GEBZE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
International Student Guide

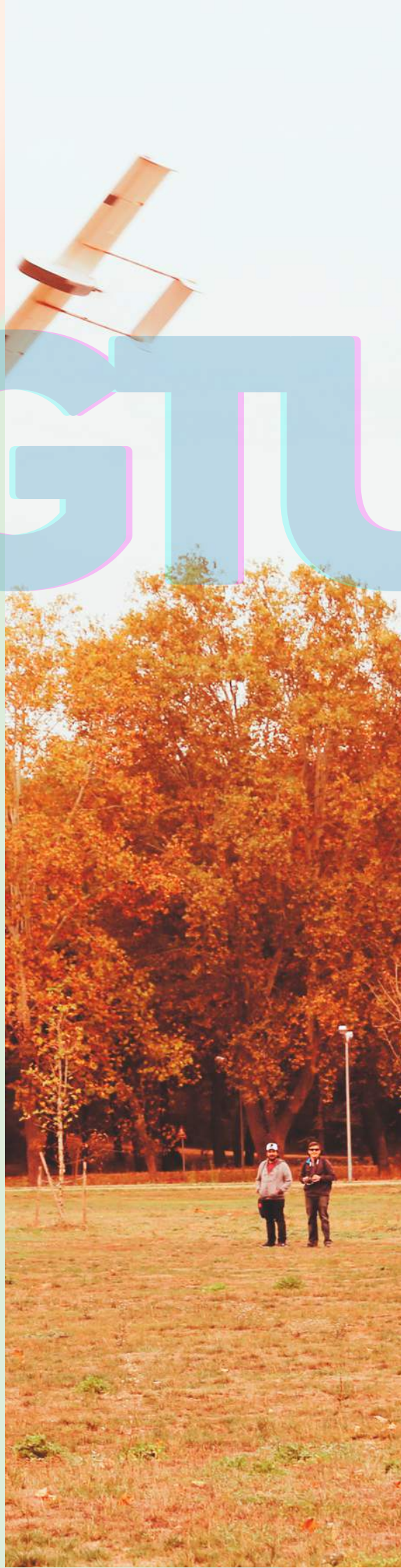# Table of Contents

Welcome to GTU

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Gebze Technical University, which was built upon the foundations of Gebze Institute of Technology in 1992, is one of the first 10 research universities of Türkiye, a country with deep roots in history. As one of Türkiye's most reputable universities, GTU places great importance on areas such as R&D, innovation, education, international collaborations, and digitalization. Our university closely follows the transformation of knowledge and technology worldwide, holding a prominent position in the global arena.

GTU is an education and research institution that stands out with its robust laboratory infrastructure. Equipped with more than 150 research laboratories, our university provides students and researchers with modern and comprehensive amenities. These laboratories are designed to support innovation for students and researchers in various disciplines, deepen learning, and generate solutions for real-world problems. GTU aims to prepare its students for the challenging tasks of the future by combining theoretical knowledge with practical experiences through these rich opportunities offered by its laboratories.

GTU's academic staff is also highly competent. Our experienced teaching faculty consists of leading names in their respective fields. This allows students to directly acquire the most up-to-date knowledge and experience from expert professors. The closeness of our university to Istanbul is also an advantage. Being located a short distance away from both the city center and industrial zones not only offers students opportunities for internships and collaborations, but also provides easy access to cultural activities and city life. This enables students to support their personal and professional development by blending their academic achievements with the dynamics of daily life.

As GTU family, we are delighted to invite students from different countries around the world to our university. We look forward to welcoming you into an environment that helps improve yourself both academically and socially, where you can pursue education and share your experiences.

Prof. Dr. Hacı Ali Mantar, Rector

Dear GTU Student,

Congratulations on being admitted as a student to Gebze Technical University. Throughout your education journey at our university, in harmony with our administrative divisions and academic departments, we will be here to support you with any needs you may have. We eagerly look forward to exploring new fields of knowledge with you, sharing ideas, and shaping your vision for the future together.

With our modern educational approach and internationally-qualified academic staff, we aim to provide you with a unique learning experience. Here, you will foster cultural diversity paving the way for a global perspective, make our university proud with your academic achievements, and emerge as the leaders shaping tomorrow.

As an international student-friendly campus, we take pleasure in offering various services to support you and make your life easier. This guide has been prepared to assist you with your application and enrollment process for our university. If you have any queries that are not addressed in this guide, you can receive support by reaching out to us via our communication channels.

International Relations Office

About GTU

Gebze Technical University (GTU) was established upon the foundations and experience of Gebze Institute of Technology (GIT) with the decree dated 4 November 2014 of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, inheriting and embracing GIT's 22-year legacy. With its infrastructure, capacity, and academic staff, GTU is one of the young but experienced universities of Türkiye, set to become the most prominent scientific hub of the country.

