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A. Welcome

Dear Students,

It is a pleasure for us to be able to welcome you at İstanbul Gedik University for your mobility program. We all hope that your Erasmus period at İstanbul Gedik University will be a unique adventure in your life and will make an outstanding contribution to your life in terms of both academic and social aspects.

The number of international students incoming to İstanbul Gedik University is increasing each year, which adds greatly to the multicultural environment on campus. In this respect, we would like to host you here with your cultural background, which will enrich the international atmosphere on campus.

Please, read the Welcome Information Guide carefully, which includes invaluable information for a foreigner. We hope this guide will give you full awareness about living and studying at İstanbul Gedik University.

You are more than welcome at İstanbul Gedik University and Erasmus Office to ask any questions you may have or consult in any matter, where you will always find a friendly face.

All the best from Erasmus Office **D.Blok Floor 6**

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1- İstanbul

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

The historic city of İstanbul is situated on a peninsula flanked on three sides by the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. It has been the capital of three great empires, the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires, and for more than 1,600 years over 120 emperors and sultans ruled the world from here. No other city in the world can claim such a distinction. During its development, the city was enlarged four times, each time the city walls were rebuilt further to the west.

Surrounded by 5th century Roman city walls and stretching over seven hills, İstanbul is adorned by the masterpieces of Turkish art, the great mosques of the Sultans that crown the hills. The city presents an exquisite, majestic and serene silhouette from all directions. The Golden Horn, which is a very secure natural harbor, has played a significant role in the development of the city.

Fortune provided such advantages to İstanbul as a location at a junction where the main overland routes reach the sea, an easily defensible peninsula, an ideal climate, a rich and generous nature, control of the strategic Bosphorus, and a central geographical position in the ancient world.

As a capital of empires, the city was not only an administrative, but also a religious center. The Patriarchate of Eastern Christians has been headquartered here since its establishment, and the largest early churches and monasteries of the Christian world rose in this city on top of the pagan temples. Within a century after the city was conquered, it was enriched with mosques, palaces, schools, baths and other architectural monuments that gave it a Turkish character, while some of the existing churches in ruins were repaired, altered and converted into mosques. Between the 16th century when the Ottoman sultans acquired themselves the title of the "Caliph of Islam" and 1924, the first year of the Republic, İstanbul was also the headquarters of the Caliphate. More Jews settled in İstanbul than any other port, and here they built themselves a new and happy life after they were rescued from Spain by the Turks in the 15th century. İstanbul has always been a city of tolerance where mosques, churches and synagogues existed side by side. The city was adorned with a large number of dazzling and impressive works even during the period of decline of the Ottomans.



During this time, the influence of European art made itself felt in the new palaces, while the northern slopes of the Golden Horn, Galata and Beyoğlu districts assumed a European character. Even when the Empire, which was a party to World War I, collapsed and the young Republic that replaced it moved the capital to Ankara, Istanbul did not lose its significance.

In the 1970s, Istanbul's population rapidly increased, causing the city to expand into the nearby villages and forests, eventually creating a major world metropolis. Today its population is over 14 million and still increases constantly. It continues to be the commercial and cultural center of Turkey.

Istanbul's many historical areas were added to the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1985. In addition, because of its status as a world rising power, its history, importance to culture in both Europe and the world, Istanbul has been designated the European Capital of Culture for 2010 by the European Union.

2- İstanbul Gedik University

Istanbul Gedik University is a part of Gedik Education Foundation (GEF) established by Gedik Holding on September 7, 1994 to contribute to the development of the welding technology in Turkey.

Gedik Education Foundation has made a lot of multi dimensional work in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education, institutions of Higher Education and establishments of the private sector ever since it was established. Gedik Education Foundation has successfully completed many projects such as schools, dormitories, vocational education centers and educational establishments also providing services for the handicapped.

Gedik Education Foundation, which has offered internationally accredited education in the fields of welding engineering, non destructive testing and finance, has established İstanbul Gedik University. The system of İstanbul Gedik University is based on hands-on training. Aiming to educate students with self-esteem in the field, İstanbul Gedik University guarantees to provide high quality education which is nationally and internationally effective. This education is in accordance with the “vocational competence” criteria. One of the top priority objectives of İstanbul Gedik University is to train students to help them to acquire



the necessary qualifications and effective working skills that are in demand in the national and international competitive environment.

Faculties of Engineering, Fine Arts and Architecture, Sports Sciences and Economics and Administrative Sciences, School of Foreign Languages and Vocational School with its 23 programs; and Institutes of Physical Sciences, Health Sciences and Social Sciences are parts of İstanbul Gedik University.

İstanbul Gedik University continues to provide education and training at its 5 Campuses located in Kartal, Pendik-Kurtköy, Tuzla-Aydınlı and Kurtköy-Çamlık and Nişantaşı regions. İstanbul Gedik University has a total of 30.000 square meters of closed space in these four campuses. Transportation from one campus to another is provided by the university. Two dormitories, one for female students and the other for male students, began to provide services in the Tuzla Aydınlı Campus in the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

Kartal Campus	Pendik Campus	Çamlık Campus
Faculty of Engineering	School of Vocational Studies	Faculty of Sport Sciences
Faculty of Health Sciences		
Faculty of Fine Arts and Architecture		
Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences		

***How to get Kartal Campus** *When you take the metro from Kadikoy, you should reach Kartal station(which is nearest station to our University) you should walk towards exit 3 in Kartal metro. When you go out from metro, İstanbul Gedik University is on the left side of exit 3 and you should go forward(parallel to the highway), it takes almost 6-10 minutes by walk.*

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Once students arrive to Turkey, a residence permit should be obtained by an application through the local authorities within one month of the student's arrival. The application is made to the Foreigners Department of the Istanbul Provincial Security Directorate. Students must register for an online appointment to receive an application form from the link below.

<https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/> (short term residence permit should be marked for Exchange and Erasmus+ students)



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Appointment must be taken only from “İSTANBUL İL GÖÇ İDARESİ”

You **MUST** take an appointment as soon as you come to the university and hand in your documents within 30 days of your on-line application in Turkey. Otherwise, the student visa of the applicant will be invalidated.

To register you will need to attend the police station shown below:

İstanbul İl Göç İdaresi,

Hırka-i Şerif Mahallesi, Vatan Caddesi No:64/ 34091 FATİH / İSTANBUL

Tel: +90 212 499 40 00

To register you will need:

- Online application form (with signature) **After completing your online application you will print out the form and sign**
- 4 passport photos (the background should be white and biometric, not older than 6 months)
- Copy of Passport ID Page and Copy of Passport Visa Page (which should be stamped as 'as original' from Student Affairs Dept. of Istanbul Gedik University) and Original Passport
- Document which prove your grant
- Student Certificate
- Acceptance letter from the University showing the beginning and end of the Education period. (electronically signed or/signed and stamped)
- Valid Insurance
- Tuition fee of 92.00 TL

Insurance

All Exchange students are strongly recommended to have an internationally valid health insurance which must cover their study period in Turkey. Please be careful about which hospitals your health insurance will be valid in Istanbul. You can refer to any insurance company for private health insurance. If you like you can use below company for insurance too



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