

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

APPLICATION GUIDE FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Dear Candidates,

Applications for graduate education at our University for the Fall Semester of the 2026-2027 Academic Year will be conducted according to the principles outlined in this guide. Please review the announced guides carefully and complete the requirements fully to ensure your application and registration processes are handled accurately and promptly.

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ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications for the specified programs of our Graduate School will be conducted exclusively via the internet during the application period. Before starting the "Online Application," please review the quotas, application requirements, and evaluation criteria provided in the relevant link.

- [Click here](#) for the **Online Application Guide**
- [Click here](#) for the **Application Calendar**
- [Click here](#) for **Quotas and Admission Requirements**
- [Click here](#) for **Tuition Fees and Discount Rates**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A) Graduation Requirements:

- **Master's Programs:** Candidates must hold at least a Bachelor's degree.
- **PhD Programs:** Candidates must hold a Master's degree with a thesis. (Students who enrolled in or graduated from non-thesis Master's programs before February 6, 2013, are also eligible).
- **Scientific Preparation:** Students applying from outside the field may be required to take "Scientific Preparation Courses" if deemed necessary by the interview jury.

B) Academic Personnel and Postgraduate Education Entrance Exam (ALES):

- **Thesis Master's and PhD:** A minimum standard score of **55** is required in the relevant score type.
- **Exceptions:** ALES is not required for non-thesis Master's programs or international candidates (the department may request an equivalent exam).
- **Validity:** ALES results are valid for **5 years**.

C) Foreign Language Requirements:

- **PhD Programs:** A minimum score of **55** from YDS, YÖKDİL, or an equivalent score from an exam recognized by YÖK is mandatory.
- **Validity:** YDS and YÖKDİL are valid for **5 years**, while TOEFL is valid for **2 years**.
- Pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 2(d) of the Directive on Determining the Equivalency of International Foreign Language Examinations, examination results from test sessions

conducted in Türkiye that were not held in buildings belonging to state universities, and examinations whose result documents do not include information on the examination location and date as stipulated in paragraph 2(m), shall not be accepted as equivalent.

D) Transfer Conditions:

Online applications are not accepted for lateral transfers. Applications must be made in person directly to the Graduate School Directorate with the required documents (Petition, Student Certificate, Transcript, Course Contents, ALES, and Language certificate for PhD)

Necessary Documents:

1. Transfer Application Petition,
2. A certified copy of a recently dated student status certificate issued by the institute where the candidates are currently enrolled, specifying their current academic stage,
3. Certified copy of official transcript,
4. Course Descriptions / Syllabi (e-signed / wet-signed),
5. Online printout of ALES or equivalent exam result document,
6. Online printout of YDS / YÖKDİL or equivalent exam result document (for PhD programs).

**INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED TO THE SYSTEM
DURING ONLINE APPLICATION**

- ***Diploma or Graduation Certificate***
- ***Transcript Document***
- ***ALES Score Report / Certificate***
- ***GRE or GMAT Certificate (For international candidates)***
- ***Foreign Language Exam Result / Certificate (YDS, YÖKDİL or equivalent) (For PhD programs)***
- ***Photograph: To be uploaded to the system in JPEG format. The uploaded photos must be in passport/headshot format, clearly allowing the candidate to be identified.***
- ***Recently dated Military Status Certificate (For Turkish male candidates)***
- ***Copy of National ID Card / Passport (For international candidates)***
- ***Employment Certificate (To benefit from tuition discount rates)***
- ***Letters of Reference and Statement of Purpose (SOP) (Only for relevant departments)***

EVALUATION CRITERIA

In determining the admission score for Master's Programs with Thesis;

- 50% of the ALES or equivalent exam score,
- 20% of the Undergraduate GPA,
- 30% of the Interview score are summed.

In determining the admission score for Non-Thesis Master's Programs;

- 50% of the Undergraduate graduation GPA,
- 50% of the Interview score are summed.

In determining the admission score for PhD Programs;

- 50% of the ALES or equivalent exam score,
- 20% of the Master's GPA,
- 30% of the Interview score are summed.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR FINAL ENROLLMENT

Candidates who are eligible for final enrollment must submit the documents listed below in person to the Directorate of the Institute within the announced period.

1. **Original and (1 copy) of Bachelor's diploma or graduation certificate** for Master's program applications; **original and (1 copy) of Master's diploma or graduation certificate** for PhD program applications.

(Candidates who graduated from higher education institutions abroad must also present the Turkish translation of their diplomas or graduation certificates.)

2. **Original and (1 copy) of official transcripts** showing all courses taken and the graduation GPA during undergraduate and Master's studies.

(Candidates who graduated from higher education institutions abroad must present their transcripts along with a Turkish translation, including their GPA calculation. - 1 copy)

3. **Online printout of ALES or equivalent exam result document.** *(The validity period of the ALES exam is 5 years.)*

4. **Online printout of YDS or equivalent exam result document.**

(The validity period of YDS and YÖKDİL exams is 5 years, and the TOEFL exam is 2 years.)

5. **Copy of National ID Card** *(For international candidates, a document showing the Foreign Identification Number and a passport copy)*

6. **Employment Certificate** *(To benefit from discount rates)*

7. **Recently dated Military Status Certificate** obtained from military recruitment offices or via e-Devlet for male candidates *(Not required for international candidates)*

8. **"Turkish Proficiency" certificate** or a certified copy thereof showing Turkish language proficiency for international candidates

ATTENTION CANDIDATES !!!

- Applications by post/mail will not be accepted. Applications must be made online.
 - **Candidates who are eligible for final enrollment must submit the required written documents in person to the Directorate of the relevant Institute within the announced Registration and Document Submission Dates. Otherwise, final enrollment of the candidates will not be completed.**
 - *Applications must be made considering the special conditions specified in the quota tables for the 2026–2027 Academic Year Fall Semester. Candidates who do not apply in accordance with the special conditions will not be admitted to the interview, and their applications will be canceled.*
 - After uploading their documents, candidates must first click the "Save" button, followed by the "Complete Application" button; otherwise, the uploaded documents will not be visible in the system.
 - Confirmation emails will not be sent to students who apply online; interview dates will be published on the website.
 - If a student's transcript or diploma does not include a GPA based on the 100-point grading system, the grade conversion table of the **Council of Higher Education (YÖK)** will be taken as the basis.
 - Final enrollment will not be processed for those who make false/misleading statements or whose documents are incomplete or falsified; even if final enrollment has been completed, their registration will be canceled.
 - In order to benefit from tuition discount rates, the employment certificate must be uploaded to the system during application; discount applications made afterwards will not be taken into consideration.
 - For matters not specified in this Guide, the provisions of the ***Istanbul Medipol University Graduate Education and Exam Regulation***, published in the Official Gazette on August 21, 2022, shall apply.
- Please [click here](#) for the ***Graduate Education and Exam Regulation***
 - Please [click here](#) for ***Our University's Graduate Education and Exam Regulation***

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