



ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

A GATEWAY TO GLOBAL EDUCATION

ABOUT IGU

Founded in 2008 as Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School and elevated to university status in 2011, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has quickly risen as one of Türkiye's leading higher education institutions.

With its dynamic structure, international outlook, and strong academic standards, IGU is committed to preparing graduates who can compete in the global arena. Today, IGU stands out as:

- A top choice university in Türkiye, hosting tens of thousands of students.
- A university with global-standard programs accredited by international quality agencies.
- A multicultural hub where over 7,500 international students from 100+ countries study together.

At IGU, education is more than gaining a degree — it is about developing visionary leaders, innovative thinkers, and responsible global citizens.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Faculties and Programs

IGU offers undergraduate, associate, master's, and doctoral programs across a wide spectrum of disciplines.

- **7 Faculties:** Applied Sciences, Dentistry, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Engineering and Architecture, Fine Arts, Health Sciences, Sports Sciences
- **2 Vocational Schools:** Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School and Vocational School of Health Sciences
- **Graduate School:** Comprehensive MA, MSc, MBA, and PhD programs

Highlights

- **40+ internationally accredited programs** (ABET, AQAS, AHPGS)
- English-medium education in many programs
- Curricula designed to match **global standards** and market needs

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

- Dentistry
- Dentistry (English)

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Economics and Finance
- Economics and Finance (English)
- Public Relations and Publicity
- Aviation Management
- Aviation Management (English)
- English Language and Literature (English)
- Business Administration
- Business Administration (English)
- Logistics Management
- Logistics Management (English)
- Psychology
- Psychology (English)
- Radio, Television and Cinema Advertising
- Political Science and Public Administration
- Political Science and International Relations
- Political Science and International Relations (English)
- Sociology
- Tourism Guidance
- Turkish Language and Literature
- International Trade and Finance
- International Trade and Finance (English)
- International Trade and Business
- International Trade and Business (English)
- New Media and Communication
- Management Information Systems

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

- Computer Engineering
- Computer Engineering (English)
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering (English)
- Industrial Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineering (English)
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Architecture
- Architecture (English)
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering (English)
- Software Engineering (English)
- Software Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Engineering (English)
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering (English)
- Industrial Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineering (English)
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Architecture
- Architecture (English)
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering (English)
- Software Engineering (English)
- Software Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Engineering (English)
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering (English)
- Industrial Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineering (English)
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Architecture
- Architecture (English)
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering (English)
- Software Engineering (English)
- Software Engineering

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

- Banking and Insurance
- Information Systems and Technologies
- Electronic Commerce and Management
- Gastronomy and Culinary Arts
- Gastronomy and Culinary Arts (English)
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Avionics
- Aviation Management
- Aviation Management (English)
- English Translation and Interpreting
- Television Reporting and Programming
- Aircraft Maintenance and Repair
- Data Science and Analytics
- New Media and Communication
- New Media and Communication (English)
- Management Information Systems

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

- Gastronomy and Culinary Arts
- Visual Communication Design
- Graphic Design
- Interior Architecture
- Interior Architecture and Environmental Design
- Interior Architecture and Environmental Design (English)
- Radio Television and Cinema

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Nutrition and Dietetics (English)
- Child Development
- Child Development (English)
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation
- Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation (English)
- Nursing
- Nursing (English)
- Audiology
- Perfusion
- Healthcare Management
- Social Work

FACULTY OF SPORTS SCIENCES

- Coaching Training
- Coaching Training (English)
- Exercise and Sport Sciences
- Exercise and Sports for Disabled
- Recreation
- Sports Management

ISTANBUL GELISIM VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

- Culinary
- Banking and Insurance
- Computer-Aided Design and Animation
- Computer Programming
- Computer Programming (English)
- Computer Technologies
- Information Security Technologies
- Maritime and Port Management
- Foreign Trade
- Electronics Technology
- Food Technology
- Graphic Design
- Public Relations and Advertisement
- Air Logistics
- Technology Of Hybrid and Electric vehicles
- Interior Design
- Human Resources Management
- Drone Technology and Operations
- Construction Technology
- Logistics
- Court Office Services
- Machinery
- Mechatronics
- Fashion Design
- Car Body and Surface Finishing Technologies
- Pastry and Bakery
- Civil Aviation Transportation Management
- Civil Aviation Transportation Management (English)
- Civil Aviation Cabin Services
- Civil Aviation Cabin Services (English)
- Tourist Guiding
- Aircraft Technology
- Flight Operations Management



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Physiotherapy
- Oral and Dental Health
- Operating Room Services
- Anesthesia
- Biomedical Device Technology
- Child Development
- Dental Prosthetics Technology
- Dialysis
- Electroneurophysiology
- Physiotherapy
- Physiotherapy (English)
- Food Quality Control and Analysis
- First and Emergency Aid
- Laboratory Technology
- Audiometry
- Opticianry
- Orthopedic Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Autopsy Assistant Training
- Pathology Laboratory Techniques
- Podology
- Radiotherapy
- Hair Care and Beauty Services
- Medical Documentation and Secretarial
- Medical Imaging Techniques
- Medical Laboratory Techniques

Discover detailed information about all departments and their curricula here:

[IGU Faculties](#)



GRADUATE STUDIES

IGU offers a wide range of Master's (with/without thesis) and PhD programs, equipping graduates with advanced knowledge and research skills.

