

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

CHAPTER ONE
Introductory Provisions

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 10 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) Faculty: Faculties affiliated with Gazi University,
- d) Vocational School (MYO): Vocational schools affiliated with Gazi University,
- e) Student Affairs Department (ÖİDB): The Department of Student Affairs at Gazi University,
- f) Program: Educational activities at associate and undergraduate levels carried out based on a defined curriculum,
- g) Senate: The Senate of Gazi University,
- h) TÖMER: Gazi University Turkish Language Learning, Research and Application Center,
- i) University: Gazi University,
- j) 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,
- 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) 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.

(2) The quotas and application requirements for associate and undergraduate programs are announced on the websites of YÖK and the Student Affairs Department.

(3) It is not obligatory to fill all announced quotas. Unfilled quotas cannot be transferred to other programs.

(4) No quotas are allocated for diploma programs affiliated with the Vocational and Technical Education Region.

Application Requirements

ARTICLE 6 - (1) Provided that they are in their senior year of high school or have graduated from high school, applicants who meet the following criteria may apply under the international student admission quotas, in accordance with the Principles Regarding the Admission of International Students announced by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK):

a) Foreign nationals (provided they have not attended or graduated from a secondary school (high school) in Turkey [excluding students at embassy schools, international private educational institutions listed in the MOBIS system, and foreign nationals brought to our country under a project administered by the Ministry of National Education])

b) Those who were Turkish citizens by birth but lost their Turkish citizenship by obtaining permission from the Ministry of the Interior to renounce it, as well as those who can document that they hold a Blue Card issued to individuals who have lost their Turkish citizenship upon request (provided they have not attended or graduated from secondary schools (high schools) in Turkey or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus)¹

c) Foreign nationals who acquired the citizenship of the Republic of Türkiye, and dual nationals in this category, provided that they have not studied at or graduated from secondary education (high school) institutions in Türkiye or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

d) Citizens of the Republic of Türkiye who have completed their entire secondary education (high school) in a foreign country other than the TRNC, including those who completed their entire secondary education (high school) at Turkish schools established abroad under the supervision of the Turkish Ministry of National Education (MEB).

e) TRNC nationals (excluding those who completed their secondary education at high schools in Turkey or at high schools in the TRNC that follow the Turkish curriculum) who have achieved the minimum score on the GCE AL, TR-YÖS, or the exams/diplomas listed in the appendix to these Guidelines, or who have received one of the medals listed there.

(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.

¹. Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law No. 5901 states: “(1) A child born within a marital union to a Turkish citizen mother or father, whether inside or outside Turkey, is a Turkish citizen.” It is advisable for applicants applying for admission quotas from abroad to review the Turkish Citizenship Law.

Accepted Exams / Diplomas

ARTICLE 7- (1) Applicants who completed high school in countries² 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) International exam results are valid for two years.

(4) There is no time limit on the validity of diplomas and medals earned at the 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) A high school equivalency certificate obtained from Turkish diplomatic missions abroad for high school diplomas issued abroad, or from Provincial Directorates of National Education within Turkey,

d) An official transcript showing all courses taken and grades received at the secondary education level, along with a certified copy of its Turkish translation,

e) Copies of the pages of their passports showing personal information and the validity period,

f) A copy of the applicant's identification document,

g) One passport-sized photo (4.5x6 cm, in color, taken within the last six months),

h) Financial Guarantee Statement Form.

Evaluation and Admission

ARTICLE 9 - (1) Applications are evaluated by the International Student Application, Evaluation and Selection Commission.

(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.

(3) In the event of a tie in scores, the candidate who applied through TR-YÖS will be admitted; if there is a tie in TR-YÖS scores, the younger candidate will be admitted. If there is a tie in all criteria for the program to which the candidate applied, admission will be determined by lottery.

(4) Applicants applying to programs that admit students based on a special talent exam will be required to take the special talent exam administered for the relevant program. For these applicants to be admitted to the University, they must also pass the special talent exam.

