



TURKISH-GERMAN UNIVERSITY / INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES
Ph.D.in BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR
STUDENT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND QUOTA

I – Application Period: 10 June – 10 July 2026

II – Oral Interview and Registration Deadlines:

Application Dates	10 June – 10 July 2026
Announcement of the Pre-evaluation Results	28 July 2026
Oral Scientific Examination Dates	03-14 August 2026*
Announcement of the Results	18 August 2026
Registration Date	24 August - 04 September 2026
Beginning of the Term	14 September 2026
*The exact dates of the exams will be announced on the program’s website.	

III - Quotas:

- Foreign applicants and Turkish applicants who received their bachelor’s degrees abroad must apply from the **Foreign Student Quota**.
- Turkish applicants who received their bachelor's degree in Turkey must apply from the **Turkish Student Quota**.

Turkish Student Quota	Foreign Student Quota	Foreign Language	Master's Degree Graduation Weighted GPA	ALES	ALES Point Type
10	5	YDS/ e-YDS/YÖKDİL/e-YÖKDİL: 70 (or an equivalent test result)	2.5/4	70	EA/SAY
* If there are not enough applications, the right to use the available quotas for the other application group is reserved. **Language of Instruction is English.					

IV - Admission Requirements:

Candidates must adhere to the ticked conditions for the type of quota they are applying for.

	Turkish Student Quota	Foreign Student Quota
<p>Holding a Bachelor's and Master's Degree</p> <p>The successful completion of a bachelor's and master's degree in Turkey or abroad is required.</p>	✓	✓
<p>Academic Personnel and Postgraduate Education Entrance Examination (ALES)</p> <p>Turkish applicants are required to have scored at least 70 points in one of the SAY or EA point types in the Turkish Entrance Examination (ALES).</p> <p>The ALES exam result is valid for 5 years.</p> <p>Foreign applicants are exempt from providing an ALES score.</p> <p>Applicants who have completed a Ph.D. / Competence in Arts / Expertise in Medicine / Expertise in Dentistry / Expertise in Veterinary Medicine / Expertise in Pharmacy are not required to provide an ALES score, and the ALES score of these applicants will be taken as 70 points.</p> <p>The results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) examinations are accepted instead of the ALES exam.</p> <p>The GRE and GMAT exams are valid for 5 years.</p> <p>For the equivalent exam scores of GRE and GMAT with ALES, the ALES-GRE and GMAT equivalence table released by the Turkish-German University Senate (09.05.2018; No:24; Decision No: 2018/24) is used. see: http://3fcampus.tau.edu.tr/uploads/cms/fbe.tau/7025.pdf</p>	✓	-
<p>Foreign Language Requirements</p> <p>The language of instruction is English. Applicants have to provide English language scores or English language proficiency certificates. Applicants must have scored at least 70 points from one of the YDS, e-YDS, YÖKDİL or e-YÖKDİL exams or must have scored an equivalent score to 70 points in one of the accepted international English language exams.</p> <p>For an overview of accepted equal exams and scores by the Turkish Higher Education Authority please see.: https://dokuman.osym.gov.tr/pdfdokuman/2016/GENEL/EsdegerlikTablosu25022016.pdf</p>	✓	✓

	Turkish Student Quota	Foreign Student Quota
<p>YDS, e-YDS, YÖKDİL, e-YÖKDİL exam scores are valid for 5 years.</p> <p>For the validity of the other examinations, the validity period specified by the examiner is taken into consideration. If a validity date is not indicated on the result document, the validity period of the exam score is considered as 5 years.</p> <p>Applicants who spend at least three years in an English-speaking country and have completed their secondary or higher education in institutions of this country, where English is defined as the instruction language, are exempted from the foreign language score requirement.</p>		
<p>Grade Point Average (GPA)</p> <p>The application does require a specific Grade Point Average (GPA).</p>	✓	✓
<p>Qualification for the PhD: Subject - Specific Requirements</p> <p>To apply for the program, applicants must have a bachelor's degree from one of the following faculties: Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Faculty of Engineering or similar faculties.</p>	✓	✓

V - Program Specifics:

Business Administration PhD Programme operates in formal education.

VI - Assessment Criteria:

Applications are evaluated according to the following weighting. To qualify for registration to the program, applicants are required to obtain at least 70 (seventy) points. For the GRE and GMAT exam scores, the equivalent ALES score is used.

	Turkish Student Quota	Foreign Student Quota
ALES score*	%50	-
Graduate GPA of Master's Degree with Thesis **	%20	%40
Interview score	%30	%60

* For the equivalent exam scores of GRE and GMAT with ALES, the ALES-GRE and GMAT equivalence table released by the Turkish-German University Senate (09.05.2018; No:24; Decision No: 2018/24) is used.

