



Bilkent University



Degree Programmes

Study Placement in Turkey is available to Aston students in all Schools:

ABS - All degrees

LHS - Psychology

LSS - Politics/IR

EAS - Mechanical Engineering/Electrical Engineering

Number of places available: 8

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.

*****FREE ACCOMMODATION is available***
(double-rooms at Bilkent students' dormitories)**

The University

Bilkent University

06800 Bilkent, Ankara

Turkey



Bilkent University is a private university, which was founded in 1984. The name “Bilkent” is an acronym of a “bilim kenti”, Turkish for “city of science and knowledge”. Today, Bilkent is the highest ranking university in Turkey.

The teaching programmes are organized into departments within nine faculties, two schools, two vocational schools, the School of English Language, as well as six graduate schools (called institutes). In 1986 Bilkent admitted 386 students. Today there are over 12,000 students at Bilkent University.

The university is situated approximately 15 km to the west of central Ankara.

What it is like to study at Bilkent?

“My placement was the best year of my life; meeting people from different cultures, learning a new language, being exposed to a completely different lifestyle. I simply cannot recommend enough to go abroad for your placement. It will **not only give you an international mindset**, it will help you in so many ways in the future that you actually could not think of before embarking on your placement.”

– Fahid Ali, International Business and Management

“I study Politics and International Relations and **never before has there been so much emphasis on the subject**. I have been able to take on a middle-eastern focus in my classes considering that I am **living and studying on the doorstep of the Middle East**.”

The best thing is the diverse amount of people you meet. Within the first semester there were about 150 exchange students. **My friendship group itself covers 4 continents, 7 languages and 6 religions!** If it were not for undertaking this placement I would not have had the opportunity to have an **internship in Palestine over the summer!**”

– Katrina Rattu, BSc Politics and International Relations

Check out this [video](#) of some exchange students’ experiences at Bilkent University and another one showing the campus, link [here](#).

Locations

Ankara is the capital of the Republic of Turkey and is the second largest city after Istanbul. It is situated in Anatolia, a region of Turkey bound by the Black Sea to the North, the Mediterranean Sea to the South, the Aegean Sea to the West and the Asian mainland to the East. Ankara is a modern city with a population of over 5 million people, and is a cultural, commercial and industrial centre. Its location makes it an important crossroads for trade and it serves as the marketing centre for the surrounding agricultural area.



Semester Dates

Autumn semester: mid- September to mid-January

Spring semester: beginning of February to end May

Orientation week: early September

A Turkish language course is offered during the orientation week

[Academic Calendar](#)

Courses available

[Modules](#) can be selected from those offered by the different Faculties.

Credits can also be obtained for courses in Turkish language.

Workload: 30 ECTS per semester

Living in Turkey

- **Accommodation**

Exchange students are guaranteed on-campus accommodation provided by Bilkent Dormitories. There is accommodation on-campus for approximately 4,000 students. Single, double, triple, quadruple and en-suite rooms are available at different rates. For further information, see the [website](#).

Bed linen and cleaning services are provided. All rooms have Wi-Fi service.

PLEASE NOTE: free accommodations subject to availability and valid for double rooms at Bilkent' s student dormitories. Students are expected to file their requests before the relevant deadline. Allocations are on a first-come first-serve basis. All the incoming exchange students are required to have health insurance valid in Turkey so that they can apply for a residency permit.

- **Living Costs**

- **Health Centre**

The Health centre provides basic and urgent services free of charge to all students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Other costs, such as surgical fees, for example, are not covered, and students should make sure that they have adequate private health insurance to cover them throughout their stay at Bilkent.

- **Transport**

A private shuttle bus provides transport into the city centre, free of charge.

Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Bilkent University, and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in Turkey. For further information, please visit the website of the [Turkish Embassy](#) in London.

You will be required to obtain a residence permit from the Department of Security within a month of your arrival at Bilkent University. Please see the [website](#) for further information.

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