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Dear Incoming Students

This handbook has been prepared by the Department of Alumni Relations and Internationalisation for Incoming Students to help you handle academic and daily life at Altınbaş University. The Department of Alumni Relations and Internationalisation is composed of three offices: Alumni Relations, Foreign Relations, and Erasmus Office. Being the first international University in Türkiye, Altınbaş University offers many opportunities for Students.

You will experience life in Türkiye as a student at Altınbaş during your stay. Together with the "Orientation Program" this handbook clues Turkish culture, Istanbul living, and campus life in Altınbaş. Additionally, you can find information about activities, events, facilities, etc. at the University.

As this handbook cannot cover every aspect of life, please feel free to ask and consult us, your friends, and academic and administrative staff about anything during your student life at Altınbaş.



Welcome to Altınbaş! "Altınbaş'a Hoşgeldiniz!"
Altınbaş University, the Department of Alumni Relations and Internationalisation

Studying in Istanbul



1. Hagia Sophia
2. Maiden's Tower
3. Dolmabahçe Palace
4. Princes's Island
5. Balat
6. Sultanahmet Mosque
7. Galata Tower
8. Grand Bazaar
9. İstiklal Street
10. Karaköy

Thanks to its geographical location, Istanbul is a lively city with a rich cultural heritage. Istanbul is where the continents meet! İstanbul fascinates visitors with the precious ancient monuments and their unique beauty with the Bosphorus passing across the city to separate Europe and Asia. The city has been an important metropolis as the former capital of many empires; from Byzantine to Ottoman Empire. High standards of education, internationally recognized degrees, and modern campuses with outstanding facilities are also the reasons why many students from all around the world are attracted to Türkiye and İstanbul.

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Rankings / Studying at Altınbaş University

- Extensive Global Network
- International Racing Team (EVA Team)
- Huge Variety of Programs
- Multicultural Study Environment
- Internationally Organized Joint Seminars & Conferences
- Altınbaş Network for the Alumni
- Nationally and Internationally Recognized Education
- Profound Industry Connections (CO-OP)

Our mission is to be an entrepreneurial, innovative, and prestigious university that is the first choice of all by providing international education and generating scientific knowledge with its qualified teaching staff, students, and graduates.

1) The UN Sustainable Development Goals

The Impact Rankings: 601-800th
The UN Sustainable Development Goals: 1-300th "Zero Hunger", "Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions", "Life on Land"

2) The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022

Worldwide International Student Ratio: 68th Place
International Student Ratio in Türkiye: 1st Place



Sekander Shaida - Incoming Student from Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

I spent 5 months in the most beautiful city in the world. Istanbul cannot be compared to any other city in the world. It offers more culture and architecture than any other city. I also love the food and the warm people here. I would like to thank the Erasmus Office, especially Mr. Mert Yuçel, who was able to help with organizational matters. In conclusion, it can be said that I really enjoyed my time in Istanbul and that it was very difficult for me to break up because this city has so much to offer, you always discover something new and there is just something for everyone.



The First International University in Türkiye

Mehmet Altınbaş Education & Culture Foundation was established in 2005 to maintain the legacy of the late Mehmet Altınbaş, the founder of Altınbaş Group, and focus the group's energy on social responsibility projects. By the laws of the Turkish Republic as well as the principle of equality and non-discrimination, the Foundation has been undertaking the following educational and cultural activities.

Altınbaş University was founded in 2008 under the name of "Istanbul Kemerburgaz University" as a non-profit foundation university in İstanbul, Türkiye. The university proceeds on its way towards the future after its name was changed to "Altınbaş University" in 2017. Having welcomed its first students in the academic year 2011/12, Altınbaş University grew into an international research university showing its breakthrough progress within a very short period. Today, it continues to provide value-added contributions to the scientific community with the high number of granted patents, TUBITAK projects, and a

high rate of faculty publications and participation in international conferences. With its strong academic staff adding value to universal knowledge, its global structure, international collaborations, and its entrepreneurial, innovative, and competitive vision that enables students to develop and maintain a broader perspective all the time,

Altınbaş University keeps enhancing students' experience and learning process to ensure all its graduates stand out in a crowd of competitors.