In 1994-1995 Academic Year, Gebze Technical University (then GIT) started offering graduate education under the Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences with a total of 80 students in graduate programs including Electronics Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Chemistry, Biology, and Management. In 1995-1996 Academic Year, graduate programs in Computer Engineering, Physics, Architecture, and City and Regional Planning were started; in 1996-1997 Academic Year, graduate programs in Geodesy and Photogrammetry Engineering and Energy Systems were started; in 1997-1998 Academic Year, the graduate program in Mathematics was started; and in 1999-2000 Academic Year, the graduate program in Earthquake and Structural Engineering was started. In 2001-2002 Academic Year, the Institute of Social Sciences was established, and in the following years, doctoral programs in the abovementioned fields and interdisciplinary thesis and non-thesis master's programs to meet industry's needs were started. As the institution's name was changed into "Gebze Technical University" in 2014, seven new institutes were established, and of them, the Institute of Nanotechnology and the Institute of Biotechnology started offering graduate education in the same year.

Gebze Technical University started offering undergraduate education in 2001-2002 Academic Year at the Faculty of Engineering with the Department of Computer Engineering and the Department of Electronics Engineering.

In 2002-2003 Academic Year, undergraduate education started at the Department of Materials Science and Engineering under the Faculty of Engineering and at the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Physics under the Faculty of Science; in 2008-2009 Academic year, at the Department of Management under the Faculty of Business Administration and at the Department of Architecture under the Faculty of Architecture; in 2010-2011 Academic Year, at the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics under the Faculty of Science; in 2016-2017 Academic Year, at the Department of Environmental Engineering; and in 2017-2018 Academic Year, at the Department of Civil Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Bioengineering, Department of Geomatics Engineering under the Faculty of Engineering, at the Department of City and Regional Planning under the Faculty of Architecture, and at the Department of Economics under the Faculty of Business Administration.

Gebze Technical University has continued its efforts to offer education and teaching and conduct research in ever-increasing quality from day one, and gained a new status being designated as one of the 10 research universities of Türkiye with the announcement made by Dear Mr. President at the opening ceremony for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. The Aeropace Faculty, established in the year 2020, has been accepting undergraduate students since 2021. The Cyber Security Vocational School, which has recently opened at Gebze Technical University, is welcoming in the Academic Year 2023-2024 the young individuals that aspire to receive education in the related field. The "Cyber Security Analysis and Operations" program offered by this school aims to provide both theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in the field of cyber security.

As of 2023, Gebze Technical University continues education and teaching in the 1 associate degree program under its vocational school, 19 undergraduate departments under its 5 faculties and 50 graduate programs including thesis/non-thesis master's and doctoral programs under its 9 institutes.

1) Associate Degree and Bachelor's Degree Programs

CYBERSECURITY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION
Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations	30% English

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING	MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION
Computer Engineering	100% English
Bioengineering	100% English
Environmental Engineering	100% English
Electronics Engineering	30% English
Industrial Engineering	100% English
Civil Engineering	100% English
Geomatics Engineering	100% English
Chemical Engineering	100% English
Mechanical Engineering	100% English
Materials Science and Engineering	30% English

AEROSPACE FACULTY	MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION
Aeronautical Engineering	100% English

FACULTY OF SCIENCE	MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION
Physics	100% English
Chemistry	100% English
Mathematics	100% English
Molecular Biology and Genetics	100% English

FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION
Economics	100% English
Management	30% English

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE	MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION
Architecture	30% English
City and Regional Planning	100% Turkish

2) Graduate Degree Programs

INSTITUTE OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES	NON-THESIS MASTER'S	THESIS MASTER'S	PhD
Computer Engineering	X	30% English	30% English
Information Systems	100% Turkish	X	X
Bioinformatics and Systems Biology	X	100% English	100% English
Bioengineering	X	100% English	100% English
Glass Science and Technology	X	30% English	X
Environmental Engineering	X	30% English	30% English 100% English
Earthquake and Construction Engineering	X	100% English	100% English
Electronics Engineering	X	30% English	30% English
Industrial Engineering	X	30% English	100% English
Physics	X	30% English	30% English
Civil Engineering	X	100% English	100% English
Civil Engineering (Evening Education)	100% Turkish	X	X
Geodesy ang Geographic Information Technologies	X	30% English	X
Chemistry	X	30% English	30% English
Chemical Engineering	X	30% English	30% English
Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense	X	100% English	X
Mechanical Engineering	X	30% English 100% English	30% English 100% English
Materials Science and Engineering	X	30% English	30% English
Mathematics	X	30% English	30% English
Metrology	X	100% English	X
Architecture	X	100% Turkish	100% Turkish
Molecular Biology ang Genetics	X	30% English	30% English
Cyber Security	X	30% English	X
City and Regional Planning	X	30% English	X
Artificial Intelligence	X	100% English	X

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES	NON-THESIS MASTER'S	THESIS MASTER'S	PhD
Management	X	30% English	100% Turkish
Management (Evening Education)	100% Turkish	100% Turkish	X
Economics	X	100% Turkish	100% Turkish
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management (Evening Education)	100% Turkish	X	X
Science of Strategy	X	100% Turkish	X
International Trade and Finance (Evening Education)	100% Turkish	X	X

