

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	Bilkent University http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/index.html
B. Country	Turkey
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange. You can check with the SEP Coordinator in the Dean's Office of your home faculty.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	Semester 1: Late August/early September to mid-January Semester 2: Mid-January to late May http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/calendar.html
iii) Exchange Duration	Semester-based exchange is allowed
iv) Examination	Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the end of each semester.
v) Curriculum Structure	In general each student is required to take 5 courses (30 Bilkent Credits) per semester. However, minimum course requirements differ according to the department. NUS students should check with their own faculty for mapping of the credits.
vi) Entry Requirements	(a) be a student of good standing at NUS with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a minimum B average grade or ; b. no grade below C or ; c. a CAP of at least 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	At Bilkent, all courses are taught in English except for courses in the Department of Turkish Language and Literature, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Music and Performing Arts.

	<p>“Survival Turkish” course is offered during the orientation week. Basic Turkish I and II” courses are offered during Fall and Spring semesters with 3 Bilkents, 6 ECTS credits.</p>
<p>viii) Modules Compatibility</p>	<p>There is no restriction in courses or programmes for exchange students. However students must keep in mind that the language of instruction in some departments are mainly in Turkish.</p> <p>Students need the approval of the instructor if they wish to take courses that have pre-requisite requirements and courses from graduate programmes.</p> <p>Course information: https://stars.bilkent.edu.tr/homepage/academic_units.php. Previous semester course offerings are for reference only and are subject to changes.</p> <p>Courses will only be finalised by the offering departments upon arrival at Bilkent.</p>
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>All NUS student has to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p> <p>Required materials for online application at Bilkent (http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/bilateral_agreements.html) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) NUS Transcript b) English proficiency letter issued by Registrar’s Office c) Approved Study Plans from NUS d) Identification page of your passport e) Passport size photo
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>

	<p>All scanned supporting documents have to be uploaded to the Bilkent's online application portal and hardcopies must reach Bilkent before 30 May for semester 1 exchange and before 30 November for semester 2 exchange.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Bilkent University offers FREE on-campus housing for all exchange students. The offer is valid for double rooms and allocations are on first-come-first-served basis. In the acceptance packages, students will receive their Bilkent ID number and a STARS Password which they have to use for their online application to the dormitories.</p> <p>Accommodation application period (Sem 1): 15 May to 14 July 2017 (Sem 2): 15 December 2017 to 14 January 2018</p> <p>More information can be found here and http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent-tr/admin-unit/yurt/exchange_index.html</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>Students coming from the countries, which are exempted from the visa requirement to Turkey, do not have to apply to the Turkish Embassy/Consulates for any type of visa and may directly come to Turkey with their passports. Residence permit application will be made during the Orientation Programme.</p> <p>Students who need "student visa" to enter Turkey are supposed to apply for the student visa at the Turkish Consulate as soon as they receive their acceptance letter. Students are advised to have adequate time for the visa to be processed prior to the departure.</p> <p>More information can be found here: http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/visa_permit.html</p> <p>Temporary Stay Permit</p> <p>Students are required to apply for a residence permit in person within a month of their arrival in Turkey.</p> <p>The residence permit is obtained from the Directorate General of Migration Management. Bilkent's Office of International Students Exchange Programs personnel will guide you when you apply for a residence permit during the orientation weeks.</p>

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance
i) Health/Medical Insurance

In order for Bilkent to support your resident permits application, you have to show proof that you have an insurance package which covers 100% of medication costs, hospitalisation costs and the outpatient clinic expenses while you are overseas. Insurance contracts should have the minimum coverage mentioned below:

	Minimum Health Insurance Policy Coverage for Incoming Exchange Students to Turkey			
	Contracted Health Care Providers		Uncontracted Health Care Providers	
	Annual Minimum	Insured Participation	Annual Minimum	Insured Participation
Outpatient Treatment	2.000 TL	40% Insured	2.000 TL	40% Insured
		60% Insurance Company		60% Insurance Company
Inpatient Treatment	Unlimited	0% Insured	20.000 TL	20% Insured
		100% Insurance Company		100% Insurance Company

The insurance package purchased by NUS for all students does not cover 100% of overseas medical costs. Its existing coverage can be found on this [website](#). Please engage your own insurance agent to decide on the additional insurance package which you would need to purchase prior to arrival in Turkey.

Alternatively, students can purchase the health insurance at Bilkent. The insurance company (BilSigorta) representative will open a stand at Bilkent's office during the start of school term. It costs between 550TL (approx. S\$310)-700TL (approx. S\$400) per policy and this is an annual premium which cannot be prorated to the number of months which you will be there for exchange.

For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html>

If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

ii) Emergency Number at host university

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iii) Emergency Number at host country	Embassy of the Republic of Singapore - Turkey (Ankara)	
	Ambassador	Mr A SELVERAJAH
	Chancery	Yildizevler Mahallesi 719, Sokak No. 5 Cankaya, Ankara 06550 Turkey
	Telephone	001-90-(312)-442 4330
	E-mail	singemb_ank@mfa.sg
	Homepage	http://www.mfa.gov.sg/ankara
H. Cost of Living		
i) Estimated Semester Living Expenses	Details can be found at http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/cost.html	
ii) Scholarship	Direct application by students will not be accepted by International Relations Office (IRO). For SEP, eligible students who have received the NASA Exchange Award, will be invited to apply for YTP-Market Immersion funding. http://www.nus.edu.sg/iro/fa/sch/out/yp.html	
I. Useful Information		
i) Exchange Guide	http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/BilkentUniv FactSheet %20pdf	
ii) Shuttle Bus	http://w3.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/transportation/	