

GAZI UNIVERSITY
DIRECTIVE FOR ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL / FOREIGN NATIONAL
STUDENTS TO ASSOCIATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS ON A
SELF-FINANCED BASIS

CHAPTER ONE

Purpose, Scope, Legal Basis, and Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 – (1) The purpose of this Directive is to regulate the principles and procedures for the application, admission, and registration of candidates who wish to study on a self-financed basis in the associate and undergraduate degree programs of Gazi University.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 – (1) This Directive covers the application requirements, application procedures, evaluation of applications, selection, admission, and registration processes for candidates who wish to study on a self-financed basis in the associate and undergraduate degree programs at Gazi University.

Legal Basis

ARTICLE 3 – (1) This Directive is based on paragraph (f) of Article 45 of the Higher Education Law No. 2547, the principles determined by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) regarding the admission of international students, and Article 9 of the Gazi University Associate and Undergraduate Education and Examination Regulation.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4 – (1) The terms used in this Directive are defined as follows:

- a) **Candidate:** A person who wishes to pursue an associate or undergraduate degree at Gazi University on a self-financed basis,
- b) **Education Commission:** The Education Commission of Gazi University,
- c) **International Student Application, Evaluation and Selection Commission:** The commission appointed annually by the Rectorate of Gazi University, composed of the Vice Rector responsible for education, the Coordinator of Educational Institutions, four members designated by the Education Commission, and the Head of the Student Affairs Department,
- d) **Faculty:** Faculties affiliated with Gazi University,
- e) **Vocational School (MYO):** Vocational schools affiliated with Gazi University,
- f) **Student Affairs Department (ÖİDB):** The Department of Student Affairs at Gazi University,
- g) **Program:** Educational activities at associate and undergraduate levels carried out based on a defined curriculum,
- h) **Senate:** The Senate of Gazi University,
- i) **TÖMER:** Gazi University Turkish Language Learning, Research and Application Center,
- j) **University:** Gazi University,
- k) **YÖK:** Council of Higher Education,
- l) **TR-YÖS:** Türkiye International Student Admission Exam.

CHAPTER TWO

Principles for the Admission of International Students

Quota

ARTICLE 5

- (1) No quotas shall be allocated to programs related to Vocational and Technical Education Regions.
- (2) Quotas and special conditions for the admission of international students to associate and undergraduate programs are determined by the University Senate and reported to YÖK by the Student Affairs Department.
- (3) The quotas and application requirements for associate and undergraduate programs are announced on the websites of YÖK and the Student Affairs Department.
- (4) It is not obligatory to fill all announced quotas. Unfilled quotas cannot be transferred to other programs.

Eligibility Requirements

ARTICLE 6

- (1) Provided that the candidate is in the final year of high school or has graduated, the following individuals may apply within the framework of the principles set by YÖK for the admission of international students:
 - a) Foreign nationals (those enrolled in Turkish high schools before the 2022–2023 academic year are eligible, excluding embassy schools, international private schools listed in the MOBIS system, and those brought to Türkiye under Ministry of National Education projects),
 - b) Individuals who were Turkish citizens by birth but renounced their citizenship with permission from the Ministry of Interior, and those with a "blue card" indicating this status (provided they enrolled in Turkish high schools before the 2022–2023 academic year),
 - c) Foreign nationals who later acquired Turkish citizenship / dual citizens in this situation (same high school enrollment requirement applies),
 - d) Turkish citizens who completed their entire high school education in a foreign country, excluding the TRNC (includes Turkish schools abroad under the Ministry of National Education),
 - e) TRNC citizens who:
 - Reside and completed high school in the TRNC and have GCE AL results,
 - Enrolled in and graduated from high schools or colleges in other countries between 2005–2010 with GCE AL results or completed all high school education abroad and possess a valid TR-YÖS score.
- (2) Applicants must have obtained at least the minimum score from one of the exams/diplomas or earned a medal specified in the annex to this Directive for their application to be considered valid.