Blanca Sanchez Ferragut

Incoming Student from Pavlo de Olavide University, Spain

I have been living for the last few months in Istanbul, which has been the most wonderful city I could ever live in. I am studying in Altınbaş University which is really cool and you always find people that are willing to help you. Also the life as an Erasmus student has been amazing so far, you have the chance to make new friends around different parts of the world and experience all the city has to offer as well as travelling around Türkiye.

The First International University in Türkiye



- 3 Campuses
 - 1 Affiliated hospital in the heart of Istanbul
 - 40.000 m² largest health sciences campus among the universities in Türkiye
 - 9 Faculties, 2 Vocational Schools, 1 School of Foreign Languages
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- 11952 students from more than 86 countries (of which 45% are international, 90% have scholarships, and 46% are female.)
 - Student / Faculty ratio is 4 to 1
 - 1 fully-equipped student guest house with a total housing capacity of 389 people.
 - 110 exchange agreements from 41 countries, more than 500 Erasmus+ agreements, and links to more than 270 universities.
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- More than 70 active student clubs
 - 15 Research Centers
 - 470 Academic, 255 Administrative Staff
 - The 1st university in international student ratio nationally, 68th globally
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- More than 100 academic programs
 - 89 laboratories
 - Library with 56.553 publications over 1.350.000 digital books and journals.
 - Business partnerships with over 100 companies.
 - 2 International Double Degree Program
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Exchange Programs at Altınbaş University

Students from partner institutions can pursue one semester or a full academic year of their studies at Altınbaş University under Erasmus+, Erasmus+ Worldwide (International Mobility), Global Exchange (Bilateral Agreement), or Summer Exchange Program. You may check the details with your home institution's International Office.

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DATES

Autumn Semester: Mid of June-Mid of July

Spring Semester: End of October-End of November

School of Medicine
Name of Program
Medicine

School of Dentistry
Name of Program
Dentistry

School of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences
Name of Program
Economics
International Relations
Political Science and Public Administration
Psychology
Sociology
Social Services

School of Business
Name of Program
Business Administration
International Logistics Management
International Trade

Vocational School of Health Services
Name of Program
Anesthesia
Audiometry
Child Development
Child Protection and Care Services
Electroneurophysiology
First Aid
Health Services Management
Medical Documentation and Secretarial
Medical Laboratory Techniques
Medical Imaging Techniques
Opticianry
Occupational Health and Safety
Oral and Dental Health
Operating Room Services
Physiotherapy
Radiotherapy
Social Service

School of Pharmacy
Name of Program
Pharmacy

School of Applied Sciences
Name of Program
Gastronomy
Health Care Management
Management Information Systems

School of Engineering and Natural Sciences
Name of Program
Architecture
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical and Electronics Engineering
Interior Architecture and Environmental Design
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Software Engineering



School of Law
Name of Program
Law
Turkish – German Law Altınbaş University - University of Cologne

Vocational School
Name of Program
Civil Aviation Cabin Service
Culinary
Flight Operation Management
Jewelry and Jewelry Design
Justice

School of Fine Arts and Design
Name of Program
Cinema and Television
Fashion and Textile Design
Graphic Design
Interior Architecture and Environmental Design
Painting
Jewelry Design

Graduate School of Health Sciences
Name of Program
Aesthetic Dentistry
Biomedical Sciences
Clinical Periodontology
Orthodontics
Periodontology
Pediatric Dentistry
Healthcare Management (PhD)
Pharmaceutical Sciences (PhD)
Periodontology (PhD)
Orthodontics (PhD)

Graduate School of Social Sciences
Name of Program
Arts and Design
Accounting and Audit
Brand Management and Strategic Marketing
Financial Economy
International Trade Law
International Relations Joint Degree PhD
Master in Business Administration (MBA)
Public Law
Private Law
Psychology
Business Administration (PhD)
Political Science and International Relations
Private Law (PhD)

Graduate School of Science and Engineering
Name of Program
Architecture
Civil Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Information Technologies
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering (PhD)



Faculties And Undergraduate Programs

1. Faculty of Medicine

2. Faculty of Dentistry**

3. Faculty of Pharmacy

4. Faculty of Fine Arts and Design **

- Fashion and Textile Design
- Graphic Design
- Interior Architecture and Environmental Design
- Jewelry Design
- Cinema and Television
- Painting

5. Faculty of Law**

- Turkish-German Law (Double Diploma, University of Cologne)

6. Faculty of Economics, Administrative, and Social Sciences

- Economics
- International Relations
- Political Science and Public Administration
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Sciences**

7. Faculty of Management

- Business Administration
- International Logistics Management
- International Trade

8. Faculty of Applied Sciences**

- Gastronomy
- Management Information Systems
- Health Care Management

9. Faculty of Engineering & Architecture

- Architecture
- Interior Architecture and Environmental Design
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Software Engineering

*There are also 3 Vocational Schools with 22 different programs.

