“LEARNING NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE”
Many scholars and students have traveled across cities, countries and even continents in the pursuit of knowledge for centuries. However, what used to be a challenge is now a global trend. In the 21st century, human mobility has gained exclusive and universal significance, leading to a previously unimaginable ‘experience’ of knowledge exchange.

Today, people can travel great distances for acquiring intellectual development, discovering different cultural perspectives and gaining social prestige. Cultural diversity and multicultural understanding in education are among the major topics of universities and other educational institutions all around the globe.

At BİLGİ, we highly value the broader understanding of a global society that our international students, scholars and visitors bring into the university.

As the only member in Turkey of Laureate International Universities network and a hub of intellectual and social exchange, BİLGİ offers the opportunity to pursue dreams and let each person make indelible mark at local and global scales. A melting pot for people from different cultural, economic and national backgrounds, BİLGİ puts great emphasis on incorporating and cultivating open-minded intellectual explorers.

We feel privileged for your interest in pursuing your dreams at BİLGİ, in İstanbul.
Founded in 1996 as one of the first foundation universities with the motto “Learning not for school but for life”

- **25,000** students and more than **24,000** alumni
- Around **1,000** academic staff, each one renowned nationally or globally
- **3** campuses (santralistanbul, Dolapdere and Kuştepe) in city centres
- More than **150** programs in its **6** faculties, **5** schools, **3** vocational schools and **5** institutes
- English as the medium of instruction
- The only member in Turkey of world’s leading university network Laureate International Universities since 2006
- More than **600** exchange agreements in Europe
- Full member of European University Association (EUA), International Association of Universities (IAU), EUA-CDE (EUA-Council for Doctoral Education) and OECD/Programme on Institutional Management in Higher Education (IMHE)
- Host of over **1,000** scientific and cultural activities every year
- Home to İstanbul Bilgi University Press, Turkey’s largest and internationally recognized University Press published over **500** books
- Recently established Turkish Language Teaching and Research Center (TÜRMER) open to all who wish to learn Turkish as a second language
Campuses

BİLGİ is a city university with three central campuses on the European side of İstanbul:

- **santral**istanbul Campus is an arts and cultural complex located along the Golden Horn hosting more than 1,000 events each year and it includes the DASA award-winning Energy Museum as well as educational buildings.

- Dolapdere Campus, an award-winning campus with its architectural design, is only ten minutes away from Taksim, the heart of social and cultural life.

- Kuştepe Campus is located in Şişli, the center of İstanbul’s business life.

Accomodation

BİLGİ does not operate any dormitories. However, there many options around campuses.

Some of the options can be found on our web site.

International students can always receive help about housing from International Student Advising Unit on **santral**istanbul Campus.
Libraries are located on each campus, the foremost one being Latif Mutlu Library on santralistanbul Campus. An impressive collection of books, periodicals, e-books, e-journals, academic internet resources, music scores and other printed resources is available in the library.

**BİLGİ Virtual Library contains**

- 300,000 electronic books
- More than 45,000 electronic journals
- 103 electronic databases and encyclopedias

Access to these resources is available over internet, on-campus and off-campus.
BİLGİ supports student life by offering not only high-quality academic environment, but also a dynamic student life that crosses the boundaries of information-led education. For this end, BİLGİ:

- Hosts global guests from former US president Bill Clinton, to one of the greatest mathematicians of the last century, John Nash
- Has more than 100 clubs in a wide array of interests from Diving, Collection and Antique, Entrepreneurs to Dance, Cinema and Theatre
- Supports students’ professional plans through the Career Center
- Stages concerts, workshops, plays and exhibitions at the santralistanbul Campus, home to the Energy Museum and prominent cultural spaces of Istanbul
- Has a student council for student participation in college life.
İstanbul is a global heart of history and an influential hub of the business world. Therefore becoming a BİLGİ student not only promises a top notch academic and social environment, but also the chance to live in the center of a dynamic city with rich opportunities in cultural and professional life.

- A population of nearly 15 million people
- A transcontinental city that brings together Asia and Europe
- One of the most popular tourist destinations
- A history that goes back to Byzantion, the Roman Empire and the Ottoman Empire
- One of the fastest growing metropolitan economies in the World
- Home to some of the foremost historical sites as well as cultural events within a dynamic city life
BİLGİ students are privileged not only for living in the heart of İstanbul’s economically, culturally and socially vibrant life, but also for the wide array of international opportunities both on campus and all around the world.

