



## **University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME (BIP) / APPLICATIONS**

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ANNOUNCEMENT CAREFULLY.**

One of our partner universities, University of Veliko Tarnovo, will organize Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Program mobility on "*Language Policy and International Diplomacy*" between 17.04.2026 and 8.05.2026. A total of 10 students from the following departments will be able to participate from our university. Applications for the BIP program will be received between **07 January - 14 January 2025** via the following link: <https://turnaportal.ua.gov.tr/>

### **Departments that can apply to the BIP Project**

#### **Bachelor's Degree:**

- Political Science and International Relations (TR – EN)
- Political Science and Public Administration
- English Translation and Interpreting
- English Language and Literature

#### **Master's Degree:**

- Political Science and International Relations (Master) (TR – EN)
- Political Science and Public Administration (Master) (TR – EN)

*Applications from departments other than the departments mentioned above will not be accepted.*

### **What is a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)?**

Blended Intensive Programs (BIPs) are short, intensive educational programs that use innovative teaching and learning methods, including online collaboration. BIPs aim to reach students from all fields of study and levels of education, from different cultural, social and economic backgrounds, with a new and more flexible mobility format that combines physical mobility with online learning.

The Physical mobility part of the BIP event "*Language Policy and International Diplomacy*" will take place in University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria on **April 20-24, 2026**. **Participation in online courses is mandatory before the physical mobility.** Online courses will be held between **17/04/2026 - 08/05/2026**. The course to be taken within the scope of BIP will be 3 ECTS. The detailed schedule and description of the program is given below.



<b>Name of the Blended intensive (BIP) mobility Course</b>	<i>Language Policy and International Diplomacy</i>
<b>ECTS</b>	3
<b>Year, Semester</b>	2025-2026 Academic Year Spring Semester
<b>Start Date</b>	17/04/2026
<b>End Date</b>	08/05/2026
<b>Start Date Virtual Component</b>	17/04/2026
<b>End Date Virtual Component</b>	08/05/2026
<b>Physical Mobility Start and End Date</b>	20/04/2026 - 24/04/2026
<b>Virtual Component Description</b>	<p>The main objectives of the Language Policy and International Diplomacy blended intensive programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developing understanding of language policies and their role in international relations</li><li>• Developing competencies for intercultural and institutional communication</li><li>• Developing soft skills and critical thinking to work in the field of international diplomacy</li><li>• Developing negotiation skills in the field of foreign policy and international relations</li><li>• Developing communication skills in English as a lingua franca</li><li>• The main activities of the programme include:</li><li>• Lectures and seminars on language policy issues</li><li>• Lectures and seminars in the field of multilingualism and international diplomacy</li><li>• Mock international negotiations</li><li>• Intercultural seminars</li><li>• Field work</li></ul> <p>The training is conducted in a blended format that integrates on-site lectures and seminars with an online component. A variety of pedagogical approaches are used to encourage active participation, teamwork, and intercultural communication. The main methods include lectures, seminars, and discussions to develop critical thinking, project-based learning, role-playing, and simulations of diplomatic negotiations. Upon completion of the blended intensive programme, participants are expected to have acquired in-depth knowledge of contemporary language policies in relation to established practices in international diplomacy and to have developed</p>



	<p>skills for assessing linguistic diversity in a global context. As a result of their comprehensive training, participants will be prepared to work in state institutions and international organizations that implement language policies in a national and international context. The virtual component includes two days of online training. The first day features an introduction to language policies and international diplomacy focusing on some basic concepts and approaches. It is complemented by an analysis of the language policies of the UN and the EU. Working groups are formed for in-person mobility; the main objectives will be outlined and preliminary projects will be assigned. The second day features a discussion and a comparative analysis of national and international language policies. The programme concludes with group project presentations on multilingualism and language policies in the BIP participating countries – Bulgaria, Greece, Morocco, Romania and Türkiye.</p>
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## Who can apply?