** These programs and faculties' medium of instruction is partially/fully Turkish

Graduate Schools & Programs

1. Graduate School of Social Sciences

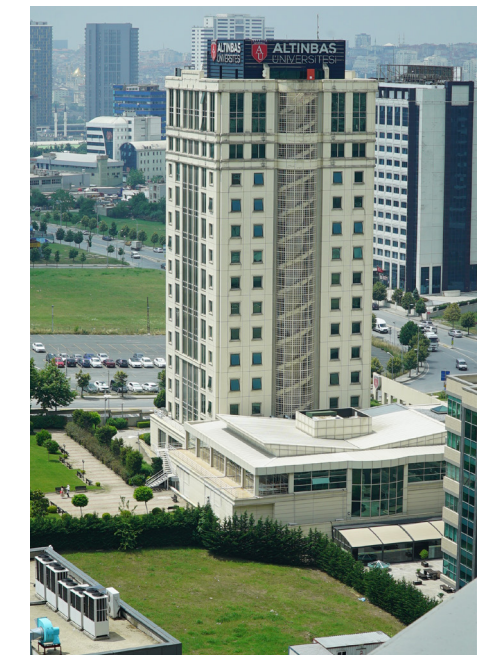
- MBA / Ph.D. in Business Administration
- MA in Strategic Marketing and Brand Management**
- MA in International Trade Law**
- LL.M. in Public Law**
- MA in Political Science and International Relations
- MA in Arts and Design**
- MA in International Relations Joint Degree PhD
- MA in Accounting and Audit**
- MA in Financial Economy**
- MA in Psychology**
- LL.M. / Ph.D. in Private Law**

2. Graduate School of Science and Engineering

- MSc. in Information Technologies
- MSc./Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- MSc. in Mechanical Engineering
- MSc. in Architecture
- MSc. in Civil Engineering

3. Graduate School of Health Sciences

- MSc. / PhD in Orthodontics**
- MSc. / PhD in Periodontology**
- MSc. in Aesthetic Dentistry
- MSc. Pediatric Dentistry**
- MSc. in Biomedical Sciences
- MSc. in Clinical Periodontology
- Ph.D. in Healthcare Management**
- Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences



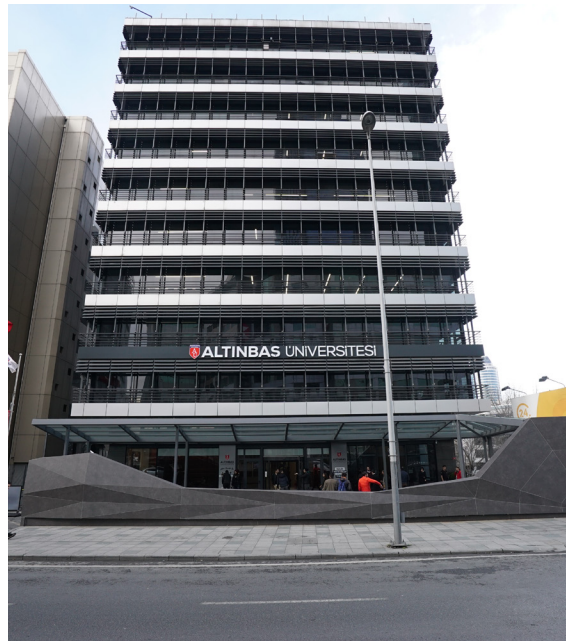
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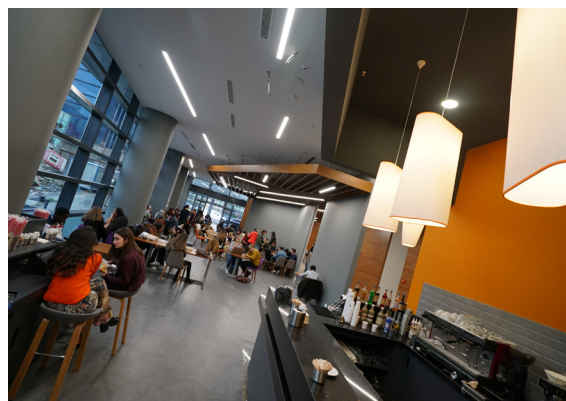
CAMPUSES

