

Republic of Türkiye
Aydın Adnan Menderes University
GUIDELINES ON THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

CHAPTER ONE

Purpose, Scope, Legal Basis and Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1- (1) The purpose of this Guideline is to determine the application and admission criteria for international students to the associate degree and undergraduate programmes at Aydın Adnan Menderes University.

Scope

ARTICLE 2- (1) This Regulation covers the provisions applicable to the application, assessment, placement and enrolment procedures for the admission of international students to associate degree and undergraduate programmes at Aydın Adnan Menderes University.

Legal Basis

ARTICLE 3- (1) This Regulation has been prepared in accordance with the principles regarding the admission of students from abroad, as determined by the Presidency of the Higher Education Council pursuant to Article 45/f of the Higher Education Act, and within the framework of relevant legislation.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4- (1) The terms used in this Guidelines;

- a) ADÜTÖMER: The Centre for Turkish Language Teaching, Application and Research at Aydın Adnan Menderes University,
- b) ADÜYES: The Aydın Adnan Menderes University International Student Placement System,
- c) ADÜYP: The Aydın Adnan Menderes University International Student Placement Score,
- ç) Unit: All faculties, conservatories, colleges and vocational schools affiliated with Aydın Adnan Menderes University,
- d) TRNC: The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus,
- e) Commission: The International Student Admissions Commission appointed by the Senate and responsible for activities relating to the admission of international students,
- f) MEB: The Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye,
- g) Student: A foreign national student who has graduated from a school equivalent to a Turkish high school but is not a citizen of the Republic of Türkiye or the TRNC, or who is a dual national where one of their nationalities is not the Republic of Türkiye or the TRNC,
- ğ) Student Affairs: The Directorate of Student Affairs at Aydın Adnan Menderes University,
- h) Rector: The Rector of Aydın Adnan Menderes University,
- ı) Rector's Office: The Rector's Office of Aydın Adnan Menderes University,
- i) Senate: The Senate of Aydın Adnan Menderes University,
- j) T.C.: The Republic of Türkiye,
- k) TR-YÖS: The Türkiye International Student Admission Examination administered by the Student Selection and Placement Centre (ÖSYM),
- l) GCE AL: the "General Certificate of Education" qualification,
- m) University: refers to Aydın Adnan Menderes University.

PART TWO

Principles Regarding the Admission of International Students

Application Procedures

ARTICLE 5 – (1) Details regarding applications are published on the University's website on dates determined annually by the Senate. Applications must be made in the manner specified in the announcement. Applications that do not meet the conditions set out in the announcement will not be accepted.

(2) The quota for international students to be admitted to programmes within the University's constituent units is determined by the Senate.

Application requirements

ARTICLE 6 – (1) Candidates who meet the following conditions may apply for places reserved for international students:

- A) Provided they are in their final year of high school or have graduated;

1) Foreign nationals (provided they have not received/graduated from secondary education (high school) in Türkiye [excluding foreign nationals who have completed their entire high school education at embassy schools or international private educational institutions listed in the MOBIS system, as well as foreign nationals coming to our country under projects conducted by the Ministry of National Education or the Higher Education Council]);

2) Those who were Turkish citizens by birth but have lost their Turkish citizenship by obtaining permission from the Ministry of the Interior to renounce it, and those who can provide proof of holding a blue card issued to individuals who have lost their Turkish citizenship upon request (provided they have not attended or graduated from secondary education (high school) institutions in Türkiye or the TRNC) (It is advisable for candidates applying for places reserved for applicants from abroad to review Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law No. 5901.)

3) Those who have acquired Turkish citizenship through naturalisation whilst holding foreign nationality / dual nationals in this situation (provided they have not attended or graduated from secondary schools (high school) in Türkiye or the TRNC)

4) Turkish citizens who have completed their entire secondary education (high school) in a foreign country, excluding the TRNC (including those who have completed their entire secondary education [high school] at Turkish schools established under the Ministry of National Education in a foreign country outside the TRNC)

5) TRNC nationals who (provided they have not attended or graduated from secondary schools in Türkiye or from secondary schools in the TRNC that follow the Turkish curriculum) meet the criteria specified in the application and enrolment guidelines approved by the Higher Education Council for GCE AL, TR-YÖS or higher education institutions.