Accepted Exams / Diplomas

ARTICLE 7

- (1) Applicants who completed high school in countries where TR-YÖS is administered must submit a TR-YÖS score report valid for two years. These applicants are evaluated based on their TR-YÖS scores.
- (2) Applicants from countries where TR-YÖS is not administered must apply with one of the national or international exams/diplomas listed in the annex.
- (3) There is no validity period limit for medals obtained in international science olympiads.

Application Process and Required Documents

ARTICLE 8

- (1) Application dates, requirements, required documents, and explanations are announced on the website of the Gazi University Student Affairs Department.
- (2) Applications are submitted online through the Gazi University Student Information System.
- (3) Applicants must upload the following:
 - a) Official score report of an accepted exam/diploma/medal meeting the minimum criteria in the annex,
 - b) Diploma or temporary graduation certificate,
 - c) High school equivalency certificate (obtained from Turkish embassies abroad or Provincial Directorates of National Education within Türkiye),
 - d) Official transcript showing all high school courses and grades, along with a certified Turkish translation,
 - e) Copy of the passport page showing identity information and validity,

- f) One passport-sized photo (4.5x6 cm, in color, taken within the last six months),
- g) Financial Guarantee Statement Form.

Evaluation and Admission

ARTICLE 9

- (1) Applications are evaluated by the International Student Application, Evaluation and Selection Commission.¹
- (2) The Commission ranks candidates who meet the conditions listed in the annex based on their scores (converted to a 100-point scale), taking into account the order of preference and country quotas.²
- (3) If the scores are equal, the younger candidate is placed. If there is equality in all criteria for the applied program, the admission process is carried out by lottery.
- (4) Candidates who apply to programs that accept students with a special talent exam are accepted to the special talent exam held for the relevant program. These candidates must also pass the special talent exam in order to be accepted to the University.
- (5) The evaluation results are presented to the Senate following the approval of the Education Commission.

CHAPTER THREE

Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

Turkish language education

ARTICLE 11

- (1) The Turkish proficiency level of the registered student is determined by the TÖMER (Turkish Teaching Center) Directorate before the start of the academic year.
- (2) Students placed in programs whose language of instruction is entirely foreign must have a B1 level of Turkish proficiency, and students placed in programs whose language of instruction is entirely or partially Turkish must have a C1 level of Turkish proficiency.
 - a) Students accepted to a program where the language of instruction is entirely or partially Turkish must have a C1 level Turkish proficiency certificate in order to begin their education. Students who fail to present a C1 level Turkish proficiency certificate within two years for any reason other than the excuses stated in the Gazi University Justified and Valid Reasons Directive will have their registration cancelled.
 - b) Students enrolled in a program where the language of instruction is entirely a foreign language may begin their education without presenting a Turkish proficiency certificate, but must document that their Turkish proficiency is at the B1 level within two years. Students who fail to present a B1 level Turkish proficiency certificate within two years for any reason other than the excuses stated in the Gazi University Justified and Valid Reasons Directive will have their registration cancelled.

Student Rights

ARTICLE 12

- (1) Application and exam fees to be collected from candidates are deposited into bank accounts determined by the Strategy Development Department in accordance with Article 55 of Law No. 2547. Fees paid by candidates who have completed their applications are not refundable.
- (2) Students who are entitled to study at the university with their own means pay the tuition fee determined each year for the program they are registered for during their student years. The tuition fee to be charged

¹ Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law No. 5901 states: (1) A child born within or outside of Turkey to a Turkish citizen mother or father within a marital union is a Turkish citizen. It is beneficial for candidates applying for quotas from abroad to review the Turkish Citizenship Law.

² In the TR-YÖS application guide published on the ÖSYM website, the countries where the exam will be held are specified.

to these students for each year is determined by the University Board of Directors before the beginning of the academic year, within the framework of the principles determined by the Presidential Decree.

(3) No support (cash, dormitory, stationery, food, etc.) other than those promised in the relevant and related legislation is provided to students who register at the university within the scope of accepting students from abroad.

