

## ISTANBUL MEDİPOL UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONALIZATION POLICY

<b>Policy Name</b>	Internationalization Policy
<b>Policy Owner</b>	Istanbul Medipol University Rectorate
<b>Policy Coordinator</b>	International Office International Student Commission Quality Commission-Quality Accreditation Office
<b>Policy scope</b>	All academic units, academic staff, students
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<b>Communication</b>	Quality Commission-Quality Accreditation Office e-mail, phone
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.medipol.edu.tr/universite/kurumsal-politikalar">https://www.medipol.edu.tr/universite/kurumsal-politikalar</a>

### Objective

Istanbul Medipol University is committed to ensure the participation of all internal and external stakeholders by determining a comprehensive and student-oriented internationalization strategy, to define internationalization practices as a dynamic process shaped by stakeholder feedback, to take into account not only the enrichment of the educational experience of students and academics from abroad but also the process of participation of national students in the internationalization process, and to increase its international recognition and to create a center of attraction in the international academic field by prioritizing institutional capacity building.

### Scope

The International Office, all academic and administrative units, academic staff, administrative staff, and students are covered by this policy. The policy is announced through the website and other communication tools.

### Rules, principles and tasks

Istanbul Medipol University adopts the following rules and principles within the scope of internationalization and undertakes to perform the tasks determined in this process:

- In accordance with the multidimensional understanding of internationalization, the university determines, monitors, develops and improves education-training, research-development, social contribution goals and activities integrated with internationalization in its strategic plan.

-Improves the quality of education and research together with students, administrative staff, academic staff, graduates and other stakeholders, and establishes international strategic partnerships within this framework with a broad participatory approach.

- Takes initiatives to enrich the physical capabilities of the campus and stakeholder experiences by receiving feedback from international students and academics through surveys and interviews. Adopts an approach based on students' perceptions of satisfaction.
- Supports practices that increase the interaction of national students with international students and develop their intercultural skills through social activities. Encourages a multicultural campus life.
- Ensures that the entire university ecosystem (student affairs, career center, accommodation unit, academic staff, administrators and all service personnel) is made aware of the internationalization priority of the university and that the necessary information is provided. Engages with international stakeholders outside the campus.
- Supports the accreditation of education programs by national or international accreditation bodies.
- Supports efforts to increase the ability of teaching staff to teach in a foreign language.
- Carries out studies to increase the employment of foreign qualified academic staff in different fields.
- Carries out the necessary arrangements and activities to ensure the adaptation of international students, teaching staff and researchers to life on the campuses.
- Pays attention to keep student satisfaction at a high level and attaches importance to promotional activities within ethical standards in order to become the most preferred university by qualified students in internationalization and to make this goal sustainable.
- Creates opportunities and incentives for international graduate and doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers.
- Offers international students the opportunity to introduce and experience Turkish Language, History, Culture and Art.
- Supports and develops student and faculty mobility, international projects and research and development activities, inter-sectoral and international collaborations.
- Takes initiatives to make international internships effective through Erasmus + and referrals and to enable international students to do internships in our country and supports activities within this scope.
- Carries out studies within the scope of initiating and increasing the number of international double degree programs.
- Supports efforts to ensure that Istanbul Medipol University is officially recognized by the higher education institutions of the target countries.
- Provides the necessary support to the International Office and the International Student Commission, which were established to ensure the adaptation of international students and to serve the purpose of approaching students' problems with a proactive approach; supports the International Office to participate in meetings, congresses and fairs abroad.

- Communicates to international students and faculty members in the relevant languages.
- Produces news on various topics, especially scientific studies, in English as well as Turkish; supports the preparation of videos and other communication tools in this context.
- Provides support and consultancy for the social media accounts that faculty members will use to promote their research and education activities in order to increase the recognition of the university.
- Promotes intercultural understanding, supports efforts to globalize the curriculum (internationalization) and provide a global perspective to academic programs.
- Plans and implements activities that improve the international recognition, visibility and position of the University with the relevant units.
- Plans the career planning of international students in universal criteria and taking into account the conditions and expectations in their own countries.
- Supports the Career Center to improve contact with our international graduate students and strengthen relations.
- Supports the recruitment of international postdoctoral researchers.
- Encourages increasing the number of reciprocal visiting faculty members.
- Encourages and supports the efforts to increase the number of projects with international partners, the amount of funding obtained from projects, and the number of international patents.
- Encourages and supports academics to increase the number and quality of scientific publications with international partners.
- Hosts national or international platforms (symposiums, congresses, conferences, art, culture and sports events, conferences) in the field of internationalization and supports the activities carried out in this context.
- Supports efforts to improve the design and content of the website in different languages to increase its international visibility.

### **Execution**

The Internationalization Policy is implemented by the Rectorate of Istanbul Medipol University

International Office, International Student Commission, Career Center, Quality Commission - Quality-Accreditation Office, Academic Unit Quality Commissions, Academic units carry out the duties and activities within the scope of this policy.

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