- Full-time students enrolled in one of the above-mentioned higher education programs Political Science and International Relations (TR – EN), Political Science and Public Administration, English Translation and Interpreting and English Language and Literature, at any of the first and second levels of formal education within the higher education institution,
- a) The cumulative academic grade point average of first level students must be at least 2.20/4.00
- 2) Students who have a Foreign Language Certificate showing at least 60 out of 100

*Students who do not meet these criteria can not apply. The student's unsuccessful course(s) are not an obstacle to the Erasmus+ study and internship mobility application.*

**Important Note:** *Students who are currently participating in the Erasmus+ study mobility for the Spring semester of the 2025-2026 academic year cannot apply.*

## Necessary Documents for Application

- **Transcript:** Your transcript document that you will submit in the application must be signed, sealed, and current dated (taken within the application dates). Your grade point average will be automatically calculated via the e-government system. If your GPA is different from the GPA indicated on your current dated transcript from the student



affairs, you should write your current GPA indicated on the transcript in the relevant field in the application portal.

- **Foreign Language Certificate:** **There will be no separate Foreign Language exam for applications.**

For students who have a certificate, the scores obtained from YÖKDİL and YDS within the last 5 years will be valid instead of the exam grade. Apart from these exams, the scores obtained within the last 5 years from the exams accepted as equivalent by ÖSYM will be accepted based on the most up-to-date conversion table published by ÖSYM.

Foreign Language Documents and Foreign Language Exemption Examination Documents of students who have taken the Erasmus foreign language exam conducted by our university and have an exam grade will be accepted in the application.

## Evaluation Criteria

In the evaluation; 50% of the General Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) and 50% of the Foreign Language Score are taken. The sum of these scores forms the final score (Erasmus+ Grand Total Score).

Selection criteria and weighted scores to be used in evaluating applications:

Criteria	Weighted Score
Academic achievement level	%50 (out of a total of 100 points)
Language level	%50 (out of a total of 100 points)
To the children of martyrs and veterans	+15 points
Students with disabilities (provided the disability is documented)	+10 points <sup>1</sup>
Under the Social Services Law No. 2828 for students who have been given protection, care or accommodation decisions	+10 points <sup>2</sup>
Themselves or their first-degree relatives from AFAD recipients of disaster relief	+10 points
Earlier benefit (with or without grant))	-10 points <sup>3</sup>
Participating in mobility in the country of citizenship	-10 points

<sup>1</sup> For prioritization, the student must submit the Disability Health Board report included in the "Regulation on Disability Assessment for Adults" published in the Official Gazette dated February 20, 2019 and numbered 30692

<sup>2</sup> For prioritization, protection of the student from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies in accordance with Law No. 2828, must submit a letter stating that it is a care or accommodation decision.

<sup>3</sup>In addition to the average of academic achievement and foreign language scores; While calculating the Erasmus selection score of the students who have benefited from higher education studying or internship mobility within the scope of Erasmus + (2014-2020 or 2021-2027) within the same education level, 10 points are deducted for each mobility (no matter it is study or internship).



## Quotas

In line with the information received from Bucharest University of Economic, the distribution was made by giving priority to undergraduate departments.

<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political Science and International Relations (TR – EN)</li><li>• Political Science and Public Administration</li><li>• English Translation and Interpreting</li><li>• English Language and Literature</li></ul>	<b>10</b>
<b>Master's Degree:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political Science and International Relations (Master) (TR – EN)</li><li>• Political Science and Public Administration (Master) (TR – EN)</li></ul>	

## Grants

Individual support is provided to students for the physical component of the BIP program.

Individual support amounts are determined as follows:

Duration of the Activity	Grant (The country associated with the program or The country not associated with the program)
Until the 14th day of the activity	79 Euros Daily

*Individual support grant for one travel day before the activity and one travel day following the activity.*

## Additional Grant Support

Additional grant support will be provided to participants with limited opportunities in addition to the grant they deserve. In addition for the grant in question to be granted, a participant with limited means is defined as an individual with limited economic and social opportunities and who fits into the following subcategories.

