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INDIVIDUALS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES

Students with permanent disabilities are required to apply to the Accessible Bilkent Unit and submit their medical reports —approved by the Health Center— to the dean’s office of their faculty. The dean’s office will arrange any necessary exam and course accommodations in accordance with the student’s documented needs. Each faculty has a designated academic advisor responsible for supporting students with disabilities.

For academic and administrative staff to be employed under permanent disability status, an appropriate position is identified subject to approval by the Rectorate. Candidate searches are conducted through İŞKUR or other recruitment platforms. Initial interviews are held online to ensure accessibility. Following administrative approval, applicants must submit a medical board report indicating at least 40% disability. Employment notification is submitted to the Ankara Provincial Directorate of the Turkish Employment Agency.

Students and staff with permanent disabilities who wish to access campus with their own vehicles are issued an “Accessible Vehicle Entry Card” by the Civil Defense and Security Office.

A study room is available in the Library for individuals with visual impairments. The room is equipped with the Turkish Aylin audio screen reader software, an LCD screen and DAISY-compatible book reading device available in Turkish and various other languages and a Braille printer for blind and partially sighted users. Braille piano scores from the Library’s music collection may also be borrowed by users. In addition, the Multimedia Hall houses a collection of nearly 10,000 DVDs, including language options designed for individuals with hearing impairments.

Two large screens installed in the Multimedia Room located on the second floor of Block B of the Library allow students to monitor, in real time, the availability of group study rooms and library announcements. This area aims to facilitate information access for individuals with hearing impairments.

INDIVIDUALS WITH TEMPORARY DISABILITIES

For employees who receive a temporary incapacity report due to an accident or illness, the incapacity notification is approved in the SGK system by the Human Resources Office.

Wheelchairs and/or crutches are provided by the Health Center if/when needed. Therapy services are also available upon request through the Psychological Counseling and Development Center.

For individuals with temporary disabilities, the report approval process is carried out by the Health Center in order to enable them to benefit from designated parking areas and certain academic/administrative accommodations.

Students and staff with temporary disabilities are issued a "Temporary Accessibility Vehicle Entry Card" by the Civil Defense and Security Office.

Students and staff with temporary disabilities (such as sports injuries, surgeries, or similar health conditions) are provided with the necessary accommodations by the Physical Education and Sports Center, and flexibility is granted in their training programs.

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ON CAMPUS

Main Campus

A Building (Faculty of Economics, Administrative, and Social Sciences - FEASS)

- Ramps at the entrance opposite the lawn (both outside and inside the building), shared accessible restroom with the Faculty of Business Administration, shared accessible parking area with the Faculty of Business Administration and the Faculty of Humanities and Letters, elevator, disabled access platform on the stairs at the A Block entrance

B Building (Information Technologies and Systems Office - BITS)

- Designated parking space, accessible restroom, ramp outside the building, elevator

E Building (Faculty of Engineering - FE)

- Designated parking space, ramp, elevator, accessible restroom

F Buildings (Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture - FADA)

- Accessible restroom on the ground floor, designated parking space in the academic-administrative staff parking lot, ramp between the parking area and the building, wheelchair-accessible door from the parking area into the building, elevator, ramp at the Express Cafe entrance, shared designated parking area with G and L Buildings, ramps at the building entrance and rear exit, interior ramp, accessible restroom

L Building

- Shared designated parking area with G Building, accessible restroom, ramp

M Building (Faculty of Business Administration - FBA)

- Ramps at the building entrance and at ground-floor classrooms, shared accessible restroom with FEASS, shared designated parking area with FEASS and the Faculty of Humanities and Letters

S Building (Faculty of Science - FF)

- Elevator, ramp outside the building, designated parking space, ramp adjacent to the parking area, accessible restroom

National Nanotechnology Research Center (UNAM) Building

- Ramp and accessible restroom, designated parking space

U Building (Dean of Students - Accessible Bilkent Unit)

- Designated parking space, ramp

V Building (Lecture Halls)

- Elevator, accessible restroom, ramp

Main Cafeteria (Marmara Restaurant)

- Ramp at the Arabica Kitchen Fit entrance
- Ramp at the Marmara Restaurant entrance and separate accessible restrooms for men and women

Student Dormitories (Main Campus)

- One accessible room each in Dormitories 69 and 70
- Elevator (between the entrances of Dormitories 69 and 70)
- Accessible restroom (at the entrance of Dormitories 69 and 70)
- Ramp at the entrance of Dormitory 76 cafeteria
- Accessible restroom and bathroom on the ground floor of Dormitories 77 and 78
- Ramp at the entrances of Dormitories 81 and 82
- Four accessible rooms (2 male, 2 female)
- One companion room
- Accessible parking area

Middle Campus

P Building (Faculty of Music and Performing Arts - FMPA)

- Designated parking space, ramp, elevator, accessible restroom

East Campus

D Building

- Designated parking space, elevator, accessible restroom

ACCESSIBLE PARKING AREAS

Accessible parking areas are equipped with accessible ramps in all locations, including transitions from parking lots to pedestrian sidewalks and building entrances.