INSTITUTE OF NANOTECHNOLOGY	NON-THESIS MASTER'S	THESIS MASTER'S	PhD
Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (Interdisciplinary)	X	X	100% English
Nanoscience and Nanoengineering	X	100% English	X

INSTITUTE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY	NON-THESIS MASTER'S	THESIS MASTER'S	PhD
Biotechnology (Interdisciplinary)	X	100% English	100% English

INSTITUTE OF DEFENSE TECHNOLOGIES	NON-THESIS MASTER'S	THESIS MASTER'S	PhD
Defense Science and Technology	X	30% English	X
Defense Electronics Engineering	X	30% English	X

INSTITUTE OF EARTH AND MARINE SCIENCES	NON-THESIS MASTER'S	THESIS MASTER'S	PhD
Earth Sciences	X	30% English	30% English
Earth and Marine Sciences	X	X	30% English

INSTITUTE OF ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES	NON-THESIS MASTER'S	THESIS MASTER'S	PhD
Applied Propulsion and System Design Engineering for Aerospace Technologies	X	100% English	X

3) Application Process for Undergraduate Students

Details and application dates regarding applications are announced on GTU's website. In the announcement published on the www.gtu.edu.tr address, the method of application (in person/online/e-mail) is indicated. Each candidate may only apply for 3 departments maximum. The placement process is based on the following national and international exams and the specified minimum scores obtained in these exams.

The results of exams that certify high school completion (ABITUR, International Baccalaureate, GCS, Tawjihi etc.) are permanently valid. However, the results of university entrance exams (such as SAT) are valid for two years.

a. Minimum Requirements for Accepted Exams and Diplomas

• The International Student Admissions Committee at GTU may receive for consideration the results of such exams as Gebze Technical University International Student Exam (GTÜYÖS) – (GTÜYÖS score with priority) – organized by various universities in Türkiye.

• SAT I Test: In SAT Reasoning Test, a minimum total score of 1100 out of 1600 in "Math" and "Critical Reading" and a minimum "Math" score of 600 out of 800 are required.

• A minimum success rate of 70% in the high school completion exam or in the university entrance exam taken by the applicant in their home country.

b. Required Documents for Application

1. Application Form (not sought in online applications)

*The application form is found at http://www.gtu.edu.tr during the application period. Applications are received online.

*Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law No. 5901 holds the provision "(1) A child born to a Turkish mother or through a Turkish father within the unity of marriage either in Türkiye or abroad is a Turkish citizen."; therefore, those students who are going to apply within the admission quotas from abroad are recommended to examine the Turkish Citizenship Law.

2. A Valid Exam Result Certificate (in English or Turkish)
The original or notarized copy of the exam result certificate (SAT, TR-YÖS, YÖS conducted by other universities) that will be used for application (if the certificate has been issued in a language other than Turkish or English, its notarized translation into Turkish or English is also to be submitted.)

PLEASE NOTE: Only the exams specified in the Gebze Technical University Directive for the Application, Admission and Enrollment of International Students (Directive No: YÖ-0011) are accepted. It is not possible to apply with the results of exams other than those specified in the mentioned document, otherwise the application will be deemed invalid.

3. High School Diploma (in Turkish)

A Türkiye Embassy/Consulate/Public Notary-approved Turkish copy of the applicant's high school diploma.

4. Official Grade Report (in Turkish)

A Türkiye Embassy/Consulate/Public Notary-approved Turkish copy of the Official Grade Report that has been approved by the applicant's high school principal's office, indicating the courses and grades received by the applicant.

5. Certificate of Equivalency (in Turkish)

"Certificate of Equivalency", which shows that the applicant's high school diploma is equivalent to the diplomas granted by the high schools in Türkiye and that may either be received from the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Türkiye or from the Türkiye Embassy in the applicant's country. Non-approved certificates are not accepted.

6. Official Document That Indicates Applicant's Possible Graduation Date (in Turkish)

Those students whose graduation are delayed are required to upload the Turkish copy of the officially-approved document that they have received from their high school and that indicates their possible graduation date instead of the documents specified in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th entries.

The documents in the 3rd and 4th entries are to be submitted during the finalization of enrollment.

7. Passport Details

The copy of the pages on the applicant's passport with the picture and identity details of the applicant.

8. Photograph

1 passport size (4.5 x 6 cm) portrait photograph of the applicant (taken within the last six months in a way that allows to identify the applicant easily).

9. Bank Statement (in Turkish)

The bank receipt indicating the applicant has 3,000 USD in a bank account owned by themselves to certify they have the financial means to pursue their higher education in Türkiye. If the receipt is not in Turkish, then a Türkiye Embassy/Consulate/Public Notary-approved Turkish copy of it is to be submitted.

Even though an applicant is announced as either a main or reserve candidate, if they submitted missing, misleading or false statements, or false documents during their application, their enrollment procedure will not be carried out. And those who are identified with similar situations after their acceptance to or enrollment at our university has been finalized will be dismissed pursuant to the relevant legal legislation, no matter on what stage of their studies they are.

*Any changes due to force majeure will be announced on our university's website.

c. Evaluation of Applications

Undergraduate program applications are evaluated by GTU International Student Admissions Committee. The structure of the Committee is determined by the decision of the Senate.