(4) Students can apply for voluntary insurance from the Social Security Institution within three months from the date of their first registration to the programs they are accepted to. Students who do not apply to the Social Security Institution within this period will not be registered for general health insurance again during their education.

(5) Candidates must submit a “Financial Security Declaration Form” or a commitment letter at the time of registration stating that they have the financial means to continue their higher education in Turkey.

Cases where no provision exists

ARTICLE 14

- (1) In cases not covered by this Directive, Gazi University Associate and Undergraduate Education-Teaching and Examination Regulation and the Higher Education Council and Senate decisions shall apply.

Abolished directive

ARTICLE 15

- (1) Gazi University Associate and Undergraduate Programs Admission Directive for Foreign Students from Abroad, which was accepted with the decision numbered 2024/149 at the Senate meeting dated 05.04.2024, has been abolished.

Enforcement

ARTICLE 16

- (1) This Directive shall enter into force as of the date of its approval by the Senate.

Execution

ARTICLE 17

- (1) The provisions of this Directive shall be enforced by the Rector of Gazi University.

ANNEX: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXAMS/DIPLOMAS TO BE USED IN ADMISSION OF STUDENTS FROM ABROAD FOR GAZİ UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Explanation: The criteria listed below represent the minimum requirements for applying to the relevant program during the international student admission process, and meeting these criteria does not guarantee acceptance. Acceptance and rejection decisions are made within the quotas announced for the relevant program and as a result of a holistic evaluation made with other application documents submitted by the candidate.

Minimum Requirements for Associate and Undergraduate Education Programs			
	Exam / Diploma Name	Base Scores for Undergraduate Programs	Base Scores for Associate Degree Programs or Programs Accepting Students with Special Aptitude Exams
Exam Types	TR-YÖS (Exam for Foreign Students wanting to study in Türkiye)	At least 400 points out of 500 points	At least 300 points out of 500 points
	International Baccalaureate (IB)	At least 35 points out of 45	At least 28 points out of 45
	ACT Exam	At least 30 points out of 36 full points	At least 22 points out of 36 full points
	GCE A Level Exam	<p>Applications for undergraduate programs are made with the grades from three courses taken from the GCE A Level exam. At least two of these courses must be related to the field to which the application will be made. The third course may be out of field.</p> <p>The grades of two of the courses used in the application must be at least A. The third course requires a grade of at least B.</p>	<p>Applications for associate degree programs are made with the grades of three courses taken from the GCE A Level exam. At least two of these courses must be related to the field to which the application will be made. The third course may be out of field.</p> <p>The grades of two of the courses used in the application must be at least B level.</p>

Country	Requirements for Applying to Bachelor's Programs	Requirements for Applying to Associate Degree Programs
Austria	To have a maximum of 2.5 points out of 5 on the Central High School Graduation Exam (Matura / Reifeprüfung).	To have a maximum of 3 points out of 5 on the Central High School Graduation Exam (Matura / Reifeprüfung).
Angola	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Habilitacao Literarias) with a grade point average of at least 16 out of 20, and grades of at least 16 out of 20 in subjects related to the program applied for.	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Habilitacao Literarias) with an average grade of at least 13 out of 20, and grades of at least 13 out of 20 in subjects related to the program applied for
Bahrain	At least 90% in the relevant subject area of the Central Secondary School Leaving Examination.	At least 70% in the relevant subject area of the Central Secondary School Leaving Examination.
United Arab Emirates	At least 90% in the Central High School Leaving Examination in the field related to the program applied for.	At least 70% in the Central High School Leaving Examination in the field related to the program applied for.
United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland)	Two A-levels (Advanced Level) with at least an A grade in one of the subjects related to the program applied for in the AL and ASL exams; additionally, A* = 140, A = 120, B = 100, C = 80 for A-level grades, and half of these points for AS-level (Advanced Subsidiary Level) grades in subjects other than A-level subjects, resulting in a minimum total of 320 points.	In the AL and ASL exams, at least two A-levels (Advanced Level) with a minimum grade of B in subjects related to the program applied for; additionally, A-level grades are calculated as A* = 140, A = 120, B = 100, C = 80, and for AS-level (Advanced Subsidiary Level) grades in subjects different from A-level subjects, half of these points are taken into account to calculate a minimum total of 280 points.
Burkina Faso	Have a minimum score of 14 in the Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement du Second Degré (Baccalaureate).	Have a minimum score of 12 in the Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement du Second Degré (Baccalaureate).
People's Republic of China	In the Central University Entrance Examination (Gaokao), a minimum of 500 points out of 750 in the score type of the program applied for, or a minimum of 85% in the 12-year high school diploma (Senior Secondary School Certificate) grade.	In the Central University Entrance Examination (Gaokao), a minimum score of 450 out of 750 in the program's scoring category or a minimum grade of 70% on the 12-year high school diploma (Senior Secondary School Certificate).
Palestine	At least 90% in the relevant field of the program applied for in the Central High School Graduation Exam.	At least 70% in the relevant field of the program applied for in the Central High School Graduation Exam.