** For applicants who have not been graduated yet and whose applications are conditionally accepted, the grade point average included in the applicant's transcript on the application date is taken as the weighted grade point average. Changes that may occur in grade point averages after the application date are not taken into account in any way.

VII - Application Documents:

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

Applicants are expected to upload the information and documents required for the application into the system within the deadlines indicated above.

Applications made by post, e-mail, or in person will not be accepted.

The below-mentioned list of application documents must be uploaded into the application system **completely** and in **PDF** format. If there are any problems with the application process, these can be reported to the Social Sciences Institute by sending an email to sbe@tau.edu.tr.

	Turkish Student Quota	Foreign Student Quota
a) Application form: http://sbe.tau.edu.tr/ortak-formlargemeinsam	✓	✓
b) Identity card: Copy of Identity card	✓	-
c) Passport: Copy of passport	-	✓
d) Photo: Photo taken in the last six month	✓	✓
e) Copy of Master's and Bachelor's Degree Diploma (Graduate students who have reached the graduation stage but have not graduated yet can apply to the program conditionally. Submission of Master's Degree Diploma is mandatory during final registration.) (Applicants applying on a conditional basis must provide an updated academic transcript indicating that they are in their final semester of graduate program, rather than a master's degree.)	✓	✓
f) Transcript of Records (ToR): For foreign applicants, the ToR must be either in English language.	✓	✓
g) Language Proficiency: The original YDS, e-YDS, YÖKDİL, e-YÖKDİL document with the 'Result Document Control Code' or the original foreign language exam result document accepted as equivalent by YÖK. Please see the link given for equivalent exam scores and reference documents accepted by the Council of Higher Education.	✓	✓

<p>h) Copy of ALES or equivalent examination result</p> <p>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.</p>	✓	-
<p>i) Recognition of Foreign University</p> <p>The 'School Recognition Letter' to be obtained from the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) is mandatory for foreign applicants (including students with blue cards) who will apply for postgraduate education and Turkish national applicants who have completed their education abroad.</p> <p>Turkish national candidates can access the necessary information about whether their higher education institutions abroad are recognised by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and the school recognition letter via the e-government link.</p> <p>Foreign national candidates and students with blue cards can access the necessary information about whether the higher education institutions abroad are recognised/recognised by the Presidency of Higher Education Council of Turkey (YÖK) and the school recognition letter via the YÖK link.</p> <p>If the higher education institutions abroad are not recognised by YÖK, the information and processes required for the application can be accessed via the YÖK link.</p>	-	✓
<p>j) Resume (CV) and Letter of Intent</p>	✓	✓

VIII - Required Documents for Registration:

1. The original of the undergraduate and graduate diploma or the graduation certificate approved by the University. Candidates who graduated from higher education institutions abroad must submit their diploma or graduation documents with a Turkish translation made by a sworn translator and notarized/certified by a notary or consulate.
2. An official transcript, issued by the registrar of the candidate's previous institution or notarized, showing all undergraduate courses taken, grades received by the candidate and grade average point. Candidates who are graduated from higher education institutions abroad must submit their transcripts (including their grade point average) with a Turkish translation made by a sworn translator and certified by a notary or consulate.
3. ALES score's Internet printout or original result-document of an equivalent exam.



4. YDS, e-YDS, YÖKDİL, e-YÖKDİL score's Internet printout or original result-document of an equivalent exam.
5. Foreign candidates (including Mavi Kart holders) and Turkish citizens with a foreign bachelor's degree must submit a "Higher Education Institution Recognition" certificate prepared by the Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK) or taken from E-Devlet (<https://www.turkiye.gov.tr/>).
6. Showing the identity card during registration is sufficient.
7. For foreign citizens, if any, a copy of residence permission and foreign citizen identity card number.
8. Copy of the related pages of the passport for foreign citizens showing validity period and identity information (candidates who certify that they have a valid residence permit will not be asked for a student visa during registration).
9. Graduate student candidates who are placed from abroad quota must pay three times the determined contribution amount. Payments will be made after registration. For detailed information about tuition fee/contribution: <https://oidb.tau.edu.tr/katki-payi-ve-ogrenim-ucreti>
10. Turkish citizens should submit a document indicating that they are not affiliated with the military service.
11. For Turkish candidates who are research assistants at our university or other universities, the official document they will receive from their institutions.

NOT: The final registration of those who make statements contrary to facts or make false statements, and/or those whose documents are forged or incomplete will not be made. Even if their final registration is made, it will be canceled.

IMPORTANT: Candidates should not be enrolled in multiple graduate programs at the same time during registration. (According to Article 35 (6) of the Higher Education Graduate Education and Training Regulation dated April 20, 2016) Candidates in such situations can only register at our Institute if they have their registrations at the other higher education institution canceled.

In order for the registration process to take place, the original or certified copies of the documents must be submitted in full.

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