



SOCIAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF ANKARA (ASBU)

GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE ADMISSION

1. Which graduate programs can I apply to?

ASBU offers both Master's and PhD programmes. You can find the full list of available programmes at the following link: <https://www.asbu.edu.tr/en/lisansustu-programlari>.

2. What is the medium of instruction for the programmes?

The medium of instruction for non-thesis Master's programmes at ASBU is Turkish. For programmes with a thesis, the language of instruction may be either Turkish or English, depending on the specific programme. You can verify the language of instruction for each program by consulting the program list provided above.

3. What are the general admission requirements?

- Students applying for graduate programs must hold international student status.

Applicants are considered international students if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Foreign nationals
- Dual nationals who have subsequently become Turkish citizens
- People who were born as Turkish citizens but have subsequently obtained permission from the Ministry of Interior to renounce their Turkish citizenship
- Turkish citizens who have completed their undergraduate studies abroad

The following candidates are ineligible to apply as international students:

- Turkish citizens who have graduated from a university in Turkey or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)
- Citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), except for those who have completed their entire education in TRNC institutions and hold a GCE AL certificate
- Dual citizens whose first nationality at birth is Turkish and who have completed their undergraduate education in Türkiye



- International applicants to graduate programs must hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree from a university recognised by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) in Türkiye.
- Applicants who have completed their undergraduate studies abroad may be required to submit a diploma equivalency certificate issued by YÖK at the time of application, depending on the program. Submission of this certificate is mandatory at the time of enrolment.
- Applicants must meet the minimum GPA requirements established by the university for graduate admissions. For Master's programs, **a minimum GPA of 2.5** out of 4.0 (or its equivalent in a 100-point system) is required. For PhD programs, applicants must have **a minimum GPA of 3.0** out of 4.0 (or its 100-point equivalent) in their Master's studies.
- International applicants who have completed their undergraduate education abroad must demonstrate at least a B2 level of Turkish language proficiency. Depending on the program, a C1 level of Turkish proficiency may also be required.
- Applicants must provide proof of English language proficiency for the graduate program they are applying to. A minimum score of 80 is required from one of the national English proficiency exams administered by ÖSYM (YDS, YÖKDİL, or e-YDS), or an equivalent score from an internationally recognised exam accepted by the Interuniversity Board. IELTS is not accepted. Applicants who do not meet the language requirement may be placed in a preparatory language program. To qualify for this preparatory program, candidates must have **a minimum score of 65** (or its equivalent) from YDS, e-YDS, YÖKDİL, or a comparable exam.
- Diplomas obtained from Universities outside of Türkiye in languages other than English or Turkish must notarized translation into Turkish or English.

4. What documents are required for the application?

- Passport
- Biometric Photograph (taken in the last 6 months)
- A document proving that the applicant's university is recognised by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) in Türkiye (can be obtained through the Turkish Consulate in the applicant's country).
- Graduation Certificate (Diploma) or an Official Temporary Graduation Certificate (If obtained from a foreign institution, a notarised translation in Turkish or English is required).
- Diploma Equivalency Certificate (Whether this document is required during application depends on the specific program).



- Official Transcript of Records (For documents issued abroad, a notarised Turkish or English translation is required).
- For programs taught in Turkish, a minimum B2-level Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate is required. (Applicants who have completed their secondary, undergraduate, or graduate education at an institution where the language of instruction is Turkish are exempt from this requirement.) For programs taught in Turkish, applicants may be required to provide a foreign language score accepted by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), in addition to demonstrating proficiency in the Turkish language.
- For programs taught in English, applicants must submit an official English language proficiency certificate showing a minimum score of 80 on YDS, e-YDS, or YÖKDİL; or an equivalent score from an internationally recognised exam listed by ÖSYM. (English proficiency is not required for applications to non-thesis Master's programs.)
- Two letters of recommendation, issued within the last 9 months
- Letter of intention
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- While not mandatory, having an academic background relevant to the applied program is preferred and may strengthen your application.

Note: Applicants to Master's or PhD programs may be invited to an interview by the Evaluation Committee, depending on the program.

5. When can I apply to graduate programs?

Graduate program applications are accepted biannually on dates specified in the Academic Calendar, which can be accessed at: <https://oidb.asbu.edu.tr/en/academic-calendar>.

Announcements regarding application periods are also announced on the website of the International Office: <https://uo.asbu.edu.tr/en>

6. Where can I apply for graduate programs?

The application system will be available [here](#) during the application periods.

7. Can I apply to any graduate program?

While a direct academic match between the applicant's previous field of study and the program applied for is not strictly required, it is considered a favourable factor during the evaluation process.



8. What should I do after being accepted?

Applicants who are admitted to a graduate program will receive the following documents via email:

- An Official Letter of Acceptance
- A list of required documents for enrolment
- A Welcome Information Package

After receiving the acceptance documents, admitted students must contact the graduate institute to which their program is affiliated to complete the enrolment process.

Institute Contact Information:

- Graduate School of Social Sciences: sbe@asbu.edu.tr
- Institute for Area Studies: bce@asbu.edu.tr
- Institute for Islamic Studies: iae@asbu.edu.tr

9. Where can I find information about tuition fees?

For detailed information regarding tuition fees, you can visit the website of the graduate institute to which your program is affiliated.

Tuition Fee Information by Institute:

- Graduate School of Social Sciences: <https://sbe.asbu.edu.tr/en/tuition-and-education-fees?language=en>
- Institute for Islamic Studies: <https://if.asbu.edu.tr/en/node/892>
- Institute for Area Studies: <https://bce.asbu.edu.tr/en/node/779>

10. What scholarship opportunities are available?

International students may benefit from various scholarship opportunities offered by national institutions in Türkiye. The most prominent options include:

- Türkiye Scholarships: A government-funded scholarship program for international students. Detailed information is available at: <https://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/>
- Turkish Diyanet Foundation Scholarships: Scholarships offered to international students by the Turkish Diyanet Foundation. For more details, please visit: <https://diyanetburslari.tdv.org/en/>



11. What are the accommodation options?

ASBU is centrally located in Ankara, offering students a variety of dormitory options nearby. However, ASBU does not provide direct placement or referral services for student housing. It is the responsibility of each student to arrange their own accommodation.

12. Other Useful Links

- ASBU Official Website: <https://www.asbu.edu.tr/en>
- Application Announcements (ASBU International Office): <https://uo.asbu.edu.tr/en>
- Language Proficiency, Exemptions, and Preparatory Programs (School of Foreign Languages): <https://ydyo.asbu.edu.tr/en>