

GRADUATE APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

The upcoming application dates are between **23 FEBRUARY-27 MARCH 2026**

How should I apply? You will only apply through the online application program. You do not need to send any hardcopy documents or come to the university physically. Please use the program number 339 at <https://application.metu.edu.tr>

Application fee:
55 USD per program applied to.
<http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/bank-account-numbers-other-services>
Students with active registration in Turkish universities are exempted.

What are the application requirements? The application requirements may change from program to program. You are recommended to visit the webpage of the related graduate school and go through the “Admissions” pages. The list of the graduate programs and the graduate schools is available here: <https://www.metu.edu.tr/graduate-programs-and-degreesoffered-odtu>

Basically, you will be asked to provide the following:

1. *A certain level of GPA:* This is the cumulative GPA stated on your diploma or temporary graduation certificate. If it is not out of 4.00, you may use the grade conversion table on the webpage of the Registrar’s Office (<https://oidb.metu.edu.tr>) Find the “Grade Conversion Table” under the “Courses” section.

2. *An English Proficiency Score:* You **MUST** provide a valid English exam score. Accepted English exams are stated below with the minimum required scores. Without an English score, you **CANNOT** make an application. **The scores given below are approximate scores, so please check the “Application Criteria” pages of the related graduate school.** Do not forget that these exam scores are only valid for 2 years. (*Native speakers should contact the graduate school for exemption options. If you are a graduate of METU or have studied at a graduate program at METU recently, please check the website of the related graduate school for the exemption options.*)

Exam	Minimum Score
ODTÜ English Proficiency Exam – İYS	65-80
TOEFL IBT	79-95

Exam	Minimum Score
IELTS	NOT ACCEPTED
PTE Academic	70-75

- ODTU İYS Exam will be held on 3-4 February 2026 (consisting of two parts in two days) and the exam will be held face-to-face.
- The applications for the exam will be taken between the 16 - 25 JANUARY 2026 via <https://application.metu.edu.tr> Please see this page for the details of the application for the ODTU İYS exam: <http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/application-process> Exam details are available at <http://epe.metu.edu.tr>
- See here for Equivalence Table for English Language Exams Recognized by METU and some important notes. <https://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/equivalence-table-english-language-exams-recognized-metu-undergraduate-and-graduate-students>

3. *An ALES or GRE score:* Applicants should provide an **ALES** (Graduate Education Entrance Exam-An exam done by Turkish authorities in Turkish) or a **GRE** (Graduate Record Examinations) score. International students, most of the time, provide GRE scores as the ALES exam is in Turkish. The minimum required GRE score for graduate programs at ODTÜ may vary, but it is mostly around 149-155. We recommend you to check the “Application Criteria” pages of the related graduate school for the correct required score.

In some rare cases, international students can also apply without a GRE score but only for *conditional acceptance*. Conditional acceptance means that students are expected to get at least BB grades in their first semester. Otherwise, their registration will be canceled. Please contact the related graduate school for the availability of conditional acceptance for your preferred program.

4. *Letter of Intention and Reference letters:* You will not submit hardcopy reference letters but enter the name and the contact details of your references. They will receive a link to fill the reference letter for your application.

How much is the tuition fee? The fee structure is available here: <https://iso.metu.edu.tr/en/tuition-fee> There are two semesters in one academic year, and typically, a master’s program lasts for 2 years, and a doctorate program lasts for 4 years. Students can get %50 or %100 discounts on tuition fees depending on their CGPA.

ATTENTION!!! Graduate applications are taken and evaluated by the graduate schools and NOT BY THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICE. So please check the related website and direct your further questions to the graduate schools:

- Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences <https://fbe.metu.edu.tr> – etuzun@metu.edu.tr
- Graduate School of Social Sciences <https://sbe.metu.edu.tr> – sbekayit@metu.edu.tr
- Informatics Institute <https://ii.metu.edu.tr> - bbaris@metu.edu.tr
- Graduate School of Applied Mathematics <https://iam.metu.edu.tr>
- Institute of Marine Sciences <http://ims.metu.edu.tr/>