

SOCIAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF ANKARA
2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT APPLICATION GUIDE

APPLICATION PERIOD		
Application Dates	15.04.2026	15.05.2026
Pre-assessment of Applications	16.05.2026	31.05.2026
Final Evaluation of Applications	31.05.2026	15.06.2026
Announcement of Results	26.06.2026	
Registration Dates	20.08.2025	28.08.2025

PROGRAMMES AND QUOTAS		
FACULTY	PROGRAMME	QUOTA
Faculty of Communication	New Media and Communication (30% English)	5
Faculty of Foreign Languages	Chinese Translation and Interpreting (30% Chinese)	10
	English Language and Literature	10
	Japanese Translation and Interpreting (30% Japanese)	10
	Russian Translation and Interpreting	10
	Spanish Translation and Interpreting	5
Faculty of Law	Law (30% English)	5
Faculty of Political Science	Business Administration (English)	10
	Economics (English)	10
	International Relations (English)	10
	Political Sciences and Public Administration (English)	6
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities	History (English)	5
	Philosophy (English)	5
	Psychology (English)	5
	Sociology (English)	5
	Turkish Language and Literature (30% English)	5
Faculty of Theology	Theology (30% Arabic)	8

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must either be in the final year of high school or have already completed high school.

Candidates who meet one of the following conditions can apply as international students:

1. Foreign nationals who are not enrolled in or have not graduated from high schools in Türkiye,
2. Those attending embassy schools, international private educational institutions listed in the MOBIS, and foreign nationals in Türkiye under a project of the Ministry of National Education,
3. Those who were Turkish citizens by birth but have obtained permission from the Ministry of Interior to renounce their Turkish citizenship, or Blue Card holders (provided they are not currently enrolled in or have not graduated from high school in Türkiye or the TRNC) (Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law No. 5901 states: “[1] A child born within a marital union to a Turkish citizen mother or father, whether within or outside Türkiye, is a Turkish citizen.”)
4. Dual nationals who have subsequently obtained Turkish citizenship (provided they are not currently enrolled in or have not graduated from high school in Türkiye or the TRNC),
5. Turkish citizens who completed their high school education entirely in a foreign country other than the TRNC (including those who have completed their high school education entirely in Turkish schools established under the Ministry of National Education in a foreign country other than the TRNC),
6. TRNC nationals who reside in the TRNC and have completed their high school education in the TRNC (excluding those who have completed their high school education in the TRNC in schools that follow the Turkish curriculum) and hold GCE A-Level exam results, or TRNC nationals who have completed their entire high school education in a foreign country and meet the minimum test scores in the international tests specified in this Guide.

Candidates who meet any of the following conditions cannot apply as international students:

1. Turkish citizens who have completed their entire high school education in Türkiye or the TRNC,
2. Dual nationals whose first nationality by birth is Turkish (except those who have completed their entire high school education outside Türkiye or the TRNC),
3. TRNC nationals (except those who have completed their entire high school education in TRNC and hold GCE A-Level exam results, and TRNC nationals who have completed their entire high school education in a foreign country and meet a minimum score in the international tests specified in this Guide),
4. Dual nationals with one nationality being TRNC (except those who have completed their entire high school education in TRNC and hold GCE A-Level exam results, and TRNC nationals who have completed their entire high school education in a foreign country and meet a minimum score in the international tests specified in this Guide),
5. Turkish citizens or dual nationals whose first nationality by birth is Turkish and who are currently enrolled in schools affiliated with embassies in Türkiye or in a foreign high school in Türkiye,
6. Citizens of the TRNC and individuals who have renounced Turkish citizenship or hold a Blue Card and who are currently enrolled in, or have graduated from, a high school in Türkiye or the TRNC,
7. Foreign nationals who are currently enrolled in or who have graduated from a high school in Türkiye (except those who are enrolled in or have graduated from embassy or international schools listed in the MOBIS, as well as foreign nationals in Türkiye under a project of the Ministry of National Education).

Applications

The application requirements and calendar are available on the website of the International Office of our university. Candidates can apply for undergraduate programmes online via the International Student Application System (https://obs.asbu.edu.tr/oibs/foa_app/). Candidates can apply to a maximum of three different programmes.

Note: To apply for undergraduate programmes, applicants must have graduated from high school within the last two years.

Minimum Scores for the Application

International students are required to meet a minimum score listed below for the application. Candidates with TR-YÖS scores (Exam for Foreign Students for Higher Education in Türkiye) will be given priority for the evaluation. The minimum score for the TR-YÖS is 200 out of 500.