B) The following candidates will not be accepted:

1) Turkish citizens who have completed their entire secondary education (high school) in Türkiye or the TRNC,

2) Those holding TRNC citizenship or dual citizenship (where one citizenship is TRNC) who have attended or graduated from secondary schools in Türkiye or from secondary schools in the TRNC that follow the Turkish curriculum,

3) Dual nationals whose first nationality by birth is Turkish, as defined in Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law No. 5901, (except those meeting the conditions set out in Article 4 of Section A),

4) Turkish citizens or dual nationals whose first nationality by birth is the Republic of Türkiye as defined in Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law No. 5901, who have received their education at schools within Turkish embassies or at foreign secondary schools in Türkiye,

5) a) Citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and those who have renounced Turkish citizenship or hold a Blue Card, who are currently studying at or have graduated from secondary education (high school) institutions in Türkiye and the TRNC,

b) Foreign nationals currently studying at or having graduated from secondary education (high school) institutions in Türkiye (excluding foreign nationals who have completed their entire high school education at embassy schools or international private educational institutions listed in the MOBIS system, as well as foreign nationals who have come to our country under projects administered by the Ministry of National Education or the Higher Education Council).

Application procedure

ARTICLE 7- (1) Candidates meeting the application criteria shall submit their application via the ADÜYES (<https://yes.edu.edu.tr>) website.

Scores Used for Applications

ARTICLE 8 – (1) The scores that candidates may use for their application are:

a) The TR-YÖS Score obtained from the Türkiye International Student Admission Exam (TR-YÖS) administered by the Student Selection and Placement Centre (ÖSYM). TR-YÖS exam results are valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of the exam. Candidates with a TR-YÖS Score of at least one hundred (100) may submit an application for placement.

b) Candidates of Northern Cyprus citizenship who have completed their entire secondary education at Northern Cyprus high schools may apply using their Northern Cyprus GCE AL examination result certificate. There is no time limit on the validity of the Northern Cyprus GCE AL examination. The letter grade-to-score conversions on the examination result certificate are as follows: A*=140, A=120, B=100 and C=80. Candidates must select a total of four subjects: at least two at A (Advanced Level) and at least two at either A Level or AS Level (Advanced Subsidiary Level). The first subject must be A Level Mathematics; the second may be any A Level subject. The third and fourth subjects may be either A Level or AS Level subjects. In the calculation of letter grade scores, a weighting of 3.5 is applied to the first subject, 1 to the second, and 0.5 to the third and fourth subjects. The sum of these calculated scores constitutes the Candidate's GCE AL Score. Candidates with a GCE AL Score of at least four hundred and forty (440) may apply for placement.

2) The score used as the basis for the candidate's placement is the ADÜYP, obtained as a result of conversion procedures. The minimum score for the calculated ADÜYP is forty (40), and the maximum score is one hundred (100).

3) The examination results and scores accepted by our University, the minimum and maximum scores, and the conversion formulas for the scores are set out in the application guide approved by the Senate.

PART THREE

Principles Regarding Placement

Admissions Committee and Sub-Committees

ARTICLE 9 – (1) Procedures relating to the admission of international students are carried out by the Commission.

Programme Preference Conditions

ARTICLE 10 – (1) The information required for programme preferences, together with the minimum score (if applicable), special conditions and explanations, is set out in the application guide and published on the University's website.

(2) Applicants may select a maximum of ten (10) different programme preferences.

Programme preference procedures

ARTICLE 11 – (1) Programme preference procedures are carried out by applicants via the ADÜYES website (<https://yes.adu.edu.tr>) in accordance with the steps set out in the application guide.

Assessment of applications and allocation

ARTICLE 12 – (1) Assessment and placement into quotas are carried out on the basis of the quota for the preferred programme, the ADÜYP score, the order of preference, and the minimum score set for the preferred programme.

(2) The number of candidates from the same country who are admitted may not exceed 20 per cent of the total quota for the relevant programme. The 20 per cent limit does not apply to supplementary placement procedures.

(3) In the event of a tie in the allocation of places, priority is given to the younger candidate. If the candidates are of the same age, priority is given to the candidate whose graduation date is closest to the application date. If the graduation dates are the same, priority is given to the candidate with the earliest application date.

(4) Meeting the application criteria does not guarantee that a candidate will be placed in any programme.

(5) In the event that no applications are received for a published quota or the quota is not filled, for unfilled or unapplied-for quotas:

a) Transfers cannot be made to Dentistry, Teacher Training and Medicine programmes,

b) For other programmes, transfers may be made within the relevant unit's programmes by the Senate.

(6) Whether or not additional placements will be made for remaining vacancies is specified in the guidelines approved by the Senate for the relevant academic year.

(7) Candidates with an ADÜYP score of at least one hundred (100) may apply to programmes that admit students via a special aptitude test. The assessment of applications to units admitting students via a special aptitude test is carried out in accordance with the principles set out in the relevant unit's special aptitude test application, registration and admission guidelines. The number of candidates from the same country who are granted admission may not exceed 20 per cent of the relevant programme's quota. In the event of a tie in the placement process, priority is given to the younger candidate. If the candidates are of the same age, priority is given to the candidate whose graduation date is closest to the application date. If the graduation dates are the same, priority is given to the candidate with the earliest application date. A student placed in a programme admitting students via a special aptitude examination will not be registered if they fail the special aptitude examination.

