



TURKISH-GERMAN UNIVERSITY / INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
PUBLIC LAW DOCTORATE PROGRAMME (GERMAN)
2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND QUOTA INFORMATION

I. IMPORTANT DATES

Application Period	June 10-July 10, 2026
Announcement of Application Pre-Assessment Results	July 28, 2026
Oral Exam Date	August 3-14, 2026*
Results Announcement Date	August 18, 2026
Final Enrolment Date	August 24-September 4, 2026
Academic Year Start Date	September 14, 2026

*The exact date of the exam will be announced on the department's website.

II. QUOTA

- Foreign applicants and candidates with Turkish citizenship who have completed their entire undergraduate education abroad can apply from the **Abroad Quota**,
- Applicants who completed their education in Turkey must apply from the **Domestic Quota**,

Domestic Quota	Abroad Quota	Foreign Language (YDS)	ALES	ALES Score Type
5	2	Foreign Language Proficiency: 70	70	SÖZ/EA/SAY
* In the absence of sufficient applications, the right to use the available quotas for other applicant groups is reserved. ** Foreign applicants who completed their entire undergraduate education abroad must meet the Turkish language level requirement determined by the Institute Board.				

III. STUDENT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must meet the requirements marked for the type of quota they are applying for.

	Domestic Quota	Abroad Quota
1. Graduation from Higher Education As of the application date, candidates must have a master's degree in law or be a student in the thesis period of their master's degree for conditional acceptance.	✓	✓



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<p>2. ALES</p> <p>Candidates who have completed their higher education in Turkey must have an ALES score of 70, which is the minimum score determined in at least one of the SAY, SÖZ or EA score types. (The validity period of the ALES Result Certificate is 5 years).</p> <p>Doctorate / proficiency in art / specialization in medicine / specialization in dentistry / specialization in dentistry / specialization in veterinary medicine / specialization in pharmacy graduates are not required to take ALES and the ALES score of candidates with these degrees is accepted as 70. These candidates can apply in a different field than the type of score they previously received or the field of doctorate / proficiency in arts / specialization</p>	✓	✗
<p>3. Foreign Language Proficiency</p> <p>Candidates must certify their level of German or English language proficiency; 70/100 YDS (or an equivalent exam result).</p> <p>(The validity period of YDS, e-YDS and YÖKDİL Foreign Language Exams is 5 years).</p> <p>For applicants who apply with a German language certificate, DSH2 or DSH3 certificate is accepted. No validity period is required for the DSH exam.</p> <p>Those who have studied in secondary or higher education institutions in a country where the medium of instruction is foreign language that spoken as the mother language in that country and attended by citizens of that country at least in the last three years of their education are exempted from the foreign language score requirement for application. Those who have completed a bachelor's degree programme at a domestic higher education institution that has conducted instruction in a foreign language designated as the language of instruction for at least the past three years are also exempt from the foreign language score requirement for application.</p> <p><i>For Equivalency of Foreign Language Exams see the link below:</i> https://dokuman.osym.gov.tr/pdfdokuman/2021/GENEL/esdegerlikdokuman06042021.pdf</p>	✓	✓
<p>4. Higher Education Cumulative GPA</p> <p>For application the Cumulative GPA of candidates must be minimum 2.25/4.00, according to Equivalency Table of YÖK 59.16/100.</p>	✓	✓



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5. Qualifications Required for Doctoral Program: Professional Orientation		
In order to enroll in the program, a bachelor's degree in law and a Mater of Law (LLM) degree with thesis in law are required.	✓	✓

IV. ASSESMENT CRITERIA

The evaluation of the applications is carried out according to the following distribution. In order to be accepted to the program, a minimum score of 70 (seventy) is required.

	For Candidates Applying for Domestic Quota	For Candidates Applying for Abroad Quota
• ALES Exam Grade	50%,	-
• Master's Degree Cumulative GPA *	20%,	50%
• Oral Exam Grade	30%,	50%

* For applicants who do not have a master's degree as of the application date, the transcript grade of the last (current) semester is taken into consideration.