The applicants who are found not to meet the application requirements as a result of preliminary evaluation will not be evaluated further. While the results of national and international exams and diploma grades may be taken into consideration for the evaluation of the applicants, an exam may well be organized by GTU within the framework of the principles to be determined by the Senate.

Applications are evaluated by sorting the applicants' high school diploma exam/university entrance exam scores from highest to lowest in a way to meet the announced quota. Although an applicant's score may be listed in the ranking, it is up to the related committee to evaluate their application in the event that a security concern is raised about the applicant.

4) Enrollment Process for Undergraduate Students

Enrollments are carried out at the Directorate of Student Affairs every year between the dates specified in the respective academic calendar. For enrollment procedures to be completed, the required documents are also required to be whole and complete.

Required Documents for Enrollment Finalization

1) Original copy of the high school diploma and its Türkiye Embassy/Consulate/Public Notary-approved Turkish copy

2) Original copy of the "Equivalency Certificate" that may be received from the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye or the Türkiye Embassy in the candidate's own country, indicating that the high school diploma is equivalent to the diplomas received from Türkiye high schools

3) Original copy of the Official Grade Report (Transcript) and its Türkiye Embassy/Consulate/Public Notary-approved Turkish copy

4) Original copy of the Exam Result Certificate and its Türkiye Embassy/Consulate/Public Notary-approved translation into Turkish (if requested on the announced date)

5) Original copy of the Foreign Language Proficiency Certificate and the Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate (with international validity if available) and their Türkiye Embassy/Consulate/Public Notary-approved Turkish copy

6) Original identity card or the original copy of the passport page indicating identity information and its Türkiye Embassy/Consulate/Public Notary-approved Turkish copy

7) Bank receipt confirming the payment of the contribution fee

8) "Student Visa" to be received from the Türkiye Embassy in the candidate's own country or residence permit

9) In addition to the aforelisted documents, a document indicating that the student has the sufficient financial means to pursue their higher education in Türkiye

10) 2 passport photographs

5) Tuition Fees and Financial Guarantee Amount

A tuition fee determined by the University Senate provided that it falls within the minimum and maximum limits designated by the Decree of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye every year and approved by the Council of Higher Education is received from students to be admitted from abroad or from foreign national students. Current fees are indicated every year in the announcement to be made during the application period.

Those who will apply to GTU from abroad are required to certify in the form a financial guarantee that they have the sufficient financial means to pursue their higher education in Türkiye. The amount of the financial guarantee and its way of certification are determined by the Senate, and announced on GTU's website along with the required documents for application during the periods of application.

6) Directive for the Application, Admission and Enrollment of International Students

The purpose of Gebze Technical University's Directive for the Application, Admission and Enrollment of International Students (Directive No: YÖ-0011) is to determine the principles regarding the admission of students from abroad to its undergraduate programs. This directive covers the provisions that will apply to the candidates who wish to study in the undergraduate programs at Gebze Technical University within the quotas for students to be admitted from abroad.

You can access the related directive at the following address:
https://cutt.ly/FwmHJw7k

7) Scholarships

At Gebze Technical University, successful students in need of financial aid are provided with a monthly scholarship throughout their academic journey. Activities to provide scholarships for every student who gains admission to Gebze Technical University with high scores are coordinated by the GTU Scholarships Coordination Office. Additionally, our efforts continue for more scholarship quotas to be allocated for GTU students by the granting foundations and organizations. You can stay updated with the latest scholarship announcements on our social media accounts. For more information about the Scholarships Coordination Office, please visit: https://www.gtu.edu.tr/kategori/2412/0/display.aspx?languageId=2.

Another scholarship opportunity for students is the "Türkiye Bursları" (Türkiye Scholarships) program. Türkiye Bursları is a governmental higher education scholarship program offered by the Republic of Türkiye to international students. The primary objective of Türkiye Bursları is to provide equal opportunities for successful students worldwide to receive scholarship-based education at international standards. Additionally, the program aims to enhance mutual cooperation between Türkiye and other countries, contributing to regional and global development across various fields such as academia, arts, economics, literature, technology, and architecture. To learn more about Türkiye Bursları, please visit https://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/.

8) GTU Campus

EDUCATION AT THE HEART OF INDUSTRY!

Gebze Technical University is located at the center of 5 technoparks, 18 organized industrial zones, and over 200 research and development/design centers, and through university-industry collaboration agreements with Türkiye's leading companies, it offers its students the opportunity to find a job even before graduation.

On March 3, 2018, the Gebze Technical University Technology Development Zone was officially declared in the Official Gazette by the decree of the Council of Ministers, and an area of 172,502.17 m² of Gebze Technical University campus with vast research and development opportunities was allocated to GTU Technopark. Within the Gebze Technical University Technology Development Zone, emphasis will be on becoming a research and development hub in areas such as defense, aerospace, and space industries, energy, automotive, information technologies, biotechnology-medical technology, nanotechnology, finance, and software technologies.

