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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDY AT
# Bilkent University

Bilkent University is recognized and ranked internationally as one of the premier institutions of higher education in Turkey. Located in the country's capital city Ankara, a vibrant metropolis of 5 million, the university serves as a hub of academic, social, and cultural activity.

Bilkent University was founded in 1984 as Turkey's first private, nonprofit institution of higher education. With world-renowned scholars on its faculty and excellent educational facilities throughout its campus, Bilkent today attracts many of Turkey's brightest high school graduates. The university hosts over 13,000 students pursuing degrees in 34 undergraduate and 58 graduate programs.

Bilkent University prides itself on its truly international perspective. The medium of instruction at Bilkent is English, and its international community of scholars and students forms an essential component of the university's academic and social life. International faculty and instructors make up more than a quarter of all academic staff, representing over 34 countries. There is a growing body of full-time international students and exchange students coming from 73 countries.

Bilkent University offers a lively cultural and social atmosphere. In addition to the many activities and events that take place on its 500-hectare campus, there is easy access to the city's parks, shopping areas, cultural activities, museums, and entertainment venues. Moreover, Bilkent's location in the historically rich Anatolian heartland allows convenient travel to other cities, traditional villages, stunning landscapes, historic sites, and places of cultural interest throughout the country.

Bilkent University ranked 46$^{th}$ in the 2017 Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings. Chief among the factors that ensure a high standard of education at Bilkent is a faculty actively engaged in research. As mentors and instructors, they interact with students in modern classrooms and state-of-the-art laboratories, connected by an extensive computer and internet infrastructure. Bilkent actively invests in new educational and research technologies. Undergraduates may take part in projects conducted in high-tech facilities ranging from nanotechnology centers to digital content creation and editing laboratories. To support its students' academic success, Bilkent provides unlimited access to computer labs around the clock.

The Bilkent University Library is the most extensive academic library in the country. In addition to its large collection of books, the Library provides onsite and remote access to journals and databases to meet the scholarly needs of students and faculty.

Bilkent University provides a rich and diverse environment for learning and intellectual growth.

Come to Bilkent and discover the world!

## CAMPUS LIFE

### Accommodation

Bilkent University provides high-quality on-campus housing for the duration of a student's stay. The dormitories offer a safe, clean, and comfortable environment for more than 4,000 students. More information about accommodation alternatives, the housing application process, and pricing can be found at:

*http://bilkent.edu.tr/dormitory*

### Food

In addition to snack bars in some of the dormitories and self-catering facilities in all, the Bilkent campus and nearby areas feature a wide variety of eateries, cafeterias, cafés, and coffee shops for enjoying a quick snack or a full meal with friends. There are also kiosks located around the campus where snack foods and sundries may be purchased, as well as a small grocery store that sells fresh produce and stocks items to suit the tastes of an international community.

### Entertainment, Culture, and Community

The Bilkent campus and its environs provide many options for engaging with the university community. The world-renowned Bilkent Symphony Orchestra gives weekly performances during the academic year. Radio Bilkent plays a mix of international and Turkish hits and sponsors many activities on campus. 100 student clubs are active in a wide variety of areas, from martial arts and journalism to chess and volunteer work. The campus has two art galleries that display traveling exhibitions, in addition to many smaller venues for showcasing student and faculty art. On any given day, students will find many events to attend, from lecture and film series offerings to outdoor concerts. Located a short walk off campus are diversions such as a multiplex cinema showing international films, a bowling alley, boutiques, and salons, along with Bilkent Station, which is a lively complex where students can try various pubs and restaurants, and also enjoy live music.

## Sports Activities

Numerous indoor and outdoor sports facilities enable students to participate in their choice of activities and competitive events. Student teams compete with local rivals in football, basketball, and other team sports. The campus features three sports halls with modern fitness centers, athletic fields, and tennis courts. Tournaments and competitions are held throughout the academic year in various areas of athletic activity, including racket sports, volleyball, basketball, and general fitness. Bilkent encourages students to embrace "Sports as a Way of Life" by offering many opportunities to compete, learn a new sport, or just stay fit.