After the evaluation of the applications, the results will be announced on <http://sbe.tau.edu.tr/> In addition, an acceptance letter with electronic signature will be sent to the accepted candidates via e-mail by the Institute of Social Sciences of our University.

V. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION

Applications will be made only electronically via the link https://obs.tau.edu.tr/oibs//ina_app/ between the specified dates.

Candidates are required to upload the information and documents required for the application to the system within the deadlines specified above.

Applications made by mail or in person will not be accepted.

The following application documents must be uploaded to the application system in .pdf format.

In case of any problems in the applications, it can be notified to sbe@tau.edu.tr . The candidate will be contacted when the e-mail is received.



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	Domestic Student Quota	Foreign Student Quota
a) Application Form: pdf http://sbe.tau.edu.tr/tr/formlar	✓	✓
b) CV : pdf	✓	✓
c) Identity Card: pdf	✓	x
d) Passport: pdf	x	✓
e) Photograph: Must be taken within the last six months pdf	✓	✓
f) Bachelor's and Master's Degree Diploma or Provisional Graduation Certificate It is sufficient for applicants to document their graduation. Candidates who are in the last year of their master's degree and candidates applying from abroad can apply with a current transcript. Early conditional applicants must submit a current student certificate stating that they are a student in the last semester of their master's degree instead of a master's degree diploma. Candidates who cannot graduate before final enrollment date will not be registered even if they have won as main student.	✓	✓
g) Transcript: Transcripts of candidates applying from abroad must be issued in English or German.	✓	✓
h) Foreign Language Certificate: YDS, e-YDS, YÖKDİL or a foreign language proficiency result certificate accepted by ÖSYM and equivalent to at least 70 points or DSH2 or DSH3 document. (.pdf) Those who have studied in secondary or higher education institutions in a country where the medium of instruction is foreign language that spoken as the mother language in that country and attended by citizens of that country at least in the last three years of their education are exempted from the foreign language score requirement for application. Those who have completed a bachelor's degree programme at a domestic higher education institution that has conducted instruction in a foreign language designated as the language of instruction for	✓	✓



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at least the past three years are also exempt from the foreign language score requirement for application.		
i) ALES Candidates who are applying from the domestic quota must submit the original ALES document with the "Result Document Control Code" or the original of the equivalent exam result certificate accepted by YÖK.	✓	✗
j) Recognition of Foreign Higher Education Certificate: The "Certificate of Recognition" to be obtained from the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) is mandatory for foreign applicants (including students with blue cards) who will apply for graduate education and for Turkish national applicants who have completed their education abroad. Turkish national candidates can access the necessary information on whether their higher education institutions abroad are recognized by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and the school recognition letter via e-government link . Foreign applicants and students with blue cards can access the necessary information on whether the higher education institutions abroad are recognized by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and the school certificate of recognition via the YÖK link . In case the higher education institutions abroad are not recognized by YÖK, the information and processes required for the application can be accessed via the YÖK link .	✗	✓

VI. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ENROLLMENT

- 1) Original bachelor's and master's degree diploma or graduation certificate approved by the University of graduation,
- 2) A notarized or certified copy of the transcript showing the grades of all courses taken during undergraduate and graduate education and the graduation grade point average from the relevant higher education institution is required,



- 3) Candidates applying from the domestic quota must submit the original ALES document with the "Result Document Control Code" or the original of the equivalent exam result document accepted by YÖK,
- 4) Original YDS, E-YDS or YÖKDİL document with "Result Document Control Code" or original foreign language exam result document accepted as equivalent by YÖK or original DSH2 or DSH3,
- 5) It is sufficient to show the original identity card during registration.
- 6) A military service status certificate showing that the candidates of Turkish nationality are discharged from compulsory military service.
- 7) For candidates of Turkish nationality who are research assistants at our university or other universities, an official document from their institutions.

IMPORTANT: Candidates should not be enrolled (at the same time) in more than one doctoral program at the time of registration. (Candidates should not be enrolled in more than one doctoral program at the time of registration) Candidates in such a situation can only enroll in our Institute if they deregister from the other higher education institution.

NOTE: For those who make false/incorrect statements and those whose documents are incomplete or falsified final registration won't be made, and even if they made their final registration, their registration will be canceled.

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