TECHNOLOGY-GENERATING, LEADER IN SCIENCE

Despite its history dating back to only a quarter-century, Gebze Technical University has managed to become a university that produces science and projects on a global scale. In this regard, considering criteria such as total number of publications, publications per faculty member, citations per faculty member, and students per faculty member, it ranked fourth in the "Top Universities in Türkiye" ranking conducted by URAP, leaving behind well-established universities in Türkiye. In the "Entrepreneurship Index" announced by the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology, Gebze Technical University holds a leading position among universities without a technopark.

Our university, contributing to science on an international scale, is also a strong partner of the Bilişim Vadisi Technology Development Zone, which will allow our country to take its place among technology-generating nations.

With 5 faculties, 19 departments, and 9 institutes, our university carries out its activities with a ratio of 1 faculty member per 4 undergraduate students. Approximately 70% of our academic staff have received their doctoral degrees from reputable universities in the USA and the UK.

One of the documents that enhances the quality and reputation of higher education institutions and provides international reliability for institutions, the Diploma Supplement Label, was awarded to our university in 2009 by the European Commission along with 7 other universities. As a result, the diplomas of our graduating students have gained universal recognition.

AN INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY!

Pioneering technological advancements, our university maintains close relationships with institutions such as TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye), TSE (Turkish Standards Institution), and many other institutions located in the same region. Through signed collaboration agreements, it has enhanced its R&D infrastructure and increased its capabilities. As a result, it continues to work on significant topics of the current era, such as unmanned aerial vehicles, electric cars, biological clock, cancer research, defense technologies, nanotechnology, through big-budget projects like DPT (State Planning Organization) and TÜBİTAK projects.

EXCELLENT ERASMUS OPPORTUNITIES!

As part of the Erasmus program, which facilitates student and faculty mobility, our university has agreements with nearly 100 universities across Europe. Within the scope of these agreements, 1 out of every 5 of our students has the opportunity to spend 1 year of their education at prestigious universities in Europe. With this ratio, our university ranks among the top Turkish universities.
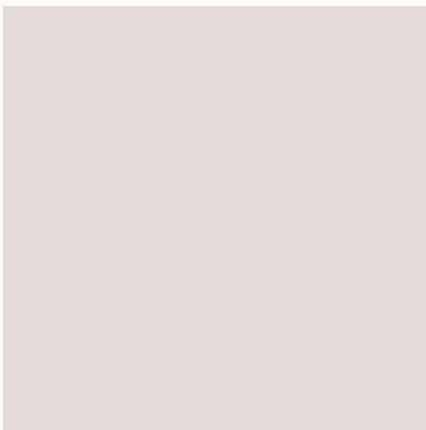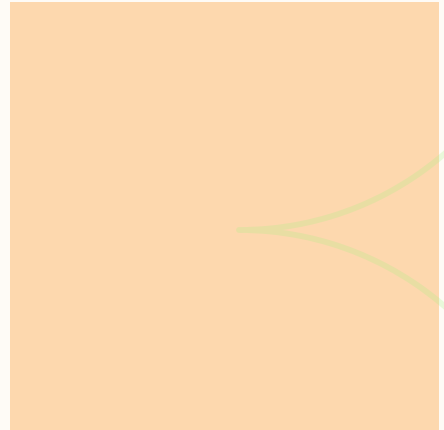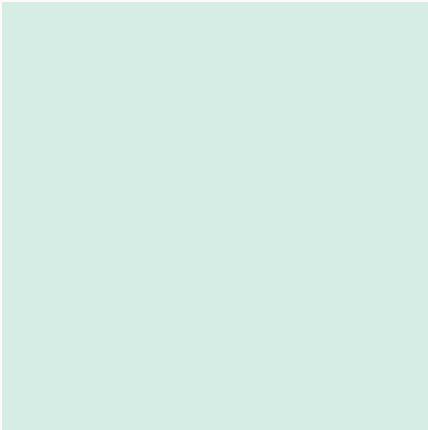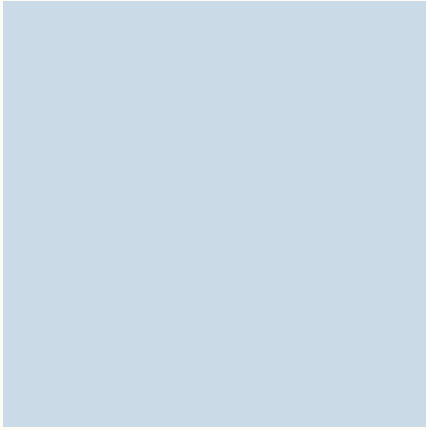
EASY-TO-ACCESS CAMPUS!

Gebze Technical University is located at the heart of the industry, at a key location that connects Asia and Europe. It is maximum 1 hour away from many cities such as Istanbul, Kocaeli, Sakarya, Bursa and Yalova.

HISTORICAL TEXTURE, NATURE-FRIENDLY CAMPUS!

Each step you take after you enter the GTU campus will take you centuries back in history as centennial sycamore trees welcome you. The campus, where you can enjoy the beauty of each season, awaits you right beside the Sultan's Meadow (aka Hünkar Çayırı), where Mehmed the Conqueror (Fatih Sultan Mehmet) established his pavilion and drew his last breath. Our campus is literally a breathing one with a green area of 1,5 km² and faculty buildings that do not harm the natural texture.