## City of Ankara

The Republic of Turkey is situated on the land bridging Asia and Europe and is home to 80 million people. Its history, environment, and cuisine are remarkably rich, and its population diverse and friendly. Turkish culture is known the world over for its warm hospitality. From the monuments of past civilizations to the amenities of contemporary urban life, Turkey has something for everyone.

Ankara, a lively, modern city built on an ancient site, is Turkey's seat of government and home to several universities. It is also a city of neighborhoods, each with its own character, giving it the feeling of a small town as well as a big, exciting urban center. Ankara's central location in Anatolia makes it very convenient for weekend escapes to other cities, seaside or ski resorts, and the country's many world-class cultural and historic sites.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

International applicants for full-time undergraduate degree programs can complete the online application form at:

*w3.bilkent.edu.tr/international/how-to-apply*

The application deadline for the 2018-2019 academic year is July 20, 2018.

### Test Scores and Diplomas

A number of national and international tests, diplomas, and certificates are recognized by Bilkent University in the evaluation process for international applicants. These include: International Baccalaureate diploma (IB); TQDK Examination – *Azerbaijan*; French Baccalaureate diploma – *France*; SAT Reasoning Test – *USA*; American College Testing (ACT) – *USA*, *Canada*; GCE Advanced Level – *Great Britain*; Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur) – *Germany*; National Higher Education Entrance Examination (Gao Kao) – *People's Republic of China*; Tawjihi Examination – *Bahrain*, *Jordan*, *Libya*, *Palestine*, *United Arab Emirates*; Qudrat Test – *Saudi Arabia*; Al-Shahada Al Thanawiyya Al-Amma Examination – *Qatar*, *Kuwait*, *Syria*, *Oman*; Baccalauréat Libanais (General Secondary Education Certificate) – *Lebanon*; West African Examinations Council (WAEC-SSCE) – *West Africa*; Diplome Debirestan/Pisdanesgahi – *Iran*; Unified National Testing (ENT) – *Kazakhstan*; Baccalaureate of Secondary Education – *Morocco*.

If an applicant does not have any of these qualifications/test results, Bilkent University will evaluate a candidate based on high school records and references. Applicants may present a Turkish or English translation of their high school diploma and transcript, together with an explanation of the high school's grading system.

Students who apply to study in the Department of Fine Arts or the Department of Music take an aptitude test administered by the department in question.

More information about admission requirements can be found at:

*w3.bilkent.edu.tr/international/how-to-apply*

## English Language Proficiency

The medium of instruction at Bilkent University is English. Students may present results from one of the recognized international exams or take Bilkent University's own Proficiency in Academic English (PAE) exam upon arrival and registration. Students who cannot meet proficiency requirements are required to attend the English Language Preparatory Program.

Recognized external exams and required scores are:

- IELTS - 6.5 overall, with a minimum of 5.5 on each section
  (IELTS score sheet should be sent directly from the test center to Bilkent University)
- TOEFL iBT - 87 in total
  (TOEFL score sheet should be sent directly from ETS to Bilkent University - CODE: 0620)

External exam results should be within their two-year validity period at the time of registration.

The Bilkent University School of English Language reserves the right to check the validity of exam results and not to accept a result.

## Fees for International Students

The tuition fee for the 2017-2018 academic year is 14,500 US dollars for students admitted in 2017.

## Scholarships for International Students

### Tuition Waiver Scholarships:

Applicants who apply for financial assistance will be evaluated for partial and full tuition waiver scholarships. Tuition waiver scholarships are awarded at five levels, ranging from 20% to 100% in increments of 20%.

### Merit Scholarships:

At the end of each academic year, all students are evaluated for a merit scholarship. Students who have taken at least a minimum course load, earned a GPA of 3.3 or above for that year, and ranked in the top 5% of tuition-paying students in their program become eligible to receive a merit scholarship for the following academic year.

## Academic Calendar

For undergraduates, the academic year at Bilkent University consists of two 16-week semesters. Students may also take courses during the optional 8-week summer school term.

