

SECOND CHANCES ARE FOR STRONG DECISIONS: FULL SUPPORT FROM ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY FOR STUDENTS DURING THE ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT PERIOD

The additional placement period, the second phase of the university placement process, is not just a time to consider unfilled quotas, but also an opportunity to redefine one's direction for the future. This period allows candidates who either didn't make any choices during the main placement phase or who were not placed in any university program, to make new preferences. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) provides expert counseling and guidance services to help students navigate this period effectively and efficiently. Experts emphasize that the additional placement period is not only an academic process but also has a significant psychological aspect. Evaluating the impact of this period on both students and families, IGU's Clinical Psychologist Berfin Özcan shared critical insights for students preparing to make choices.

"THE ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT IS NOT A RESCUE PLAN, BUT A PROCESS OF FINDING DIRECTION"

Psychologist Özcan stated that students often perceive the additional placement period as a "last resort," and warned that this mindset can negatively affect both motivation and decision quality. She said:

"The additional placement process is not a 'backup plan' or an act of desperation; it's an opportunity for reassessment and direction. In life, sometimes the second step is more solid than the first."

"FOCUSING ONLY ON VACANT QUOTAS IS A SERIOUS TRAP"

Özcan emphasized that one of the most common mistakes is when students whose scores are not sufficient focus solely on the availability of quotas. She explained how this approach can lead to long-term academic and emotional issues:

"Students who act with the mindset of 'I just want to get into a university, any university' may end up unhappy in a field that doesn't match their interests. During this period, it is crucial that students receive proper guidance and consult with expert counselors."

To support prospective students, Istanbul Gelisim University offers one-on-one counseling services with expert placement advisors during the additional placement period to ensure informed decision-making.

Özcan Recommends Students Ask Themselves These Questions When Choosing:

Does this program excite me?

Do I want to grow and develop in this field?

Does this university align with my academic goals?

"UNINFORMED CHOICES CAN OVERSHADOW THE FUTURE"

According to Özcan, one of the biggest mistakes students make during the additional placement period is listing preferences without sufficient research, focusing only on scores or quotas. She pointed out that lack of information, absence of counseling, and social pressure are major factors that can negatively influence the process. Özcan warned:

"Many students make choices without reading the guide or simply follow their family's expectations. However, this is a turning point where the student should demonstrate self-awareness. To get the most out of this process, decisions should be made with expert guidance, and the facilities of the preferred university should be thoroughly researched."

IGU stands out as an example for candidates aiming to make conscious decisions during the placement period, thanks to its international accreditations, student-centered education model, and global vision.

"PARENTS SHOULD NOT DIRECT STUDENTS, BUT SUPPORT THEM"

Not only students but also parents experience intense stress during the additional placement period. Özcan stated that transferring this anxiety to students can negatively impact their decision-making process. She issued important advice to families:

"Parents should avoid projecting their own fears onto their children. Instead of making comparisons like 'In my day...', they should allow space for their children's individual choices. The best support is to respect their decisions and stand by them."

"FEAR OF CHOOSING THE WRONG PROGRAM IS COMPLETELY NORMAL"

According to Özcan, one of the most common dilemmas students face in the additional placement period is the fear of choosing the wrong program or university. She emphasized that this anxiety is natural and recommended a strategy that includes both emotional and practical planning. She noted that some students even consider taking a gap year, and underlined that such decisions should not be made hastily, but with a realistic evaluation:

"Students considering a gap year should make this decision not as an emotional reaction, but with a clear plan. They need to assess how prepared they are, their motivation, and their alternative paths."

"SCORE IS NOT THE ONLY FACTOR THAT AFFECTS PLACEMENT!"

Özcan listed the factors that can affect a student's placement during the additional preference period, such as quota availability, order of preferences, and specific conditions for certain programs. She stressed the importance of students knowing themselves and making choices aligned with their goals. Key factors include:

Available quotas: Some programs may only open a very limited number of seats.

Preference order: The most desired programs should be listed in the top ranks.

Special requirements: Some programs may require a prep year, a language exam, or specific health conditions.

Psychologist Özcan also emphasized that, unlike the main placement round, in the additional placement period there's a minimum base score requirement even for filled programs. If these criteria are ignored, students might end up using their right to apply without getting any results.

"THIS IS YOUR JOURNEY, NOT ANYONE ELSE'S RACE"

Finally, Psychologist Berfin Özcan shared this message with all students entering the additional placement period:

"This process is a turning point that will help shape your life. But remember, getting placed or not getting placed is not a measure of success or failure. True success is being able to walk your own path with patience and awareness. I believe in you. Please, believe in yourself too."

USE YOUR SECOND CHANCE WITH IGU SUPPORT – TAKE A STRONG STEP TOWARD YOUR GOALS!