SOCIAL CAMPUS!

With nearly 300 activities organized by 56 student societies in total throughout the academic year, our students have the opportunity to improve themselves in line with their interests. A university life full of events such as Career Days, Entrepreneurship Summit, Science and Technology Days, Alumni Talks, concerts, and so much more is awaiting our students. Thanks to the university administration supporting the social campus, many of our student societies with the Rowing Team, Dance Society, Robotics Society, IEEE GTU Student Branch, Turkish Language Society, and Theatre Society in particular are making a name for themselves with the prizes they have been winning at competitions.

a) Accommodation

In order for foreign national students who are pursuing higher education in our country through their own means to apply for dormitory accommodations through KYK (Higher Education Loans and Dormitories Institution), they are required to have a TR Identification Number obtained from the Ministry of Interior Affairs. Students without a TR Identification Number will not be able to apply for dormitory accommodations; therefore, it is crucial to obtain your TR Identification Number in advance.

Furthermore, international students are required to have an e-Government password to apply for dormitory accommodations. E-Government passwords can be obtained from the nearest PTT branches.

Another option for accommodation is the higher education student dormitories located in Kocaeli and Istanbul. There are student dormitories with easy access through the Marmaray line, which has a station within our campus.

b) Residence Permit

All international students studying in Türkiye are required to obtain a residence permit during their period of study. Below are the steps for the application process for a Student Residence Permit:

1. The application form is to be created on the relevant webpage of the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management (https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/). Your appointment date and location for submitting the necessary documents will be provided on your application form. Additionally, once you complete the form, the Directorate General of Migration Management will provide you with the details of your appointment.

2. You are also required to prepare the other documents listed below. Please carefully read the information on what these documents are and how to prepare them:

• Student Residence Permit Registration Form

• Four (4) biometric photographs compliant with ICAO standards

- Photocopies of Passport, Visa (if applicable), and Entry Stamps
- Photocopy of Residence Permit Card (if applicable)
- Student Certificate
- Declaration of Residence Address and Sufficient and Regular Financial Means for the Duration of Stay
- Health Insurance
- Receipt of Residence Permit Tax Fee
- Certificate of Receipt and Acknowledgement
- Birth Certificate and Letter of Parental Consent (for students under 18)

3. Once you have all your documents ready, you are required to visit the Directorate of Student Affairs at GTU one day before your appointment date to have your documents approved. Please do not go to the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management without the approval from the Directorate of Student Affairs.

You can reach "YIMER" (Yabancılar İletişim Merkezi) at phone number 157 for all your questions related to visas, residence permits, international protection, temporary protection, and other matters covered by the legislation of the Directorate General of Migration Management.

c) Foreigner's Identification Number
In accordance with the Law No. 5490 on Civil Registration Services, foreigners who have obtained a residence permit for at least six months in Türkiye for any purpose are assigned a "Foreigner's Identification Number" by the Directorate General of Civil Registration and Citizenship Affairs.

Foreigners can find out their assigned identification numbers either through the internet by providing the necessary information on the Directorate General of Civil Registration and Citizenship Affairs website at http://nvi.gov.tr/ or by visiting the division that issues residence permits.

d) Library Services
Students who possess a student number and an e-mail address can activate their library membership by creating a membership registration at https://kutuphane.gtu.edu.tr/yordam/ web page. Students with library membership can borrow books from the collection in a closed area of 4,177 square meters and utilize the study spaces. Additionally, they can benefit from all the electronic resources accessible through the university's network.

e) Student Card and E-mail Address
To obtain a student ID card and an e-mail address, the enrollment procedures at the Student Affairs Office is required to have been completed. Students who have completed their enrollment procedures at our university are provided with a student ID card by the Student Affairs Office. Students are required to carry their ID cards with them to access the campus area, dining hall, and library services.

Students who wish to acquire a student e-mail address with the gtu.edu.tr extension are required complete the process steps through the "E-mail Registration" option on the following web page: http://login.apollo.gtu.edu.tr/tr/Login?return=http%3a%2f%2flogin.apollo.gtu.edu.tr%2f

f) Courses and Grading System

To review the course catalogs of undergraduate programs, please visit:
https://www.gtu.edu.tr/kategori/1480/0/lisans-bolumlerinin-ogretim-planlari.aspx

Grading system:
https://www.gtu.edu.tr/Files/UserFiles/81/BELGELER/4lukSistem.pdf

To review the course catalogs of graduate programs, please visit:
https://www.gtu.edu.tr/kategori/1478/0/display.aspx

g) Health and Social Security

International students are required to have health insurance coverage throughout their stay in Türkiye. To avoid future problems and prevent accruing debts due to health expenses, please carefully follow up your health insurance process. When your health insurance's validity period expires, it is crucial to renew it and inform the Directorate General of Migration Management promptly. Renewing your health insurance is of vital importance for your health and legal well-being.