Graduate Fields (English-medium options available):

- Engineering and Technology (Computer, Civil, Electrical-Electronics, Mechatronics, Aviation, Architecture)
- Social Sciences (Political Science, International Relations, Sociology, Business, Psychology, Communication)
- Health Sciences (Nutrition, Physiotherapy, Audiology, Clinical Psychology, Child Development)
- Specialized Areas (Aviation Management, Security Studies, Exercise Sciences, Gastronomy)

MASTER'S WITH THESIS

- Addiction Psychology
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Cyber Security
- Computational Sciences
- Child Development
- Economics and Finance
- Economics and Finance (English)
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering (English)
- Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation
- Gastronomy
- Visual Communication Design
- Security Studies
- Public Relations and Publicity
- Exercise and Training Sciences
- Aviation Management
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineering (English)
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Business Administration
- Business Administration (English)
- Clinical Psychology
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Architecture
- Audiology
- Psychology
- Healthcare Management
- Political Science and Public Administration
- Political Science and Public Administration (English)
- Political Science and International Relations
- Political Science and International Relations (English)
- Sociology
- Sports Management
- Psychosocial Fields Of Sports
- Turkish Language and Literature
- Aircraft Engineering
- Aircraft Engineering (English)
- International Trade and Logistics
- New Media, Communication and Journalism

MASTER'S WITH NO THESIS

- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Engineering (English)
- Cyber Security
- Computational Sciences
- Child Development
- Economics and Finance
- Economics and Finance (English)
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation
- Gastronomy
- Visual Communication Design
- Public Relations and Publicity
- Exercise and Training Sciences
- Aviation Management
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineering (English)
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Occupational Health and Safety (Distance Education)
- Business Administration
- Business Administration (English)
- Business Administration (Distance Education)
- Business Administration (Distance Education) (English)
- Clinical Psychology
- Architecture
- Architecture (English)
- Engineering Management
- Psychology

- Healthcare Management
- Political Science and Public Administration (English)
- Political Science and International Relations
- Political Science and International Relations (English)
- Sociology
- Sports Management
- Psychosocial Fields Of Sports
- Tour Guide Training
- Turkish Language and Literature
- Aircraft Engineering
- Aircraft Engineering (English)
- International Logistics and Transportation
- International Trade and Logistics

PHD

- Economics and Finance
- Economics and Finance (English)
- Gastronomy
- Exercise and Training Sciences
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineering (English)
- Business Administration
- Business Administration (English)
- Political Science and International Relations
- Sports Management
- Aircraft Engineering

Detailed program information:

- [Master's Studies](#)
- [PhD Studies](#)



IGU IN NUMBERS

- **40,000+ students** (7,500 international from 100+ countries)
- **55,000+ alumni** network worldwide
- **150 laboratories & 22 research centers**
- **5 libraries** with 190,000+ printed books and 4 million e-resources
- **900+ patents**, especially in technology and engineering fields
- **40+ accredited programs** — highest among Turkish foundation universities (Learn more about our accreditations here:

[Accreditation Details](#))



RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

IGU promotes a strong R&D culture supported by advanced facilities and dedicated centers:

- **Scientific Research Projects Office:** Supports projects under TÜBİTAK, Horizon Europe, and internal grants.
- **Technology Transfer Office (TTO):** Bridges academia and industry; developed the award-winning Jet-Drone Project; secured 900+ patents.
- **International Exchange & Cooperation Office (IECO):** Manages Erasmus+, EIT, and Horizon Europe projects. Recently launched Cybershield Innovators, funded by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

More on Jet-Drone: [TTO Jet-Drone Project](#)

Learn more about the Cybershield Innovators Project: <https://csinnovator.com/>



GLOBAL RECOGNITION AND RANKINGS



IGU is recognized worldwide for academic excellence and sustainability:

- **QS Rankings 2025:** Top 500 in Europe; 4th among Turkish foundation universities
- **THE Rankings 2025:** 1001–1200 globally; 2nd in Türkiye for research quality
- **SCImago 2025:** 1st in Türkiye in Economics, Planning & Development, Civil Engineering
- **YÖK 2024:** 1st in Türkiye for number of accredited programs and sustainability investments
- **Stanford University List:** 5 IGU scholars ranked among “World’s Most Influential Academicians”
- **THE Impact Rankings 2025:** Top 200 globally in Sustainable Energy, Quality Education, and Reduced Inequalities
- **GreenMetric 2024:** Top 15 among Turkish foundation universities in sustainability

INTERNATIONALIZATION

IGU is a globally connected institution with 250+ partnerships across five continents.