Gambia	A maximum total of 15 points from five subjects, including three related to the applied program, in the "West African Examination Council– (International) Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC – SSCE)."	A maximum total of 21 points from five subjects, including three related to the applied program, in the "West African Examination Council– (International) Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC – SSCE)."
South Korea	A minimum standard score of 500 out of 800 in the relevant subject of the applied program in the "College Scholastic Aptitude Test (CSAT)" conducted by the "Korea Institute of Curriculum & Evaluation (KICE)."	A minimum standard score of 400 out of 800 in the relevant subject of the applied program in the "College Scholastic Aptitude Test (CSAT)" conducted by the "Korea Institute of Curriculum & Evaluation (KICE)."
Georgia	A minimum GPA of 4 in the Georgian High School Diploma (Attestat o Srednem (Polinom) Obshchem Obrazovanii).	A minimum GPA of 3 in the Georgian High School Diploma (Attestat o Srednem (Polinom) Obshchem Obrazovanii).
Croatia	A minimum average grade of 4 in the Croatian Matura.	A minimum average grade of 3 in the Croatian Matura.
Iran	<p>For candidates who graduated from high school before the 2018–2019 academic year: A minimum score of 18 out of 20 in both the final average of the four-year high school education (Dabiristan) and the Pre-University Education (Pishdaneshgahi) for the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy; a minimum of 17 out of 20 for other faculties.</p> <p>For candidates who graduated from high school in or after the 2018–2019 academic year: A minimum 12th-grade graduation average of 18 out of 20 for the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy; a minimum of 17 out of 20 for other faculties.</p>	<p>20 For candidates who graduated from high school before the 2018–2019 academic year: A minimum score of 16 out of 20 in both the final average of the four-year high school education (Dabiristan) and the Pre-University Education (Pishdaneshgahi).</p> <p>For candidates who graduated from high school in or after the 2018–2019 academic year: A minimum 12th-grade graduation average of 16 out of 20.</p>
Sweden	Provided that the high school diploma grants eligibility for a 4-year undergraduate program, the candidate must have obtained at least a grade C in each subject related to the applied program.	Provided that the high school diploma grants eligibility for a 2-year undergraduate program, the candidate must have obtained at least a grade D in each subject related to the applied program.
Qatar	A minimum of 90% in the relevant subject of the applied program in the National Secondary School Leaving Examination.	A minimum of 70% in the relevant subject of the applied program in the National Secondary School Leaving Examination.
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)	GCE A Level For undergraduate program applications: Applicants must present scores from three GCE A Level subjects. At least two of these subjects must be related to the intended field of study; the third subject may be unrelated. At least two grades must be A, and the third must be at least a B.	GCE A Level For associate degree (2-year) program applications: Applicants must present scores from three GCE A Level subjects. At least two of these subjects must be related to the intended field of study; the third subject may be unrelated. At least two grades must be B or higher.

