

## ERASMUS ENRICHING LIVES, OPENING MINDS



# ISTANBUL GEDIK UNIVERSITY ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS GUIDE

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### ABOUT TURKEY - ISTANBUL

### **Education in Istanbul**

Istanbul, located at the heart of the Old World, is one of the largest cities globally, renowned for its historical landmarks and stunning natural beauty. It is the only city in the world that spans two continents, divided by a narrow strait—the Bosphorus—which separates Asia and Europe. With a history spanning over 2,500 years, Istanbul has served as an important trade hub at this strategic crossroads of land and sea routes since its founding.

In terms of education, Istanbul boasts a unique position, bridging the continents of Europe and Asia along the Bosphorus. This exceptional location has made the city a significant political, commercial, and cultural center throughout history. Once the capital of both the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, Istanbul is home to impressive historical monuments, a vibrant commercial life, and a diverse cosmopolitan culture.

### **WELCOME**

### **Education in Istanbul**

Dear Students,

We are delighted to welcome you to Istanbul Gedik University for your mobility program. We truly hope that your Erasmus experience here will be an exciting journey that enriches both your academic and social life.

Each year, we are fortunate to welcome more international students to our university, adding to the vibrant multicultural atmosphere on campus. We look forward to having you bring your own cultural perspectives, further enriching our international community.

We hope it will provide you with helpful insights to make your experience here as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Feel free to visit the Erasmus Office at any time if you have questions or need assistance. You will always be greeted with a friendly smile and support.

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### ISTANBUL GEDIK UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gedik University, under the umbrella of the Gedik Education Foundation, was established by Halil Kaya Gedik on March 3, 2010. The university was founded with the aim of strengthening industry-university collaboration in Turkey and supporting the development of qualified professionals for the business world. It is a foundation university based in Istanbul, which also includes the Gedik Vocational School.

Istanbul Gedik University comprises 6 Faculties, 1 Graduate Education Institute, 2 Schools, several research centers, and laboratories, and operates across a total of 4 campuses.



### ISTANBUL GEDIK UNIVERSITY

#### **CAMPUSES**

### **Kartal Campus**

This is the main campus where the administrative units of the university are located. It also hosts the 4-year undergraduate programs, graduate programs, and the School of Foreign Languages.

### **Halil Kaya Gedik Campus**

This is the university's main campus, where the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Application Kitchen, and the Faculty of Sports Sciences training facilities are located.

It also houses the Gedik Vocational School, where high-tech vocational education is provided.

### **Camlik Campus**

This campus hosts the Faculty of Sports Sciences. It includes sports facilities such as a full-size football field, 1 indoor and 2 outdoor basketball courts, and a tennis court, all available for university use. The university's sports teams also train here.

### Nişantaşı Campus

This campus is where the Continuing Education Center and the Graduate Education Institute conduct their educational programs.



### ISTANBUL GEDIK UNIVERSITY

#### **FACULTIES**

- Faculty of Architecture and Design
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences
- · Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Sports Sciences

#### **GRADUATE EDUCATION INSTITUTE**

- Institute of Natural Sciences
- Institute of Health Sciences
- Institute of Social Sciences

#### **SCHOOLS**

- School of Foreign Languages
- Gedik Vocational School

The system of Istanbul Gedik University is based on hands-on training. Aiming to educate students with self-esteem in the field, Istanbul Gedik University guarantees to provide high quality education which is nationally and internationally effective.

In accordance with the internationalization policy, our University has taken a big and important step towards internationalization with Turkey's inclusion in the Bologna Process in 2001.

Our university tries to play an active role in student and staff mobility with programme countries and partner countries within the framework of Erasmus+ programme which definetely has a positive effect on internationalization of the higher education institution.

Istanbul Gedik University continues to establish connections to develop a geographically balanced cooperation with the institutions that share its innovative vision to become one of the globally competitive universities in the academic field.

n alignment with our internationalization strategy, IGUN has recently joined the University Network for European Capitals of Culture (UNeECC), European University Association (EUA), the Turkic Universities Union (TURKUNIB), and the Balkan Universities Association (BAUNAS).

IGUN actively works on developing new partnerships as a way of fostering internationalization by establishing Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Inter-Institutional Agreements (IIAs) with various institutions.

We have agreements with over 150 institutions in more than 50 countries worldwide.

I If you are interested in establishing an agreement, please contact the International Affairs and Erasmus Coordinatorship at erasmus@gedik.edu.tr for assistance with the process.

Please review our university's website and the Erasmus section.

https://www.gedik.edu.tr/uluslararasi/erasmus

### **Contracted Universities**

You can see our contracted Universities: https://www.gedik.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/disiliskiler-ve-erasmus-koordinatorlugu-partner-universiteler-listesi-19-07-2024-pdf.pdf

### Within the Scope of Erasmus+ Study Mobility:

After the nomination email of the incoming student is delivered to the Erasmus Institutional Coordinator, our Coordinatorship contacts the program/faculty/institute of the student's future to carry out the necessary work in the course matching process and assist with completing the relevant documents.

During this completion process, the incoming Erasmus student needs to contact the Erasmus Institutional Coordinator and send the requested documents via email in a timely manner. After this stage, the necessary procedures will be completed based on the information provided. Students will be informed at every stage.

Erasmus students at our university will benefit from the rights and opportunities that all IGUN students have. After the completion of the documents, you will receive your acceptance letter, administrative unit, and study program.

Within the Scope of Erasmus+ Internship Mobility:

Similar to the learning mobility process, after the nomination email of the incoming student is sent to the Erasmus Institutional Coordinator by the Erasmus Office of the university the student is coming from, our Coordinatorship contacts the appropriate administrative unit or department for the student. An acceptance letter is sent to the student by the Erasmus Institutional Coordinator, stating the department and the internship period. Following the acceptance letter, your work schedule begins according to your program. A payroll showing the days you worked each month is recorded. In case of any disruption, the Erasmus Office should be contacted.

During the work program and process, Erasmus internship students benefit from all the opportunities that our university students enjoy.

Our Erasmus students can take advantage of activities on campus, library services, and club memberships at our university.

### LET'S US ASSIST YOU

You can participate in the Career Center and Continuing Education Center activities of our university.

In accordance with our University - Industry cooperation mission, you can find the opportunity to work in connection with Gedik Holding. For this, you must indicate to the Erasmus Office that you have such a request. Erasmus Office will establish the necessary connection on your behalf.

You can take Turkish lessons and learn Turkish in our TOMER unit. Likewise, go to the Erasmus Office for this request.

You can become a member of our university's student clubs. By becoming a member of student clubs, you can participate in the activities organized by the clubs and spice up your Erasmus life.



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