(8) In accordance with Article 45/f of the Higher Education Act No. 2547, as amended by Act No. 6287, and the Principles Regarding the Admission of International Students determined by the Higher Education Council, applicants who meet the application criteria for international student admission quotas, candidates who, having been Turkish citizens by birth under the Turkish Citizenship Law, have lost their Turkish citizenship by obtaining permission from the Ministry of the Interior to renounce it, candidates who provide evidence of holding a blue card issued to those who have lost Turkish citizenship upon request, as well as dual nationals whose one nationality is Turkish and who hold Turkish citizenship, and who have completed their entire secondary education at secondary schools abroad (excluding secondary schools in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus), may apply for the international student admission quotas in accordance with the criteria set by the universities; In the placement of students into the Teacher Training, Medicine and Dentistry programmes included in the international student admission quotas approved by the Senate, the quota for these candidates in the aforementioned fields shall not exceed 10%.

Announcement of results and registration

ARTICLE 13- (1) Placement results shall be published on the applicant's personal page on the <https://yes.adu.edu.tr> website on the dates specified in the placement calendar.

(2) Candidates who have secured a place on their chosen programmes may access their acceptance letters via the 'Placement Results' tab under the 'Candidate' menu on the Candidate Page at <http://yes.adu.edu.tr>.

(3) The enrolment of candidates placed on the programmes they applied for is carried out by the unit to which the student has been placed on the dates specified in the placement calendar.

Documents required for registration

ARTICLE 14- (1) The following documents are required for registration:

a) The placement results certificate obtained from the ADÜYES (<http://yes.adu.edu.tr>) website, along with the originals of the supplementary documents specified therein and their notarised Turkish translations,

b) For candidates placed in the programmes to which they applied, the original high school diploma or graduation certificate and a notarised Turkish translation of these documents,

c) A 'Certificate of Equivalence' issued by the Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their country or by the Ministry of National Education (MEB), confirming that the secondary school diploma or graduation certificate is equivalent to diplomas awarded by Turkish secondary schools,

ç) The original academic transcript (Academic Record) and a notarised Turkish translation thereof,

d) The original passport and a notarised copy translated into Turkish,

e) A bank statement confirming that the tuition fees have been paid into the relevant bank account,

- f) Six biometric photographs, 4.5 cm x 6 cm in size, taken within the last year,
- g) A Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate for all programmes; for programmes where the language of instruction is English, an English Language Certificate accepted by the ADÜ School of Foreign Languages; for programmes where the language of instruction is French, a French Language Certificate accepted by the ADÜ School of Foreign Languages; for programmes where the language of instruction is German, a German Language Certificate accepted by the ADÜ School of Foreign Languages (if applicable),
- ğ) A certified copy of the population register (mandatory for dual nationals with Turkish citizenship; the original document must clearly indicate citizenship details),
- h) A medical report issued by a fully equipped state hospital in Türkiye for candidates placed in departments requiring a medical report for enrolment under the quota conditions,
- ı) Signed Declaration of Financial Support Form,

Tuition fee and income declaration form

ARTICLE 15- (1) A tuition fee, the amount of which shall be determined by a decision of the University Board of Directors in accordance with the Presidential Decree, shall be collected from students to be admitted from abroad.

(2) Students are required to sign the "Declaration of Financial Support Form" confirming that they possess sufficient financial means to continue their studies at our university and to support themselves, and to submit it to the relevant department's student affairs office at the time of registration.

(3) The amount of the financial guarantee is determined by the University Board of Directors.

Turkish language proficiency levels

ARTICLE 16- (1) The Turkish language proficiency of those placed in programmes shall be demonstrated by:

- a) the Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate issued by ADÜTÖMER,
- b) the Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate issued by the Yunus Emre Institute,
- c) the e-YDTS results certificate issued by the Presidency of the Measurement, Selection and Placement Centre.

(2) No Turkish language proficiency certificate is required from candidates who have completed their entire secondary education in Türkiye, those who have completed their secondary education abroad at Turkish secondary schools affiliated with the Ministry of National Education (MEB), or those who have graduated from a higher education degree programme (associate degree, bachelor's degree or postgraduate degree) taught entirely in Turkish, whether in Türkiye or abroad.

(3) Candidates who have been admitted to programmes where the language of instruction is Turkish and who have a Turkish language proficiency level of at least C1, as well as those admitted to programmes where the language of instruction is a foreign language and who, in addition to their foreign language proficiency, have a Turkish language proficiency level of at least B1, may commence their studies in the programme to which they have been admitted.

(4) Students are required to provide proof of their Turkish language proficiency at the time of registration. Students who are unable to provide such documentation, or whose Turkish language proficiency is insufficient to commence studies in the programme to which they have been admitted, must sit the Turkish Exemption Exam organised by ADÜTÖMER on the date specified in the academic calendar for the purpose of determining their level or improving their proficiency.