- 1) Those who are subject to Law No. 2828 (Those who have a protection, care or shelter decision by the Ministry of Family and Social Services pursuant to Law No. 2828)



- 2) Students for whom protection, care, or accommodation decision has been taken within the scope of Child Protection Law No. 5395
- 3) Those who have no other parent's income and receive an orphan/death pension
- 4) Children of martyrs/veterans
- 5) Those who are granted a pension for themselves or their families (the student, their parents or guardians), who prove that they have received financial support from municipalities, public institutions and organizations (Ministry, Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations, General Directorate of Foundations, Kızılay, AFAD) at the time of their Erasmus application. It is sufficient to submit a document.)
- 6) Disabled people<sup>4</sup>
- 7) Students who have one of their parents or their guardians, who are over 65, and who receive disability or needy pension within the scope of Law No. 2022, dated 01.07.1976 on the Pension Funding of the Needy, Powerless and Orphaned Turkish Citizens and the Disabled and Needy Turkish Citizens <sup>5</sup>

Mobility Type	Additional Grant Support Amount
short-term student mobility between 5-14 days	100 € in addition to the daily grant total

## Travel Support

In order to support students' travel expenses, the distance between the starting point of the mobility and the host location is determined using the distance calculator provided by the European Commission (<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>) .The travel grant is then calculated based on the table below. The distance band shown in the calculator represents the total grant amount for a round trip; therefore, the amount is not multiplied by two.

Distance Band <sup>6</sup>	Standard Travel Grant Amount (Avro)	Green Travel Grant Amount (Avro)
Between 10-99 KM	28	56
Between 100-499 KM	211	285
Between 500-1999 KM	309	417
Between 2000-2999 KM	395	535

<sup>4</sup> Disabled persons with a disability rate of at least 50% documented by the Disability Health Board report included in the "Regulation on Disability Assessment for Adults" published in the Official Gazette dated February 20, 2019 and numbered 30692

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.mevzuat.gov.tr/MevzuatMetin/1.5.2022.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Based on travel distance per participant. Travel distances should be calculated using the distance calculator provided by the European Commission ([http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)). A one-way travel distance should be used to calculate the EU amount to support round-trip travel..



Between 3000-3999 KM	580	785
Between 4000-7999 KM	1188	1188
8000+ KM or more	1735	1735

### **Important Notes:**

- Please do not apply without reading the relevant announcement text.
- The applications of our students who want to benefit from BIP will be received ONLINE through the portal system (<https://turnaportal.ua.gov.tr/>) between **January 07, 2026 and January 14, 2026**. No application or document entry will be possible after the specified date.
- You need to enter the application system with your e-government password.
- In the Contact Information section, please report your current e-mail address that you actively use. Our Office cannot be held responsible for any problems that may occur during the process due to an error in the e-mail statement.
- Please check your application form in the confirmation section. If there is no missing or wrong click on the "Complete the application" tab. Only completed applications can be seen by our Office.
- Please make sure that you have uploaded all the necessary documents, the application form, and your approved up-to-date transcript as pdf to the system.
- You can send an e-mail to [erasmus@gelisim.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@gelisim.edu.tr) regarding the technical problems you experience with the applications.
- Applications will **end on January 14, 2026**. Please do not leave your application until the last minute.
- Students are responsible and obliged to follow our <https://udio-k.gelisim.edu.tr> and student e-mail addresses regularly in order not to miss any announcements or updates. It is recommended that you follow our [erasmus\\_igu](http://erasmus_igu) page in order to reach announcements and updates more easily.

### **Application Calendar**

<b>Application Dates</b>	:	07/01/2026-14/01/2026
<b>Virtual Component/Program</b>	:	17/04/2026-08/05/2026
<b>Short-term physical mobility</b>	:	20/04/2026 - 24/04/2026
<b>Quotas (Associate degree, Bachelor's, Master's)</b>	:	10