The General Health Insurance (GSS) provided by the Social Security Institution (Sosyal Güvenlik Kurumu) is recommended by our university. However, if desired, students can also obtain private health insurance. If you choose to have private health insurance, make sure to extend your insurance policy regularly.

To be eligible for GSS, within 3 months after obtaining your foreigner's identification number following your enrollment (first university enrollment) date, you are required to apply to the Social Security Provincial Directorate (Sosyal Güvenlik İl Müdürlüğü), or to the Social Security Center (SGM) of the district where you reside.

As per the law, students who do not apply for GSS within 3 months of their enrollment cannot benefit from this right afterwards. Therefore, we strongly urge students not to neglect this process. In case of changes in your department/program or stage of studies (e.g. moving from the undergraduate program onto master's studies), you will regain the right to apply for GSS. Those who hold a valid health insurance policy in Türkiye through their parents or bilateral agreements are required to provide a document indicating this situation from the Social Security Center to the Directorate General of Migration Management.

h) Food Services

Within the campus area, there are two student dining halls, as well as cafeterias located at various points, and a restaurant that provides food services. Students can use the student dining halls located at two different spots on campus by loading money onto their student ID cards. The central student cafeteria, situated in the busiest part of the campus, not only offers food services, but also facilitates social interactions among students from different departments. Additionally, cafeterias within department buildings and the library provide easier-to-access food areas for students.

Adjacent to the central student cafeteria, the "Kelebek Restaurant" offers a more diverse menu, providing students with meal alternatives.

You can access the list of meals served in the dining hall through the following web page: https://www.gtu.edu.tr/kategori/2589/0/display.aspx?languageId=2.

i) Access to Campus

The easiest way to reach the campus is by taking the Marmaray line. The Marmaray Project connects Gebze on the Asian side with Halkalı on the European side through an uninterrupted, modern, and high-capacity suburban rail system. With a station located on the campus, you can easily commute to Gebze or Istanbul direction using Marmaray.

• Individuals coming to the campus from the Kocaeli direction are required to have a "Kocaeli Kart" to use public transportation. To find the sales points where you can obtain your Kocaeli Kart, please visit: https://e-komobil.com/index.php

• Individuals coming to the campus from the Istanbul direction need to have an "İstanbulkart" to use public transportation. To see the transaction points where you can obtain your İstanbulkart, please visit: https://www.belbim.istanbul/product-and-services-transaction-centers

• THROUGH EUROPEAN ROUTE E.80 (TEM):

Enter TEM after the FSM Bridge and advance towards east. Exit through Çayırova-Eskihisar toll booths. Go straight ahead. At the crossroads where the current road crosses D.100, keep your direction and follow Bayramoğlu signs. Do not turn towards Ankara or Istanbul direction. You should see the sign and campus of GTU on the right before you reach the end of the crossroads. Be also careful not to take the ASM Hospital turn, which is a commonly-made mistake. Go past the GTU sign and head towards the entrance of GTU 100 meters ahead, on the right. First-time visitors are advised to exit through Çayırova toll booths when coming from Ankara direction. When you use the Gebze exit, you should follow D.100 in the direction of west towards Istanbul.

• THROUGH D.100:

From Istanbul direction, follow Anatolian side D.100 state road towards east. After going past Pendik and Tuzla, take the Bayramoğlu exit. You should see the GTU sign on the right before completing the exit. Visitors coming from east through D.100 and those coming through D.575 and taking the ferry at Topçular Ferry Port should also use the Bayramoğlu exit (not Gebze). The visitors coming to Pendik via fast ferry should take D.100 and head towards west. GTU is not located in Gebze city center, and is closer to Tuzla, Istanbul.

• BY MUNICIPAL BUSES FROM ISTANBUL:

From Istanbul, take the municipal bus numbered 500T (commuting between Cevizlibağ (Zeytinburnu) and Şifa Mahallesi (Tuzla) and get off at the last stop, which is Şifa Mahallesi. Then take the Gebze-Harem minibus and get off shortly after at Yenimahalle Bayramoğlu bridge, go past the ground area on the right, and you will see the entrance of GTU 100 meters ahead.

• BY GEBZE KOOP BUSES FROM ISTANBUL:

From Istanbul, you can take the Gebze Koop buses, which depart from Esenler Terminal and exit through Çayırova-Eskihisar toll booths after taking the E.80 TEM following the FSM Bridge. After the toll booths, get off at Yenimahalle Bayramoğlu bridge, go past the ground area on the right, and you will see the entrance of GTU 100 meters ahead.

• BY MINIBUS:

When coming from Harem direction in Istanbul, take the Gebze-Harem minibus that travels on D.100 and get off at Yenimahalle Bayramoğlu bridge, go past the ground area on the right, and you will see the entrance of GTU 100 meters ahead. You can also take the Gebze-Harem minibus when coming from Gebze direction and get off at the same bridge and follow the same route after taking the pedestrian bridge across.