For many students, the additional placement period is a time of crucial decisions. Istanbul Gelisim University stands out not only with its high-quality education, but also with its expert advisory team, individual counseling services, and outstanding campus facilities. During this additional placement period, IGU continues to fully support students by offering personalized guidance with its expert counselors on campus.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR 2025 STARTS AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has launched its orientation program to welcome new students for the 2025–2026 academic year. Aimed at facilitating the transition into university life, the program is designed to help students get to know their faculties, academic advisors, social opportunities, and campus life more closely. The orientation program will take place from September 15-18, 2025, at the Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall, located in IGU J Block (Tower) Campus.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE RECTOR TO NEW STUDENTS

On the first day of the orientation, IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin attended the orientation program of the Faculty of Health Sciences, congratulated all new students, and wished them success. Prof. Şahin emphasized that, in line with IGU's student-centered vision, the university will continue to support students in all aspects of their academic and personal development.

STUDENT CLUBS SET UP INFORMATION STANDS

Throughout the orientation period, various student clubs operating within IGU are also meeting new students through their information stands. These clubs aim to enrich students' social lives by providing details about their activities and projects that cater to a wide range of interests.

A STRONG START TO UNIVERSITY LIFE

The annual IGU orientation program offers students not only a comprehensive understanding of academic processes but also an introduction to social activities and university culture.

Through this special program, Istanbul Gelisim University aims to prepare new students for academic life while helping them take confident steps toward the future with its motto, Progress Knows No Bounds.

INNOVATIVE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM DEVELOPED FOR SUBSONIC WIND TUNNEL AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Studies conducted in the Subsonic Wind Tunnel within the Aerodynamics Research Laboratory of Istanbul Gelişim University (IGU) have opened the door to a new era in engineering research. Through an innovative project developed by the research team, 30-channel analog manometers were transformed into a fully digital system for the first time. This initiative aims to establish a high-tech measurement infrastructure that can be used in both academic research and industrial applications.

FROM MANUAL MEASUREMENT TO DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

While traditional methods require each channel to be read manually, the new system brings a radical change to this process. With a single camera and advanced image processing algorithms, all channels can be detected simultaneously. This innovation enables measurements to be carried out much faster, more reliably, and free from human error.

AN INFRASTRUCTURE USABLE IN RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY

The project, both conceptually and technically, is being developed by Prof. Mahmut Adil Yükselen and the TTO team. Thanks to the direct transfer of measurement results to digital platforms, researchers will have instant access to data and the ability to monitor and report remotely. The new infrastructure is expected to provide a solution not only for laboratory settings but also for industrial applications.

RELIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY IN AERODYNAMIC EXPERIMENTS

With this innovative approach, the reliability and efficiency of measurement data in aerodynamic experiments conducted in the Subsonic Wind Tunnel will significantly increase. The project also stands out as one of the pioneering steps taken by Istanbul Gelişim University towards digital transformation and Industry 4.0 compliance in engineering research.

ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY AGROSENSE TEAM ADVANCES TO THE FINALS AT TEKNOFEST 2025

The AgroSense Team, consisting of students from Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), has advanced to the finals of TEKNOFEST 2025 with their innovative solution in agricultural technologies. The team, working under the guidance of IGU Technology Transfer Office (TTO) Director Yahya Kemal Kiran, includes senior Software Engineering students Kaan Irmak, Ecem Tan, and Ahmet Karpuz, and received support from TTO Engineer Ahmet Faruk Görmüş. The team is preparing to present their project to the jury in the Agricultural Technologies Competition category at TEKNOFEST, which will be held from September 17-21, 2025.

SMART DECISION SUPPORT IN AGRICULTURE

AgroSense stands out as a mobile and GIS-based solution that enables farmers to make smart and sustainable decisions in agricultural production. The project analyzes real-time soil data collected from field and greenhouse sensors using the developed FilizAI system. It provides guidance to farmers in critical areas such as irrigation, fertilization, planting and harvesting recommendations, as well as pest and disease detection.

Even in areas without sensors, the system fills in missing data using geographic and temporal prediction models. Through advanced time-series and spatial modeling, it establishes early warning mechanisms. Additionally, with RAG-supported artificial intelligence, it offers farmers clear and actionable plans.

CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

One of AgroSense's strongest features is its low-cost and scalable structure, which allows it to reach a wide range of producers. In this way, it contributes to the spread of sustainable farming practices and accelerates digital transformation in agriculture.

Competing in the TEKNOFEST 2025 finals, the AgroSense Team serves as a significant example of Istanbul Gelisim University's vision of becoming a "Research University" and its commitment to a technology-driven entrepreneurship ecosystem.



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