We Have Three Centrally Located Campuses In Istanbul's European Side

Gayrettepe Campus



This campus is located in the heart of Istanbul where you will have easy access to social and cultural activities, to the newest restaurants in town with Turkish and World cuisine by walk. Many multinational companies' headquarters are located in Gayrettepe. When you take a look into the sky, you will start to dream of a future in the skyscrapers that surround you. Don't forget to take a short walk with your friends to Besiktas where you can enjoy the dazzling view of the Bosphorus.



In the city center, Gayrettepe Campus is home to the School of Management, Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Fine Arts and Design, Law, Applied Sciences, and Graduate School of Social Sciences.

Mahmutbey Campus

Mahmutbey Campus boasts state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities for the majority of academic subjects. It is 15 minutes drive away from the largest airport in Istanbul. Explore the nearby cities during your free time such as the historic city of Edirne which is just 45 minutes away.

The campus is home to the School of Foreign Languages, Engineering and Natural Sciences, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, and Vocational School.



Bakirköy Campus

Bakirköy Campus is home to Türkiye's largest health sciences campus among the foundation universities. It is located in a very central point of Bakirköy which is a very lively city center with many shops, shopping malls, and restaurants.

Bakirköy Campus hosts the School of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Health Sciences, and Vocational School of Health Sciences.



**We have a free Shuttle Service between campuses.*



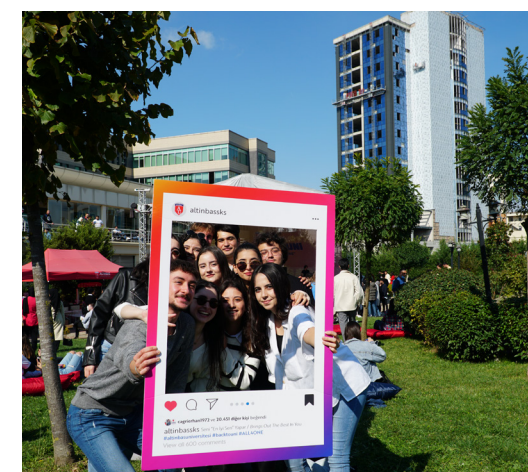
Student Life At Altınbaş University

Academic Advisor: Each exchange student is assigned to an academic advisor to assist them with course issues and provide academic support.

Library: The library supports the teaching, learning, and research needs of students and faculty with collections of books, journals, and digital resources including online journals, e-books, databases, reference, and instructional materials, and audio and video collections. The library is open 24/7 with a huge collection.

Student Clubs: Student clubs at our university have been formed by their own will, in line with the interests and demands of our students. Our clubs, which operate in many different fields such as music, sports, art, music, entrepreneurship, law, medicine, gastronomy, informatics, psychology, and social responsibility, prepare our students for business life and enrich their social and cultural lives development.

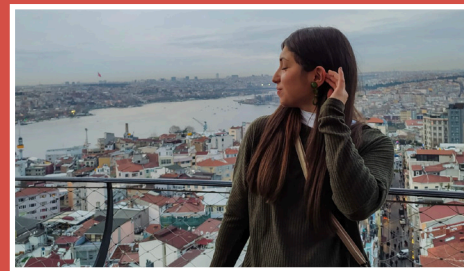
Dormitory: Altınbaş University offers its students a dormitory which is located in Mahmutbey. The dormitory is close to the subway and bus stations. On-campus accommodation is guaranteed for every exchange student who applies for it and pays the fee on time. Students can also choose to stay off-campus but they need to make necessary arrangements themselves. Due to COVID-19 measures, there might be changes regarding room types or various limitations. In such a case, students and our partners will be informed.



Health Service: Altınbaş University has Health Center open to all exchange students. The center is fully equipped and the doctors can speak English. Students can obtain medical health and medicine here. Excluding emergencies, Health Center operates with an appointment system.

Dining Hall: Altınbaş University offers students and staff healthy, hygienic, and high-quality dining options in a comfortable and spacious atmosphere. The dining hall at Altınbaş University offers a variety of cuisines with Yemekhane (main dining hall), The Coffee Factory, and other cafeterias that you can find in the buildings.

