopes of Galata is visible everywhere in the city and is 61 m. tall. The tower is at the hill which overlooks both to the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara. One day, a scientist named Hazerfen Ahmet Çelebi jumped down the tower and flew to the opposite side of the Bosphorus strait by using the wings which he had invented (17th century)



THE FORTRESS

It was constructed with the order of Yıldırım Beyazıd in 1393, during one of the stages of İstanbul. It is opposite to the Rumeli Hisarı. In the previous period, there was a Christian Church in the same place.

Its original name was Güzelcehisar. There are lots of pashas villas. These are the Bahriyeli Sedat Bey Villa, the Zarif Mustafa Pasha Villa, constructed in the 19th century; the Yağcı Şefik Bey Villa, constructed in 1905 and the Hasan Pasha Villa.



THE DOLMABAĞÇE PALACE MUSEUM

The Dolmabahçe Palace Museum was built between 1611-1614. It is that 14 tons of gold and 40 tons of silver were used for the decoration of the palace. The furniture was bought from Paris, the vases from Hereke and Lyan, the crystal materials from Baccarat, and the candlesticks from England with special order. Almost all of 131 large and 99 small hand-made carpets are silk carpets, and they were woven in the royal workshops in Hereke. The total area covered by the rugs is 4.500 square meters. The total area at the palace is 250.000 square meters; there are 12 gates. There are 285 rooms, 43 hills, six balconies, six hamams, and 1427 windows in the decoration, 156 clocks, 280 vases, and 58 candlesticks. By the way, the carpet of 124 m2 is the second-largest hand-made Hereke carpet in Turkey.



For more cultural places and museums visit website <https://muze.gov.tr/>

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.



The card is 20 Turkish Lira for students and valid for one year. 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 Museum Card on the related website.

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

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

Basic Turkish

YES EVET

NO HAYIR

PLEASE LÜTFEN

OK TAMAM

THANK YOU TEŞEKKÜRLER

YOU ARE WELCOME BİR ŞEY DEĞİL

EXCUSE ME PARDON

WHAT? NE?

HELP! İMDAT!

HOW MUCH IS THIS? BU NE KADAR?

1 BİR

2 İKİ

3 ÜÇ

4 DÖRT

5 BEŞ

6 ALTI

7 YEDİ

8 SEKİZ

9 DOKUZ

10 ON

11 ONBİR

12 ONİKİ

20 YIRMI

100 YÜZ

1000 BİN

10000 ONBİN

WHAT'S UP? NABER?

WATER SU

BEER BİRA

TOILET TUVALET

THE BILL HESAP

SEE YOU GÖRÜŞÜRÜZ

VERY/LOT/MANY ÇOK

HELLO MERHABA

HOW ARE YOU? NASILSIN?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANLAMADIM

Cost of Living in Turkey



Milk (regular), (1 liter)

Average: 2.61 ₺



Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500g)

Average: 1.54 ₺



Rice (white), (1kg)

Average: 5.25 ₺



Eggs (12)

Average: 5.88 ₺



Local Cheese (1kg)

Average: 18.15 ₺



Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1kg)

Average: 12.57 ₺



Apples (1kg)

Average: 3.22 ₺



Water (1.5 liter bottle)

Average: 1.40 ₺



TIP: NUMBEO.COM 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.

Traveling Around Turkey

DESTINATION	AIRPLANE (average price, one way)	BUS (average price, one way)	TRAIN (price for students, one way)
İSTANBUL - İZMİR	170 ₺	120 ₺	-
İSTANBUL - ANKARA	120 ₺	100 ₺	56 ₺
İSTANBUL - ESKİŞEHİR	-	70 ₺	36.5 ₺
İSTANBUL - ANTALYA	210 ₺	150 ₺	-
İZMİR - ANKARA	180 ₺	100 ₺	40.5 ₺
İZMİR - ESKİŞEHİR	-	95 ₺	31 ₺
İZMİR - ANTALYA	150 ₺	100 ₺	-
ANKARA - ESKİŞEHİR	-	40 ₺	24.5 ₺
ANKARA - ANTALYA	160 ₺	95 ₺	-

TIP: Car sharing applications or hitchhiking are the alternatives. However, safety first and please be aware of the potential dangers.

Get your transportation pass for students as soon as possible otherwise; you would spend a good amount of money to go around the city. You can apply directly to the offices of IETT after you visit your school for a **“Travel Card Request Form”**. If you like to do online, simply fill the application form and complete the payment with your credit card. Your Istanbulkart will be sent to your address. Here is the link for it: Istanbul.kart.iETT.Istanbul
Some universities will also centralize this process; you can check this with your contact person. They might arrange it so that you can pick up your transportation card at the university service desk within the first few weeks of your arrival.

TIP: Get an Istanbulkart as soon as you land to Istanbul airport and top it up. When your semester starts, you can sign up for a student card which will be approximately half price.

Weather Conditions in Turkey

Due to the geographical conditions of Turkey, we cannot talk about a general overall climate. In Istanbul and around the Sea of Marmara, there is a moderate climate, and the average temperature in winter is 40C (390F) and in summer 270C (800F). In western Turkey, the climate is the mild Mediterranean with an average winter temperature of 90C (48.20F) and with an average summer temperature of 290C (84.20F). On the southern coast, the climate is the same.

Since the climate of the Anatolian Plateau is steppe, rainfall is low, but snow is high, and the difference in day and night temperatures is excellent. The average temperature is 230C (73.40F) in summer and winter is -20C (28.40F) in winter. On the other hand, the Black Sea climate is wet, warm, and humid (summer 230C, 73.40F, and winter 70C, 44.60F). The hardest weather conditions in winter occur in Eastern and South-Eastern Anatolian with an average temperature of -130C (8.60F), and an average temperature of 170C (62.60F) in summer.

Useful Informations

Furniture

Students often need to buy furniture when they first arrive. There are shops and second-hand goods in every district of Istanbul. There are also shops in these districts selling inexpensive new furniture.

IKEA: It is possible to have first hand, quality and stylish furniture from IKEA. It has several branches in Turkey. Its prices vary, moderate to expensive.

<https://www.ibb.istanbul/en/SitePage/Index/118>

Embassies

It is recommended that you register with your embassy in Turkey for your benefit. The contact information of the embassies in Turkey is provided below: <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/resident-diploma-tic-and-consular-missions.en.mfa>

Electricity

Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style 2-round-pin plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets/points. In case your appliance does not fit, you'll need a plug adapter. If you do not bring that adapter, you can get one from small Turkish electrician's shops or the construction markets in the shopping malls.

Working in Turkey

International students, unfortunately, have no legal right to work either in public or private offices with their student visas if you find a job while in Turkey you have to apply for a work permit.

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 120 TL (subject to change) to any tax office (vergi dairesi). With the receipt, visit one of the cell phone 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, has to 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.

Emergency Contact Numbers

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

EMERGENCY NUMBERS AND CENTRAL HOSPITALS

Emergency numbers of turkey

Ambulance: **112**

Civil Defense: **110**

Police: **155**

Coast Guard: **158**

Forest Fires: **177**

Loss of Children or Women Assistance: **183**

Other Necessary Numbers:

Traffic: **154**

Electricity Failure: **186**

Gas Failure: **187**

Gendarmerie Forces: **156**

Telephone Failure: **121**

Burial Services: **188**

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Medical Emergency	112
Health Information	184
Fire Department	110
Police	155



National Holidays:

Official Public Holidays in Turkey

This part contains the list of Turkey 2021 official public holidays, bank holidays, government holidays, non-working national holidays and sectorial holidays.

- **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

Ramazán 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.