ACCEPTED TEST AND MINIMUM SCORES	
TEST	MINIMUM SCORE
TR-YÖS	200 out of 500. Results are valid for 2 years.
SAT Reasoning	1100 out of 1600 (SAT Code of our University: 7100). Results are valid for 2 years.
ACT (American College Testing)	A minimum score of 24 out of 36 in the Composite.
GCE (General Certificate of Education)	A minimum of two C passes at “A Level” (Advanced Level) or a minimum of two C passes at “AS Level” (Advanced Subsidiary).
Abitur	A minimum score between 1 and 3.
Advanced Placement (AP)	A minimum score of 3 out of 5.
IB (International Baccalaureate)	A minimum diploma score of 28 out of 45.
French Baccalaureate	A minimum diploma score of 12 out of 20.

Evaluation of the Applications

Applications are subject to a pre-assessment by the International Office. The Office reviews all applications to ensure that the minimum requirements are met and that the application documents are valid. While meeting the application requirements is necessary, it does not guarantee admission. Applications that are incomplete, inaccurate, or do not meet the minimum requirements are not evaluated.

After the pre-assessment, applications are subjected to the final evaluation by the evaluation committees. This evaluation is conducted by the committees according to the minimum requirements outlined in this Guide. Applicants who hold TR-YÖS (Exam for Foreign Students for Higher Education in Türkiye) results are given priority for admission.

Candidates can also be assessed based on their high school grades if spots are available. The overall high school grade must be at least 80 out of 100. Committees can set nationality-based limits for admissions to ensure inclusion and diversity.

Once the application results are confirmed by the respective Faculty Boards, they are submitted to the University Governing Board for approval. Upon approval, the Office formally announces the results. The evaluation committees reserve the right to determine whether all available positions will be filled.

Announcement of the Results

The results are announced on the Office's website (<https://uo.asbu.edu.tr/tr>). The Office issues an acceptance letter to successful applicants. The registration dates and required documents for registration are specified in the Acceptance Letter.

Tuition Fee

The University Governing Board determines the annual tuition fees in accordance with procedures and principles set out in the Presidential Decree on the Determination of Contribution Shares and Tuition Fees for Higher Education Institutions.

International students who are enrolled in Turkish preparatory courses at ASBU-TÖMER are required to pay the annual tuition fee to TÖMER. This requirement does not apply to students who are enrolled in preparatory courses other than Turkish.

The contribution fees are also paid by relevant institutions and organisations in accordance with the procedures and principles set out in the Presidential Decree on the Determination of Contribution Shares and Tuition Fees for Higher Education Institutions.

The tuition fees for the 2026–2027 academic year have not yet been determined. Once finalised, they will be announced at the following link: <https://oidb.asbu.edu.tr/tr/harc-ve-ogrenim-ucreti>

Please note that tuition fees are non-refundable even in the event that a student cancels their registration.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

Programmes Offered in Turkish

Candidates must have at least C1 Turkish proficiency for the Turkish-taught programmes in tests such as the Turkish Language Teaching Centres (TÖMER), Language Education Application and Research Centres (DİLMER), and TYS to begin their studies. Turkish language proficiency is not required for candidates who have completed their entire high school education at Turkish high schools affiliated with the Ministry of National Education.

International students enrolling in the Bachelor's programmes of the Department of Translation and Interpreting must prove at least a B1 level of Turkish proficiency in tests such as TÖMER, DİLMER, or TYS. Those who do not have proficiency must enrol in the Turkish preparatory class at ASBU-TÖMER.

International students studying programs other than Turkish must submit at least a B1-level Turkish proficiency certificate to their academic units until graduation.

Programmes Offered in English

To enrol in English-taught programmes, international students must prove their English language proficiency. Students who enrol in these programmes are subject to the provisions of the Regulations on Foreign Language Teaching and Examinations of the School of Foreign Languages at the Social Sciences University of Ankara.

English proficiency is not a requirement for those who have graduated from high schools where the medium of instruction is English, or for those who have graduated from high schools in countries where English is a native or official language. Applicants with sufficient test scores from any of the foreign language exams specified in the equivalence table below can directly begin their programmes. Applicants without a valid language score are assigned to preparatory programmes for up to four semesters. Students who do not complete the preparatory programmes within the maximum allowed period will be dismissed from the University.

English Language and Literature						
Proficiency Test	TOEFL IBT	CAE	CPE	PTE	Oxford Test of English & Oxford Test of English Advanced	Cambridge Linguaskill General
75	84	C	C	67	115	165

Russian Translation and Interpreting	
Proficiency Test	TORLF
75	Level 3: 75-83-point range

Other Programmes						
Proficiency Test	TOEFL IBT	CAE	CPE	PTE	Oxford Test of English & Oxford Test of English Advanced	Cambridge Linguaskill General
70	79	C	C	59	111	161

Programmes Other Than Turkish or English

International students applying for programmes taught in languages other than Turkish or English are required to provide a certificate of proficiency in the respective language.

No foreign language proficiency is required for applicants who have graduated from high schools in Türkiye or abroad where the relevant language is taught, or from high schools in countries where the relevant foreign language is the native or official language. Applicants who achieve a sufficient score on any of the foreign language tests listed in the equivalence table of the ASBU Foreign Language Teaching and Examination Guidelines are eligible to start the programme.