

# **Boğaziçi Üniversitesi**

## **Turkey**

### **The University**

Boğaziçi University is a well-respected institution offering a variety of programs in all fields of study. It has programs in English, Turkish, and Balkan history, as well as Islamic art, architecture, and contemporary social, economic and political issues affecting Turkey and the Balkans. The program is a collaborative consortium of eight departments. Upon successful completion of the program students can even be issued certificates in Turkish history, politics, and culture. As this university is a highly respected institution in Turkey, students accepted into the exchange program by OU must then be formally accepted into the specific department of their choice at BU

[www.boun.edu.tr/index\\_eng.html](http://www.boun.edu.tr/index_eng.html)

### **The City**

Istanbul is the largest city in Turkey and has been continuously occupied since 5,500 BCE. This ancient metropolis was formerly the capital of the Byzantine Empire, of the Ottoman Empire, and-until 1923- of the Turkish Republic. It straddles the Bosphorus, a strait about nine miles long linking the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara. Istanbul has more than twelve million inhabitants. The only city in the world located on two continents, Istanbul sits at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. The city is a veritable treasure-trove of different cultures and civilizations, with beautiful ancient mosques, Byzantine churches and other monuments alongside modern infrastructure and architecture.

[www.istanbulcityguide.com](http://www.istanbulcityguide.com)

### **About the Program**

Students may enroll for one semester or a full year. All major course fields are offered in a variety of faculties on campus and all courses are taught in English. While no Turkish language skills are required to participate, Turkish language classes at two different levels—beginning and intermediate—are offered. We strongly encourage students to participate in these languages classes as it aids in both cultural adaptation and ability to function “on the street.”

### **Academic Calendar**

Fall semester: September –January

Spring semester: February –June

Semester dates vary depending on the College (Faculty)

### **Am I eligible for this program?**

You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA. GPA may be one factor used in ranking students for placement by us as well as admission to the specific department at Bogazici University.

**What about credit?**

Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. These grades are not factored into the participant's Grade Point Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

**Where would I live?**

Students will stay in the brand-new "Superdorm," located just north of the campus. The dorm is set up in a suite arrangement. Each student with his or her own room, and shares a living room, kitchenette, and bathroom with three others. The suites are cleaned daily, and rooms are furnished with desks, beds, and even mini-fridges.

[www.superdorm.info](http://www.superdorm.info)

**How much does it cost?**

Costs at OU: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student's major is in a different college. All participants pay a \$10/credit hour study abroad fee.

Costs on site: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs will be responsible for international airfare and cost of living in country. This can vary dramatically from country to country and should be discussed with your respective study abroad advisor. A Turkish national insurance policy is strongly suggested for this program and can only be purchased on site.

**How do I Apply?**

Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the "how to apply" section of our website.

**For more information, please contact:**

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