### Fall Semester

**Registration:** Mid September 2018
**PAE** (Proficiency in Academic English)
**Stage 1:** Mid September 2018
**Stage 2A:** Mid September 2018
**Stage 2B (Writing andSpeaking Exam):** Mid September 2018
**Turkish Language Crash Course for International Students:** Mid September 2018
**GE 100 Orientation:** Mid September 2018
**Classes Begin:** Late September 2018
**Classes End:** Late December 2018
**Final Examinations:** Early January 2019

### Spring Semester

**Course Registration:** Late January 2019
**Classes Begin:** Early February 2019
**Classes End:** Mid May 2019
**Final Examinations:** Late May - Early June 2019

## Office of International Students

Office of International Students offers assistance and support to international students in all phases of their academic careers and daily lives. In addition to providing information on procedural matters, such as the application process, course selection, and accommodation opportunities, the Office of International Students hosts orientation programs, cultural trips, and social activities.

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

## FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

### Economics

The Department of Economics offers a curriculum structured to cover both theoretical and applied aspects of the field. The members of the academic staff, well known for their international scholarly publications and awards, ensure that students receive a solid, well-rounded grounding in modern economic theory and the accompanying skills necessary for independent and critical thinking. This background allows students to acquire an understanding of the local and global economies, analyze economics-related problems, and offer creative solutions.

### International Relations

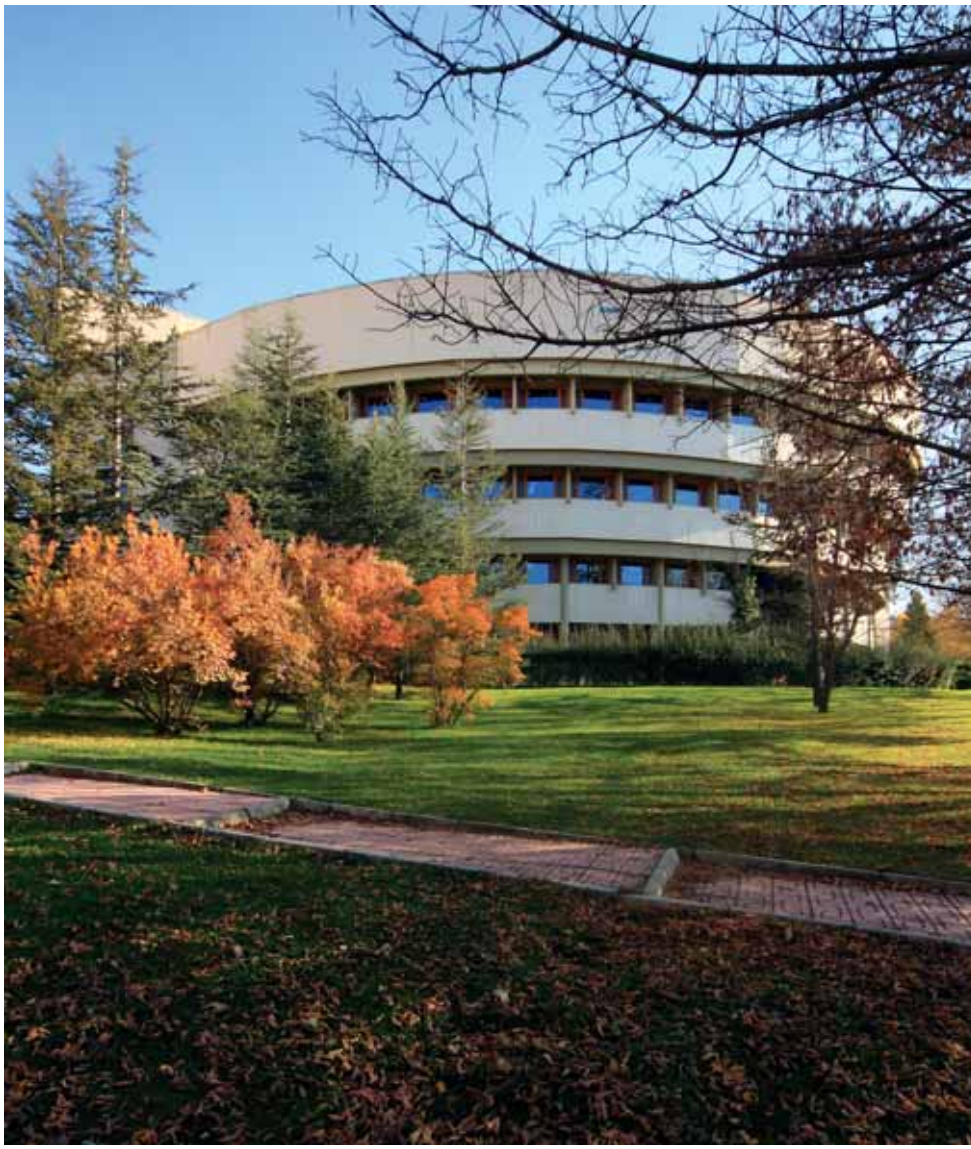
The Department of International Relations has a globally renowned international staff whose specialties range from conflict and security studies, international political economy, and international history to European, Middle Eastern, and Russian studies. The department offers a wide variety of courses in these diverse areas, allowing students to specialize in Turkey's foreign relations, security studies, political economy, and area studies, and providing them with an opportunity to study international relations in a truly international environment.