- **Erasmus+ KA131:** 400+ agreements in Europe; €384,000 budget (2025)
- **Erasmus+ KA171:** Partnerships with USA, Canada, Japan, South Korea, and more
- **Global Exchange Programs:** Bilateral agreements enable fee-free semester exchanges
- **Free Mover Program:** Students can study at IGU independently with reduced fees

CAMPUS LIFE

IGU offers a modern, student-friendly campus in Istanbul:

- Innovative classrooms, labs, and libraries
- 80+ student clubs and associations
- Arts, sports, and cultural activities year-round
- Free parking, metrobus access, and shuttle services
- On-campus hospital: Faculty of Dentistry’s Dental Hospital serving both students and the public



EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES AT IGU

- IGU actively takes part in the Erasmus+ Programme, offering students and staff a wide range of opportunities for exchange, collaboration, and international experience. Erasmus+ is an EU initiative that supports education, training, youth, and mobility projects worldwide.

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMS

- **KA131:** Exchange mobility between Erasmus+ programme countries.
- IGU holds more than **400+ agreements** with over **160 European universities**, covering 20+ countries including Germany, Italy, France, and Spain. In 2025 alone, IGU was granted a budget of **€384,000** to support this project.
- **KA171:** Exchange mobility between Erasmus+ programme countries and non-programme countries.
- IGU currently partners with universities in the **USA, Canada, Japan, South Korea, and more**, with a total of **24 global partners**.

GLOBAL EXCHANGE AND FREE MOVER OPTIONS

Beyond Erasmus+, IGU also maintains an active Global Exchange network, built on bilateral agreements that allow students to spend a semester abroad with tuition fees waived.

For those without an exchange agreement, IGU offers a Free Mover Program, where students may study for one or two semesters by paying a reduced semester fee. Applicants can choose their preferred field of study directly, without the limitations of existing agreements.

STUDENT VISITS

IGU frequently hosts short-term visit programs. Recently, the university welcomed over 30 students and staff from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia through the OUTREACH program.

HOW TO APPLY FOR EXCHANGE AT IGU

- **KA131:** Requires an exchange agreement between IGU and the home university. Students and staff should contact their international office to confirm an agreement. Once nominated, IGU's International Exchange and Cooperation Office (IECO) provides guidance throughout the application process. (Note: Staff training mobility does not require an agreement.)
- **KA171:** Requires a jointly prepared and approved project. Students and staff should contact their international office to initiate a partnership with IGU. If selected, nominees will be guided through the process by IECO.
- **Global Exchange:** Requires a bilateral agreement. The home university nominates students to IGU, and IECO assists with applications.
- **Free Mover:** Requires no agreement. Students apply directly to IECO by submitting:
 - Application Form (provided by IECO)
 - Learning Agreement
 - Transcript of Records
 - Passport Copy
 - Portrait Photograph

For all exchange opportunities, contact IGU's International Exchange and Cooperation Office: **udio-k@gelisim.edu.tr**



TRANSPORTATION

Istanbul Gelisim University is conveniently located near the Beylikdüzü D-100 highway on the European side of Istanbul.

- **Easy Access:** Just a short walk from the Metrobus station.
- **Campus Shuttles:** Regular ring services connect our faculties to the Metrobus line.
- **By Car:** Students who prefer driving can benefit from the free on-campus parking.

ACCOMMODATION

At Istanbul Gelisim University, students can choose from various housing options tailored to their needs and budgets. IGU does not operate its own dormitories. However, the university collaborates with private student residences and partner dormitories located close to campus. For those who prefer comfort and flexibility, nearby hotels are available for both short and long stays. Platforms such as Trivago, Enuygun, and Hotels.com make it easy to compare options. Students seeking independence may rent apartments ranging from studios (1+0) to family-sized flats (3+1), furnished or unfurnished. Shared apartments with roommates are also popular and cost-effective.



WHY CHOOSE IGU?

- » Internationally accredited programs
- » Global partnerships & exchange opportunities
- » Strong R&D culture & innovation hub
- » Multicultural student body from 100+ countries
- » Prestigious rankings & global recognition
- » Strategic location in Istanbul, the bridge between Europe and Asia

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