Laureate International Universities
İstanbul Bilgi University joined Laureate International Universities network in 2006. The Laureate network conducts faculty and student exchanges, shares academic curricula, creates dual degree programs and develops new resources. Through the Laureate network, BİLGİ students are part of world’s largest university network comprising more than 80 institutions and more than 1 million students all around the world.

Erasmus and Bilateral Exchange
BİLGİ students can study in Europe and North America through bilateral exchange agreements made with institutions in North America as well as exchange agreements within European Union Erasmus Program. BİLGİ has more than 600 agreements with over 180 universities in 25 European countries only as part of Erasmus Program. Every year new institutions are added to this list and BİLGİ students benefit more and more from the opportunity of spending one semester or one year at our partner universities.
I am Mirza Abeer Baig and I am a part of İstanbul Bilgi University. It is a place where you can transform your dreams into reality. A place where everything is unique. This university is a mixture of different cultures and to be honest I met a few best people of my life here. I am studying Business Administration and I can assure you that the Business department is excellent. They enhance and polish your abilities and show you the right path. What makes BİLGİ so special in my opinion is its friendly atmosphere. It is just like a second home to me, where people welcome and guide you. In conclusion, I would like to say that just become a part of BİLGİ family and change your life completely.

Going to BİLGİ was a forthcoming experience to understand and appreciate their effort in accepting and welcoming students from different academic backgrounds and providing them with different avenues of expanding one's potential to enhance the road to achieving their academic goals by for example making exchange programs accessible to all BİLGİ students. Because the current population of International students is still growing, it gives an opportunity for the environment to be molded into a unique atmosphere where the gap of understanding the needs of individuals is addressed to make it as suitable as possible for future applicants. It takes one difference from the norm to make an impact, so you can imagine what lies ahead when you have a variety of differences willing to make the biggest impact of them all.

Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use for changing the world. I started to walk my education path in İstanbul Bilgi University to change the world and I am going to build my future career starting from here, because Istanbul Bilgi University gives us an opportunity to change the world. BİLGİ raises youth with different thinking.
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Faculty of Architecture
Architecture*
Industrial Design*
Interior Design*

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Comparative Literature
English Language Teacher Education
European Union Studies
History
International Relations
Music
Psychology
Political Science
Sociology

Faculty of Communication
Advertising*
Arts and Cultural Management*
Communication Design and Management
Film and Television*
Management of Performing Arts*
Media and Communication Systems*
Public Relations*
Television Reporting and Programming*
Visual Communication Design*

Faculty of Business
Business Administration
Business Administration Honors
(University of London)
Business-Economics
Business Informatics
Economics
Economics-Management Honors
(University of London)
Economics-Finance Honors
(University of London)
International Finance
International Trade and Business
Marketing

Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical and Electronics Engineering
Energy Systems Engineering
Genetics and Bioengineering
Industrial Engineering
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Mechatronics Engineering

Faculty of Law
Law*

SCHOOLS

School of Applied Sciences
Banking and Finance
Digital Game Design
Fashion Design
International Logistics and Transportation
International Retail Management

School of Tourism and Hotel Management
Gastronomy and Culinary Arts
Tourism and Hotel Management

School of Health Sciences
Child Development*
Health Management*
Nursing*
Nutrition and Dietetics*
Occupational Therapy*
Perfusion*
Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation*

School of Aviation

School of Sports Sciences and Technology
Sports Management*

*Classes in Turkish
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

School of Advanced Vocational Studies
Accounting and Tax Applications*
Aircraft Technology*
Architectural Restoration*
Banking and Insurance*
Business Administration
Civil Air Transportation Management*
Civil Aviation Cabin Services*
Construction Technology*
Culinary*
Fashion Design*
Graphic Design*
International Trade
Logistics
Maritime Transportation and Management*
Public Relations and Advertising
Radio and Television Programming

Vocational School of Health Services
Oral and Dental Health*
Operating Room Services*
Anesthesia*
Child Development*
Dental Prosthetics Technology*
Dialysis*
Electroneurophysiology*
Physiotherapy*
First and Emergency Aid*
Occupational Health and Safety*
Audiometry*
Opticianry*
Pathology Laboratory Techniques*
Radiotherapy*
Medical Imaging Techniques*
Medical Laboratory Techniques*