². The TR-YÖS application guide published on the ÖSYM website lists the countries where the exam will be administered.

(5) The evaluation results are presented to the Senate following the approval of the Education Commission.

(6) Applications submitted with incomplete, incorrect, or fraudulent documents will not be considered.

Announcement of Results and Registration

ARTICLE 10 - (1) Information regarding evaluation results and registration procedures is announced on the website of the Gazi University Student Affairs Department (ÖİDB).

(2) Those eligible for registration will receive an International Student Admission Letter—containing a verification code and an ID number—via the Student Information System, sent to the email addresses they provided during the application process.

(3) Registration is conducted on the dates specified in the academic calendar or at the dates and locations indicated on the ÖİDB website, either in person or through individuals authorized by a power of attorney issued by diplomatic missions of the Republic of Turkey or notaries of the Republic of Turkey. Registration cannot be completed by mail.

(4) Candidates who fail to present the required documents during registration will not be registered.

(5) Candidates who do not register by the specified dates are considered to have waived their rights; such candidates may not claim any acquired rights.

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.

(3) Graduates of secondary schools affiliated with the Ministry of National Education in Turkey and abroad, as well as secondary schools in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, must obtain a certificate of Turkish language proficiency from the TÖMER Directorate.

Student Rights

ARTICLE 12 - (1) International students have the same rights and responsibilities as Turkish citizens; they may use the physical spaces allocated to students on campus (classrooms, libraries, etc.) and take advantage of all social amenities.

Financial Provisions

ARTICLE 13 - (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 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) The “Guidelines for the Admission of International/Foreign National Students Studying at Their Own Expense in Associate’s and Bachelor’s Degree Programs at Gazi University,” which was accepted with the decision numbered 2025/110 at the Senate meeting held on May 29, 2025, 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.

Senate Resolution Adopting the Directive	
Date	Number
04/6/2026	2026/110

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 Program		
Exam / Diploma Name	Base Scores for Associate Degree Programs or Programs Accepting Students Based on Special Talent Exams	Base Scores for Undergraduate Programs
TR-YÖS	At least 300 points out of 500 points	At least 400 points out of 500 points
International Baccalaureate (IB)	At least 27 points out of 45	At least 36 points out of 45
ACT	At least 22 points out of 36 full points	At least 30 points out of 36 full points
SAT 1 (Scholastic Assessment Test)	At least 1,100 points out of a total of 1,600 (with at least 600 points in Mathematics)	At least 1,200 points out of a total of 1,600 (with at least 650 points in Mathematics)
GCE A Level (General Certificate of Education)	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. The grades of two of the courses used in the application must be at least B level .	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. The grades of two of the courses used in the application must be at least A level . The third course requires a grade of at least B level .

West African Examination Council– (International) Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC – SSCE)	A maximum total of 21 points from five subjects on the “West African Examination Council– (International) Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC – SSCE),” three of which must be related to the program of application.	A maximum total of 15 points from five subjects on the “West African Examination Council– (International) Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC – SSCE),” three of which must be related to the program of application.
Austrian Matura	To have a maximum of 3 points out of 5 on the Central High School Graduation Exam (Matura / Reifeprüfung).	To have a maximum of 2.5 points out of 5 on the Central High School Graduation Exam (Matura / Reifeprüfung).
Greek High School Diploma (Apolytirio Genikoy Lykeiou)	To have at least 12 points in the overall grade point average of the Greek High School Diploma.	To have at least 14 points in the overall grade point average of the Greek High School Diploma.
Iranian High School Diploma (Debiristan)	The Iranian High School Diploma must have a minimum overall grade point average of 16 out of 20. Applicants who graduated from high school prior to the 2018–2019 academic year will be required to submit a Pish Danishgah certificate.	For the Iranian High School Diploma, the minimum overall grade point average (GPA) out of 20 is 18 for <i>the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Dentistry, and the Faculty of Pharmacy</i>, and 17 for <i>all other faculties</i>. Applicants who graduated from high school prior to the 2018–2019 academic year will be required to submit a Pish Danishgah certificate.