• BY MUNICIPAL BUSES FROM GEBZE:

When coming from Gebze direction, you can take the bus numbered 490 (commuting between Muallimköy and GTU), and when coming from Darıca direction, you can use 515 or 525. Besides these, you can also use one of the 501, 502, 503, 551, 553, 556, 557, or 562-numbered bus alternatives.

j) Student Societies

Gebze Technical University encourages and supports extracurricular activities that help complete students' academic, physical, social, and cultural development. Student societies offer opportunities for their members to participate in international and national competitions and events. All international students, including exchange students, are welcome to participate in these societies' activities throughout their stay.

9) Kocaeli & Istanbul

a) Key Facts

The campus is located on the border of Kocaeli and Istanbul provinces, and Gebze is equally distant from both cities. Istanbul, being Türkiye's largest metropolitan city, offers richer opportunities in terms of arts, culture, and social activities. Kocaeli holds a central position in Türkiye's industrial landscape. With the organized industrial zones, R&D centers, and industry-leading establishments in its region, our university provides students with abundant internship opportunities and job prospects.

KOCAELI

Region: Marmara

Total Area: 3,626 km²

Population: 1,906,000 (2019 census)

Time Zone: EET (UTC+3)

Postal Code: 41xxx

Area Code: 262

License Plate: 41

ISTANBUL

Region: Marmara

Total Area: 5,343 km²

Population: 15,070,000 (2019 census)

Time Zone: EET (UTC+3)

Postal Code: 34xxx

Area Code: 216/212

License Plate: 34

b) Weather Conditions

The Marmara Region experiences milder climate characteristics due to the influence of the seas. All four seasons are experienced in the region, where winters are cold and rainy, occasionally featuring snowfall. During the summer season from June to August, temperatures can reach up to 30 °C. In spring and autumn, the average temperatures are around 15 °C.

c) Transportation

Our campus is conveniently located near Istanbul's transportation networks, making it easy to travel to different cities within Türkiye and abroad. The campus is situated only 20 km (15 minutes) away from Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen International Airport, which serves both domestic and international flights.

For intercity train service (YHT), the Pendik and Gebze stations can be reached within 10 minutes using the Marmaray line located within the campus.

For those who prefer bus travel, there are bus services available from Gebze Bus Terminal to every destination across Türkiye.

The Bosphorus

Kocaeli Coastline

Kocaeli, Kartepe

Türkiye, which holds a strategic location between the continents of Asia and Europe, has coastlines along the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Aegean Sea. It is not only home to many natural wonders, but also hosts a rich history and cultural heritage.

a) Key Facts

Official Name: Republic of Türkiye
Capital: Ankara
Official Language: Turkish
Total Area: 814,578 km²
Population: 84,680,273 (2021)
Currency: Turkish lira (TL)

Time Zone: EET, UTC+3
Working Days: Monday to Friday
Date Format: dd/mm/yyyy
International Dialing Code: +90
Internet TLD: .tr
Electricity: 220 volts, 50 Hz, round European-style plug

Cappadocia, Nevşehir

Ancient City of Ephesus, İzmir

Fethiye Beaches, Muğla

b) The e-Government System

The e-Government system is a platform through which services offered by the government and can be accessed electronically by citizens. This enables the government to provide services to citizens in the easiest and most efficient ways, aiming for quality, speed, continuity, and security. The concept of e-Government is replacing traditional bureaucratic government practices, ensuring easy access for every individual to information technology-based systems of all government institutions and the services they offer.

The e-Government Gateway (e-Devlet Kapısı) is a website providing centralized access to all public services. The goal of the portal is to deliver public services efficiently and effectively to citizens, businesses, and government agencies through information technology.

How can I benefit from the electronic services offered on the e-Government Gateway?

To benefit from the services offered on the e-Government Gateway, you need to apply to PTT Centers with your residence permit, which includes your Foreigner's Identification Number.

c) Bank Account

The banks require specific information and documents to open a bank account in your name. Completing the required information and paperwork, you can easily create a bank account. The documents needed for opening a bank account are as follows:

- Passport
- Residential address in Türkiye
- Tax number or foreigner's identification number
- Mobile phone number in the individual's name

When creating a bank account for foreigners, a passport is a mandatory document. If there is no official address associated with the residential address requested by the bank, you need to determine your notification address first. Additionally, a tax number is required to create a bank account. Foreign nationals can obtain this tax number by visiting the tax office with their passport. This number, also known as a potential tax number, will be provided based on the workload of the tax office. Similarly, foreign nationals with a residence or work permit will be able to use the foreigner's identification number on their ID card.

d) Mobile Phone Registration
Phones brought from abroad can be used without registration for 120 days. If the device is not registered within 120 days, its communication functions are deactivated.
Individuals with a TR Identification number or a foreigner's identification number who can obtain an e-Government password are required to visit the e-Government Gateway at https://www.turkiye.gov.tr/btk-imei-kaydet. They need to log in to the system and complete the required information to register their device.

e) Emergency Contact Number
In Türkiye, there is a single emergency number for all emergencies. You can use the number **112** for all emergency reports.

f) Currency
The currency used in Türkiye is the Turkish lira (abbreviated as TL, its symbol being ₺). 1 Turkish lira is 100 kuruş (abbreviated as kr).

11) Contact Information

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