Vocational School of Justice
Justice*

*Classes in Turkish
Master Programs
Accounting and Auditing*
Architectural Design*
Banking and Finance*
Banking and Finance Online*
Biomedical Engineering
Business Law (BİLGİ-Cologne University Joint Program)*
Clinical Psychology*
Comparative Literature*
Construction Management*
Cultural Management
Cultural Studies*
e-BAN (Banking and Finance Online)*
Economics
Electrical-Electronics Engineering
e-MBA (English)
e-MBA (Turkish)*
European Studies
European Studies (BİLGİ&Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt-OderDouble Degree)
Film and Television*
Financial Economics*
Health Services Management Online*
History
History, Theory and Critique of Architecture*
Human Resources Management
Human Resources Management Online*
Information and Technology Law*
Interactive Marketing / Next Academy*

International Finance*
International Political Economy
International Relations
Islamic Finance Online*
Law (Business Law / Human Rights Law)*
Management Information Systems*
Management Information Systems Online*
Marketing Communication
Mathematics*
MBA-English
MBA-Turkish
Media and Communication Systems
Organizational Psychology
Philosophy and Social Thought*
Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation*
Public Relations and Corporate Communication*
Social Projects and NGO Management*
Sociology*
Turkish-German Business Law*

Doctoral Programs
Business Administration-Organization Studies
Business Administration-Marketing
Communication
Economics
Mathematics
Public Law*
Private Law*
Political Science

*Classes in Turkish

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The required documents for Graduate Applications and detailed information are available at graduate.bilgi.edu.tr

Graduate applications are completed online and the required documents are sent to the program coordinator. The requirements for graduate admissions vary depending on each unique program.
International Students from all over the world can apply to become a student at İstanbul Bilgi University with their High School graduation certificates or internationally recognized exam results such as SAT, ACT, GCE A LEVEL, Abitur, Matura, Tawjihi, etc.

More information is available for prospective students at the International Admissions Department.

**Prospective International Students should submit their application as follows:**

1. The student should fill in the International Student Application Form
2. The student should forward scanned copies of the following required documents to the attention of the International Student Admissions Office

**The required documents for Undergraduate Applications are:**

- Photocopy of high school diploma (with the official transcript)
- All High School Transcripts/Grades (corresponding to the 3 or 4 high school years)
- Passport photocopy
- 2 photographs
- If available, a record of scores for one English Language Competency Examinations (for example TOEFL or IELTS or Cambridge Certificate).

**NOTE:** For international students who are applying with the SAT exam score, please send officially the score report using our Designated Institution (DI) code: 7293 - İstanbul Bilgi University.
The English Language requirement:

The medium of instruction at İstanbul Bilgi University is English, therefore the students’ English proficiency will be evaluated as follows:

If the prospective international student had obtained a sufficient score from one of the following English Language Competency Examinations, then the student will be exempt from the ‘English Preparatory Program’ for one academic year at İstanbul Bilgi University:

- **TOEFL IBT**  
  Minimum Score 75
- **TOEFL CBT**  
  Minimum Score 200
- **TOEFL PBT**  
  Minimum Score 535
- **First Certificate in English (FCE)**  
  Minimum Score B
- **Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)**  
  Minimum Score C
- **Cambridge Proficiency Exam (CPE)**  
  Minimum Score C
- **IELTS**  
  Minimum Score 6.0

**NOTE:** International students should forward the TOEFL report score using our Designated Institution (DI) code: 8256 - İstanbul Bilgi University, as detailed in the TOEFL IBT Information and Registration Bulletin.

If the prospective international student did not obtain a sufficient score from one of the English Language Competency Examinations, should take İstanbul Bilgi University Institutional Exemption Test (BİLET) upon arrival/registration.

Those who fail the Institutional Exemption Test must register to the English Preparatory Program at İstanbul Bilgi University before beginning their academic studies. This preparatory year is not included in the total number of years of study required for graduation.
Prospective international students can follow-up on their application status by contacting the International Student Admissions Office.

- **International Admissions Office**
  - İstanbul Bilgi University, **santral** İstanbul Campus
  - Eski Silahtarğa Elektrik Santrali
  - Kazım Karabekir Cad. No: 2/13
  - 34060 Eyüp İstanbul

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