(5) Students whose Turkish language proficiency is below the required level shall be registered as Turkish Preparatory Class Students by the unit to which they are enrolled for a period of one year to undertake Turkish Preparatory Class tuition and shall be referred to ADÜTÖMER. Those who achieve the required level of Turkish proficiency during this period are notified to their respective departments by ADÜTÖMER and commence their studies in their respective programmes. Students who fail to achieve the required level of Turkish proficiency by the end of the year remain registered as Turkish Preparatory Class students in their respective programmes and continue their education at ADÜTÖMER. Students who fail to achieve the required level of Turkish proficiency by the end of the second year will have their affiliation with the University terminated.

(6) Students admitted to programmes where the language of instruction is entirely a foreign language must meet the language proficiency requirements for the programme's language of instruction, as well as demonstrate a minimum B1 level of Turkish language proficiency.

Foreign Language Proficiency Requirements

ARTICLE 17 – (1) The language of instruction at our university is Turkish. However, upon the recommendation of the relevant committees, a decision by the Senate and the approval of the Higher Education Council, teaching may be conducted entirely or partially in a foreign language in certain programmes.

(2) International students enrolling for the first time in programmes with a compulsory foreign language preparatory class must submit their requests for exemption from foreign language requirements to the Directorate of the School of Foreign Languages (YDYO) within ten (10) working days prior to the start of the semester for the unit they have been admitted to.

(3) Students who meet any of the following conditions shall be exempted from the preparatory class and shall commence their studies in the programmes to which they have been admitted. These conditions are:

a) In the Foreign Language Proficiency Examination (YDYS), scoring at least fifty (50) out of a hundred (100) full marks for students enrolled in an associate degree programme, at least seventy (70) out of a hundred (100) full marks for students enrolled in a bachelor's degree programme, and the minimum score required by the relevant Institute out of a hundred (100) full marks for students enrolled in a postgraduate programme.

b) To have received education in a secondary school attended by citizens of a country where the foreign language designated as the language of instruction is spoken as a native language, and to have completed secondary education at such institutions.

c) To have achieved the minimum passing score equivalent to the YDYS in one of the national or international examinations listed in the equivalence table provided at the end of the Aydın Adnan Menderes University Foreign Language Education Guidelines, the validity of which has been accepted by the Senate, within the last five (5) years,

ç) To have successfully completed the preparatory year at a higher education institution whose equivalence has been recognised by the Inter-University Council, subject to the approval of the YDYO Executive Board.

(4) Except where students have passed the YDYS, decisions regarding exemption from the preparatory class are taken by the YDYO Executive Board.

(5) Students who do not meet at least one of the exemption criteria must attend the preparatory class.

(6) The application and examination schedule for preparatory classes is announced at the start of the academic year in accordance with the University's academic calendar.

(7) No resit examination is held for students who do not sit the YDYS at the start of the academic year; they are placed in the sections corresponding to the lowest intake cohort.

Deregistration

ARTICLE 18 – (1) Where applicants submit falsified, forged, incomplete or incorrect documents during the application, placement or enrolment process, any procedures carried out shall be cancelled, even if final enrolment has taken place, and the student's enrolment shall be cancelled by decision of the unit's administrative board.

(2) If it is determined that an applicant has made multiple applications using different methods, all their applications and registrations shall be cancelled by a decision of the unit management board.

(3) International students who, in undergraduate programmes, fail to select courses for two consecutive years, or in foundation programmes for one year, and who are deemed not to be continuing their studies by failing to pay fees, shall have their enrolment cancelled by a decision of the unit's administrative board.

(4) Students who fail to complete the missing documents required for registration by the end of the term in which they registered shall have their records deleted by decision of the unit management board.

CHAPTER FOUR

Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

Matters Not Covered by the Guidelines

ARTICLE 19 – (1) In cases not covered by this Directive, the provisions of the Aydın Adnan Menderes University Regulations on Associate and Bachelor's Degree Education shall apply to matters relating to education and teaching; the provisions of the Aydın Adnan Menderes University Directive on Foreign Language Education shall apply to matters relating to foreign languages and preparatory classes; and the provisions of the ADÜTÖMER Regulations shall apply to matters relating to Turkish preparatory classes.

Directive Repealed

ARTICLE 20- (1) With this Directive, the Aydın Adnan Menderes University Directive on the Application and Admission of International Students, adopted by the Senate at its meeting dated 04/06/2025 and numbered 2025/12 under Decision No. VII, is hereby repealed.

Enforcement

ARTICLE 21- (1) This Directive shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Senate.

Implementation

ARTICLE 22 – (1) The provisions of this Guidelines shall be implemented by the Rector.

These Guidelines were adopted by Resolution No IV, passed at the Senate's sitting of 10/06/2026, No. 2026-9.