	TR-YÖS A minimum score of 400 out of 500 is required.	TR-YÖS A minimum score of 400 out of 500 is required.
Kuwait	A minimum of 90% in the relevant subject of the applied program in the National Secondary School Leaving Examination.	A minimum of 70% in the relevant subject of the applied program in the National Secondary School Leaving Examination.
Liberia	A maximum total of 15 points from five subjects, including three subjects relevant to the applied program, in the “West African Examination Council – (International) Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC – SSCE)”.	A maximum total of 21 points from five subjects, including three subjects relevant to the applied program, in the “West African Examination Council – (International) Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC – SSCE)”.
Lebanon	For the Lebanese Baccalaureate (General Secondary Education Certificate), a minimum score of 16 out of 20 in the General Sciences and Life Sciences branches for programs related to these fields, and a minimum of 13 out of 20 in other branches.	For the Lebanese Baccalaureate (General Secondary Education Certificate), a minimum score of 14 out of 20 in the General Sciences and Life Sciences branches for programs related to these fields, and a minimum of 12 out of 20 in other branches.
Norway	A minimum score of 4.00 out of 6 in the Norwegian Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate.	A minimum score of 3 out of 6 in the Norwegian Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate.
Rwanda	Must have passed at least three subjects at the “principal” level in the Rwanda AGSCE (Rwanda Advanced General Secondary Certificate Examination – RAGSCE) Advanced Level (AL), and obtained at least an A grade in two subjects relevant to the applied program.	Must have passed at least three subjects at the “principal” level in the Rwanda AGSCE (Rwanda Advanced General Secondary Certificate Examination – RAGSCE) Advanced Level (AL), and obtained at least a B grade in two subjects relevant to the applied program.
Sierra Leone	A maximum of 15 points in five subjects of the “West African Examination Council- (International) Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC - SSCE)” exam, three of which are related to the program applied for.	A maximum of 21 points in five subjects of the “West African Examination Council- (International) Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC - SSCE)” exam, three of which are related to the program applied for.
Sudan	To have a minimum average of 90% in the Sudan High School Diploma (Sudan School Certificate)	To have at least 70% average in Sudanese High School Diploma (Sudan School Certificate).
Syria	At least 90% in the branch related to the applied program in the Central High School Graduation Examination.	At least 70% in the branch related to the program applied for in the Central High School Graduation Exam.
Togo	At least 14 points in the baccalaureate exam (The Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement du Second Degré).	At least 12 points in the baccalaureate exam (The Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement du Second Degré).
Turkmenistan	To have at least a 4 average in Turkmenistan High School Diploma.	To have at least a 3 average in Turkmenistan High School Diploma.
Oman	To have one of the so-called high school graduation certificates such as Baccalaureate/General High School Graduation Examination/Matura/General High School Diploma with at least 90% success, provided that it allows transition to 4-year undergraduate education.	To have one of the so-called high school graduation certificates such as Baccalaureate/General High School Graduation Examination/Matura/General High School Diploma with at least 70% success, provided that it allows transition to 2-year undergraduate education.

Yemen	To have at least 90% success average in the branch related to the program applied in the Central High School Graduation Examination.	To have at least 70% success average in the branch related to the program applied in the Central High School Graduation Examination.
Greece	To have at least 14 points in the overall grade point average of the Greek High School Diploma.	To have at least 12 points in the overall grade point average of the Greek High School Diploma.
Australia Belarus Belgium Czech Republic Denmark Estonia South Africa Spain Switzerland Italy Japan Canada Montenegro Kosovo Latvia Lithuania Hungary Poland Portugal Serbia Slovakia New Zealand	To have one of the so-called high school graduation certificates such as Baccalaureate/General High School Graduation Examination/Matura/General High School Diploma with at least 90% success, provided that it allows transition to 4-year undergraduate education.	To have one of the high school graduation certificates named as Baccalaureate/General High School Graduation Examination/Matura/General High School Diploma with at least 70% success, provided that it allows transition to 2-year associate degree education.