### Political Science and Public Administration

One of Turkey's top programs in politics based on citation statistics, the Department of Political Science and Public Administration has internationally well-established faculty members who specialize in different fields of political and social science. The department's primary areas of concentration are comparative politics and Turkish politics, with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches that bring together sociology, psychology, anthropology, law, and political economy. This diversity allows both undergraduate and graduate students to explore different areas of social science and acquire an interdisciplinary outlook on their area of specialization. Students also benefit from the cosmopolitan academic environment provided by the department's international faculty, enriched by the presence of visiting international scholars. Moreover, Bilkent's location in the capital of Turkey offers a unique vantage point for the study of Turkish politics.

### Psychology

The Department of Psychology is dedicated to advanced research and education in psychological science. Its broad curriculum is characterized by an emphasis on cognition and neuroscience. Research facilities in the department are expanding rapidly, with onsite access to a magnetic resonance imaging scanner for brain imaging, a state-of-the-art visual perception laboratory, and an animal laboratory for neurobiological studies. The department offers a wide range of courses and requires a senior thesis for graduation.



## FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Management

The Department of Management educates prospective managers to take on the challenges posed by the competitive conditions of the international business world. The curriculum is designed to focus on both knowledge and skills, especially use of analytical methods, critical thinking, and creative problem solving as well as the oral and written communication skills necessary for success in the enterprises that its graduates will serve. The program is the first business school in Turkey to have been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

# FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

## Computer Engineering

The curriculum of the Department of Computer Engineering emphasizes innovation and produces research-oriented, creative engineers. It balances the theory of computer science with practical experience in software and hardware development. World-renowned faculty members seek to develop critical, creative, and analytic thinking in students, preparing them for future success in graduate study and research, and/or work in the computer industry. Focused on graduating engineers who will play leading roles in the global information society, the department encourages its students to lead developments in their field and teaches them to apply scientific problem-solving methods in their work. The Bachelor of Science program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

## Electrical and Electronics Engineering

The curriculum of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering is designed not only to expand students' technological know-how but also to enable them to cultivate and use their creativity. Rather than relying on rote learning, the department develops individual and group thinking skills through practical applications in both laboratory and classroom work. The internationally recognized faculty teaches a broad range of required and elective courses that allow students to explore cutting-edge technologies. The Bachelor of Science program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

## Industrial Engineering

The curriculum in the Department of Industrial Engineering integrates a number of functions, such as analysis, design, implementation, and improvement of systems in the manufacturing and service sectors through the effective utilization of limited resources such as information, raw materials, machinery/equipment, and human and financial resources. The department also emphasizes analytical and systems thinking based on optimization theories and techniques to solve complex decision-making problems. The Bachelor of Science program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE

### Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry gives students a rigorous education in the basics of chemistry. The curriculum is designed to teach the structure of matter at the molecular level and to provide research experience in the laboratory environment. Current internationally recognized research focuses on surface chemistry, polymer chemistry, environmental chemistry, electrochemistry, instrumentation, theoretical chemistry, solid-state chemistry, catalysts, supramolecular chemistry, liquid crystals, materials chemistry, and nanomaterials.