Bank: Altınbaş University has a full-service bank Denizbank, located on Floor -1. You can process your banking transactions via the internet or use the telephone banking option as well, both of which serve in English. Students can also exchange money at the bank on campus.



Martina Zoccali

Incoming Student from Milan University, Italy

My experience at Altınbaş University has enriched me from both an educational and a cultural point of view. As a student of International Relations, I am more than satisfied since I had the chance to be in contact with a vibrant national identity, such as the Turkish one, and also to live in one of the most touristic cities in the world and get in touch with people from everywhere.

Post Office: Altınbaş University has a post office on campus that enables students to send and receive international and domestic mails. Post Office is located on Floor -1.

Transportation: At Altınbaş University, we offer a free shuttle service between campuses. Also, with the help of your Erasmus Buddy, you can get your discounted public transportation card.

Cost of Living: Accommodation (except student dormitory) **350 €**
Per Month Transportation **5 €** Per Month
General living expenses (food, social activities, etc) **70 €** Per Month

Orientation Week: Orientation week for new exchange students at Altınbaş University is intended to welcome them and give them essential information. They also have the chance to meet their mentors and other exchange students during the week. Several social events are running throughout the week to help them settle into life at Altınbaş University. Orientation starts one week before the classes begin.

Social Events: Altınbaş University aims to create a university environment where social life and academic studies feed and support each other. At this point, social and cultural activities form the backbone of the spirit of sharing and solidarity.

Tours in and out of the city, visits to museums, nature walks, and festivals held throughout the year can be cited as the main activities. While the tours are shaped by the guide content and recognizing the cultural elements.

There are also festivals such as Winter Festival, Welcome to the Academic Term parties, Inter-University Dance



Festival, various performing arts, and performances that are important to ensure the continuity of these activities.

ESN Altınbaş: The aims of our IKBU Erasmus+ ESN Club are as follows; to guide Erasmus students who come to our school, to bring together students who are considering participating in the Erasmus+ program and students who have participated in the Erasmus+ program before, to organize events that will enable them to share their experiences, and to participate in or produce projects.

Buddy Program: Before students arrive in Istanbul they can sign up for the buddy program to apply



Maryam Ashfaq - Incoming Student from Bahria University, Pakistan

I doing my Exchange at Altınbaş University, Istanbul and I can safely say that it is one of the most enriching and fruitful experiences of my life.

Not only did I learn the basics of Turkish language, Turkish culture but the work I accomplished during this exchange deeply impacted me and helped me evolve both academically and personally.

One thing that truly marked me during my exchange was the friendships that I got to make, I spent so much time with people coming from different countries.

for an Altınbaş University student (buddy) who will assist them upon arrival and during their entire stay in Istanbul. Buddies consider their Students' well-being at all times and are always ready to address your questions or concerns the whole exchange semester.

Guidance and Psychological Services:

Altınbaş University accompanies students in their process of coming to know and realizing themselves, and supporting their personal development. It aims to help students acquire the knowledge and skills that will help them cope with the academic, social, and personal problems they face throughout this process.

Turkish Language Course: On a basic level, if you wonder about the Turkish language to ease your journey and have much fun in Istanbul, you can join our Turkish Language Courses.



Quick Turkish Guide

ENGLISH	TURKISH	PRONUNCIATION
Please	Lütfen	LUT-FEN
Do you speak English?	İngilizce biliyor musunuz?	INN- GLIZ-JE BILL-IYOR MUS-UN-UZ
I don't understand	Sizi anlamıyorum	SI-ZI ANN-LA-MA-YOR-UM
How much does it cost?	Ne kadar?	NE KA-DAR
Excuse me	Afedersiniz	AAF-ED-DAR-SAN-IZ
Yes	Evet	EV-ET
No	Hayır	HIGH-EAR
I don't know	Bilmiyorum	BILL-MEE-YOR-UM
Ok/Alright	Tamam	TA-MAHM
Help!	İmdat!	EMM-DAHT



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Mahmutbey, Dilmenler Cad. No: 26
Bagcilar – Istanbul – Türkiye

GAYRETTEPE CAMPUS

Esentepe Mah. Büyükdere Cad. No: 147
Sisli – Istanbul - Türkiye

BAKIRKOY CAMPUS

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