MAIN CAMPUS		
MAIN CAMPUS FACULTY BUILDINGS AREA		
LOCATION	NUMBER	PARKING NO
Between Marmara Restaurant and Arabica Kitchen Fit	2	
EE Building Front	1	E3
FEASS Accessible Parking	2	A4
G-L Buildings Academic Parking	1	G1
B Building – UNAM –Faculty of Science Academic Parking	2	B1
FADA Academic Parking	2	F1
Student Council Parking	1	U1
UNICEF Parking	1	U2
Administrative Building Parking	1	
Arabica Kitchen Fit Parking	1	L1
BITS Student Parking	1	B2
V Building Front	2	A3
Main Campus Sports Hall	1	F2
Kıraç Student Parking	2	F3
Rectorate B Block	1	E2
TOTAL	21	
DORMITORIES (MAIN CAMPUS)		
Dormitories Sports Hall Parking	1	
Dormitory 71 Front	1	
Dormitory 76 Parking	1	
Dormitory 81 Parking	2	
TOTAL	5	
FACULTY HOUSING (MAIN CAMPUS)		
Faculty Housing 5 Front	1	
Faculty Housing 7	1	
Faculty Housing 38 Front	1	
Faculty Housing 27 Front	1	
Faculty Housing 12	1	
Faculty Housing 14 (Front) & 17 (Side)	2	
TOTAL	7	
MAIN CAMPUS TOTAL	33	

MIDDLE CAMPUS		
LOCATION	NUMBER	PARKING NO
FMPA Faculty Parking	1	P1
Faculty Housing 105 Parking	1	
Faculty Housing 106 Parking	1	
ODEON Parking No.1	3	
ODEON Parking No.2	1	
MIDDLE CAMPUS TOTAL	7	

EAST CAMPUS		
LOCATION	NUMBER	PARKING NO
THM - UBF Academic Parking	1	R1
N Building Academic Parking	1	N1
C Building Student Parking	2	C2
D Building Academic Parking	1	D1
Primary School Front	2	
East Housing H Block Front	1	
EAST CAMPUS TOTAL	8	
OVERALL TOTAL	48	

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE LIBRARY

- The Library Circulation Desk has been designed at a height not exceeding 86 cm from the floor to accommodate individuals using wheelchairs.
- The necessary physical arrangements have been made within the library to support spatial accessibility and user comfort for individuals with disabilities. In this context, an accessible restroom and washbasin area, designed to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities, are located on the ground floor of A Block. This area has been planned to provide sufficient width for wheelchair access and is equipped with grab bars and support fixtures to ensure safe mobility. These arrangements allow users to benefit from library services equally and safely.
- The library entrance, seating and study areas, and a large portion of the tables, chairs, and other equipment provided in these areas have been arranged to ensure wheelchair accessibility.
- Bilkent University East Campus Library has two separate entrances: the main entrance and the basement entrance. The library entrance doors consist of two panels that can be opened to widen the passage for easy wheelchair access. In addition, an accessible entrance gate is available at the library entrance. The exit door has also been modified to allow individuals using wheelchairs to exit comfortably.

- The “Virtual Tour” application prepared for the Bilkent University Main Campus Library building and available on the library’s website enables users to explore the library’s interior spaces online. This provides an opportunity for individuals with physical disadvantages to review and become familiar with the library spaces in advance, gain an understanding of the layout, and plan their visits more easily. The virtual tour is available at: <https://library.bilkent.edu.tr/virtual-tour/>
- The A and B Blocks of the Bilkent University Main Campus Library are equipped with two elevators that can be comfortably used by individuals using wheelchairs.
- The elevators include directional signage and button panels featuring information written in Braille for individuals with visual impairments.

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN SPORTS FACILITIES

- In cases where tiered seating is available, designated spaces for wheelchairs are marked within the event area, and these areas are accessible without any barriers.
- A minimum clearance of 150 cm is maintained between equipment in the gymnasium to allow wheelchair circulation and maneuverability.
- A clear space of at least 80 × 122 cm is provided next to each sports equipment to enable wheelchair users to utilize them, allowing the wheelchair to be parked and the individual to transfer onto the equipment. Entry and exit areas of the sports equipment are fully open and accessible.
- Spaces are provided near sports equipment where individuals may leave assistive devices such as crutches or walkers.
- Locker room doors are wide enough (90 cm) to allow wheelchair access. Where doors open inward, sufficient clear space is provided in the door swing area to allow a wheelchair to park and maneuver.
- Seating elements in the locker rooms are positioned at a height of 43–48.5 cm from the floor, enabling use by wheelchair users.
- Lockers and coat hangers in the locker rooms are designed to accommodate the forward reach range of individuals with disabilities.
- Shelving units in the locker rooms are positioned between 101.5 cm and 122 cm above floor level.
- Separate shower, toilet, and changing cabin areas are available for users with disabilities.
- The indoor swimming pool includes a permanent lifeguard, a direct entrance for disadvantaged users, and facilities within the changing area including a toilet, changing space, and shower, as well as level (step-free) access to the swimming area.