### Mathematics

The program in the Department of Mathematics provides a solid background in both pure and applied mathematics, covering fundamental concepts as well as the latest developments in research. The curriculum is designed so that students are first educated in fundamental areas of mathematics, such as algebra, analysis, and differential equations, and then increase their knowledge by learning concepts, definitions, and theorems, and develop abstract thinking abilities and mathematical skills by studying various proofs and computational techniques. The many upper-level electives offered by the department allow students to specialize in their areas of interest.

### Molecular Biology and Genetics

The Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics prepares students to become researchers in this area of biology. The department houses state-of-the-art laboratories that allow study of high-throughput genomics, bioinformatics, recombinant DNA, model organisms, and cell cultures for educational and research purposes. The main focus of research activities is on the molecular genetics and biology of human diseases such as cancer, autoimmunity, and rare inherited neurodevelopmental phenotypes. Students have the opportunity to study with internationally recognized faculty members working at the forefront of research in genetics and cell science.

### Physics

The undergraduate program in the Department of Physics provides a solid grounding in theoretical and experimental methods, preparing students for research careers in pure and applied physics. The curriculum is designed to provide the necessary background in fundamental topics and mathematical methods in the first two years, while the final two years allow students to specialize by taking upper level elective courses. Laboratory skills are developed through course projects and experimental methods are explored using the state-of-the-art laboratories in the department. All the students are exposed to the research environment in the department and its affiliated centers through course projects, summer practicums, and independent research opportunities. The students develop a close connection with internationally recognized faculty members by joining their research groups as undergraduates.

## FACULTY OF ART, DESIGN, AND ARCHITECTURE

### Architecture

The curriculum of the Department of Architecture provides a strong foundation in architectural theory and prepares students for the innovative field of contemporary architectural practice. The program embraces the interdisciplinary nature of the discipline and offers a broad range of courses in order to equip students with knowledge and skills that will enable them to design aesthetically pleasing, structurally safe, technologically sound, environmentally healthy, and comfortable buildings. The faculty is devoted to educating critical, independent thinkers who comprehend the significance of architecture's social impact. The physical environment provided by the department supports this educational philosophy. Facilities include spacious studios, classrooms with projectors, auditoriums, computer labs, and photography studios. Students also benefit from one of the best architectural library collections in the country.

### Communication and Design

The Department of Communication and Design educates students to enter the media as professionals who are knowledgeable about global culture, media, and art, and who are proficient in the contemporary technology of communication. The program offers a wide range of courses in media studies, visual design, digital technologies, photography, screenwriting, video production, journalism, advertising, and public relations. The department has digital media, photography, and video production studios in addition to digital post-production facilities.

### Fine Arts

The Department of Fine Arts offers a flexible program that unites studio practice and art theory, and includes areas such as painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, digital media, and installation. The aim of the curriculum is to equip future artists with the capability for studio work, an understanding of artistic production, and knowledge of the theoretical dimensions of art. The well-equipped etching, lithography, silkscreen, ceramics, and sculpture studios provide students with excellent opportunities to explore new horizons of art under the guidance of the internationally acclaimed art faculty.

### Graphic Design

The Department of Graphic Design educates students to discover visual communication and design trends, think and create critically, and use visual language in an innovative and original way. To this end, theory-based courses in art, design, concept development, advertisement, philosophy, and culture constitute an important part of the curriculum, complementing practical studio courses such as graphic design studios, typography, illustration, packaging, photography, web design, multimedia, animation, and motion graphics. The department offers students a dynamic education combining critical feedback, practice, and intellectual discussion on current technological and theoretical developments in the design world.

### Interior Architecture and Environmental Design

The faculty of the Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design is committed to educating students through distinction in teaching and research, and encouragement of innovative projects. The curriculum synthesizes the artistic, technological, cultural, social, and human aspects of interior design, and enables students to acquire both theoretical knowledge and practical skills and apply them to design projects. The department graduates professionals who perceive the design process holistically and can build interdisciplinary relations throughout their professional careers.

### Urban Design and Landscape Architecture

The Department of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture prepares future professionals whose designs will enhance the quality of urban life by means of natural and built elements. Reflecting the complex and multidisciplinary structure of this profession, the departmental faculty has members from disciplines that include architecture, landscape architecture, and city planning. The curriculum emphasizes participation in successive design studios, supplemented by lectures that provide theoretical, technical, and practical background to the design process. The program is enriched through field trips and compulsory summer practicums that strengthen the link between education and practice.

## FACULTY OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

### Music

The Department of Music offers degrees in composition, performance, and opera studies. The department's aim is to provide artistic and academic experiences that facilitate the education of young musicians as creators and interpreters, as well as an excellent environment in which to foster their creativity and musicianship. This environment encourages students to take part in and contribute to artistic endeavors. Students, student ensembles, and alumni have received numerous prizes and awards at prestigious international competitions, and graduates enjoy successful careers. The Bilkent Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1993 and consisting of over 90 international artists and faculty members from the Department, is Turkey's only permanent international professional ensemble.

## FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND LETTERS

### American Culture and Literature

The Department of American Culture and Literature uses an interdisciplinary approach in the study of the United States, its people, and its culture. The department's diverse international faculty offers classes in American literature, history, film, theater, and poetry. The curriculum also addresses themes in the American experience such as race, ethnicity, and gender. Faculty members work closely with students to develop their critical and analytical thinking skills and to enhance English proficiency and writing skills specific to interdisciplinary study of the humanities.

### Archaeology

By virtue of Bilkent University's location in Anatolia, the historical crossroads connecting the so-called Oriental and Occidental cultures, the Department of Archaeology offers a unique opportunity to study in depth the emergence, flowering, and transformation of prehistoric, classical, and medieval societies. Modern Turkey possesses an astounding variety of remains from the past 10,000 years of human history, a cultural legacy unparalleled in its richness. With its multinational faculty and wide-ranging scholarly activities, the department explores this heritage through a multidisciplinary approach, combining traditional archaeology with analytical contributions from the natural sciences.

### English Language and Literature

The curriculum of the Department of English Language and Literature includes the study of mythology, British society and culture, and literary genres and periods ranging from Old and Middle English to the eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first centuries. It also covers postcolonial studies and literary theory. The department's program is designed around critical reading, writing, and analysis. Students learn to read critically, to write clearly and persuasively, to express themselves and communicate at an academic level in English, and to develop intellectually; elective courses allow them to broaden their academic and cultural horizons.

### Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy educates its students to think analytically by asking questions and making distinctions. The department hosts an internationally recognized faculty grounded in the analytic approach to philosophy. Faculty members contribute to the analytic vision and publish in leading journals. The curriculum is geared toward the study of philosophy through acquaintance with its subdisciplines and with the works of important thinkers, and also through interdisciplinary investigation.

## SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

### Computer Technology and Information Systems

The Department of Computer Technology and Information Systems has designed its curriculum to equip students with hands-on experience as well as the knowledge and background gained from a software-centered education. The curriculum focuses on major information technology and information system concepts as well as recent technologies such as mobile computing, data analytics, wearable IT and the Internet of Things. Graduates enter the employment market with strong skills in technology, analytics, communication, and business. The program follows an applied approach and requires weekly laboratory hours, which constitute almost one-third of total credit hours. Internship programs and a semester-long industrial training project further enhance the curriculum.

### Tourism and Hotel Management

The curriculum of the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management is designed to address both theoretical and operational aspects of the tourism industry. The program focuses on providing a world-class education, with attention to international trends in the industry. Students gain both theoretical and practical knowledge in hotel, restaurant, food and beverage, travel services and destination management. After completing two internships as part of the curriculum, graduates are well placed for immediate employment in the tourism industry.