

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
ABOUT GRADUATE PROGRAMS
(FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS)**



FEYZIYE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
IŞIK UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

When does the application period start?

Applications for the Fall semester (2022-2023) starts on 1 March, 2022.

How can I apply?

Please go to <https://applyisikun.force.com/s/> to apply to our graduate programs.

When is the deadline for applications?

Deadline for applications is 31 August 2022.

Which documents do I need to apply to Master's programs?

Bachelor Diploma (Min. 3 Years Degree)

Bachelor Transcript

CV

First page of Passport

Reference Letter (If any)

English Proficiency Result (If any)

GRE/GMAT Score (If any)

Which documents do I need to apply to PhD (doctorate) programs?

Master Diploma (With Thesis)

Master Transcript

Bachelor Diploma (Min. 3 Years Degree)

Bachelor Transcript

CV

First page of Passport

Reference Letter (If any)

English Proficiency Result (If any)

GRE/GMAT Score (If any)

How do you evaluate applications?

Please note that we evaluate your applications carefully since we are committed to quality of education at Işık University. For most of our graduate programs (Master with thesis and PhD), you are required to attend an interview as part of the evaluation process. Please note that the purpose of the interview is to learn about your background and your expectations from our graduate programs. Our second round of interviews will take place online via Zoom on **June 1-2, 2022**. You will receive an invitation once you complete the online application.

How long does the evaluation process take place?

Please note that the length of the evaluation process may vary depending on the program. Most of our programs (especially thesis options) require an interview. We aim to evaluate applications within a month.

What is an offer letter?

Offer Letter states that you are conditionally accepted by Işık University. After completing your deposit payment, you will receive the Official Acceptance Letter. Please note that there is a quota for every program. Therefore, we kindly ask you to make the deposit payment before due date in order to secure your place at your preferred program.

What is an official acceptance letter?

You receive this letter after making your deposit payment. This letter enables you to apply for visa. Please note that the visa application process might take a long time. It is your re- sponsibility to obtain a valid visa to be able to register to our programs.

Do I need a Visa?

Citizens of countries who are allowed to enter Türkiye for durations up to 90 days are not re- quired to apply for a visa to be registered as a student at our university. However, they have to apply for the residence permit within 30 days of entry. Citizens of some countries might require a visa. Any type of visa is accepted to register as a student. Please be aware that the visa application process might take up several months. It is your responsibility to obtain a visa before the start of the academic term.

What will happen if my visa is rejected?

We will give you a full deposit refund in case your application has been rejected by the Em- bassy.

What is the duration of a Master's/PhD program?

The duration of a Master's program with thesis is 2 academic years. The duration of a Mas- ter's program without thesis is 1.5 academic years. The duration of a PhD program is 4 years. These periods exclude Scientific Preparation and/or English Preparatory programs (if re- quired).

ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS AND PAYMENT

Do you offer any scholarships?

Yes. We have various merit-based scholarships. Scholarships will be allocated based on your application documents and interview performance. All applicants will be evaluated for 50% and 75% scholarships. Additionally, applicants for Master's with thesis and PhD programs are eligible for 100% scholarship. Please note that scholarships do not apply to the English Preparatory Program.

How much should I pay as deposit?

Applicants are required to pay a tuition deposit of 1500 USD to receive an official acceptance letter. This non-refundable deposit will be considered as a guarantee of applicant's intent to enroll at Işık and it will be deducted from the tuition fee at registration.

Do you offer an early payment discount?

Students who pay their deposit until **20 June 2022** (5pm, Turkish time) will receive a 5% discount on their tuition fees.

How can I learn the tuition fees?

Please go to https://www.isikun.edu.tr/i/content/14552_1_1.pdf for tuition fees for the academic year of 2022-2023.

Does Işık University offer any payment plans?

Master's and PhD students should pay the tuition fee in two installments.

ABOUT THE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

What is the language of instruction at Işık University?

Most of our programs are taught in English. However, we also offer programs in Turkish. If you want to apply to a program in Turkish, you need to prove your proficiency in Turkish with a TÖMER certificate.

How do I prove my English Proficiency?

Applicants are required to prove their English proficiency (TOEFL min. 66, PTE min. 50). You can submit an original Language Exam Score Report via the application portal. Please note that IELTS is not accepted.

When is Işık University's English Proficiency Test?

If you do not have one of the above scores, you are required to take Işık University's English Proficiency Test. The second online test will take place on **8 June 2022**.

Do you offer an English Preparatory Program?

Yes. Those who fail Işık University's English Proficiency Test must register to the English Preparatory Program at Işık University (Şile Campus) before beginning their academic studies. This preparatory year is not included in the total number of years of study required for graduation.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS

How many campuses do you have? Where are the campuses located?

Işık University has two campuses on the European and Asian sides of İstanbul: Şile campus and Maslak campus. Master and PhD programs are at Maslak campus. Please note that English Preparatory Program is located at Şile campus.

How can I find a flat/house close to my campus?

We do not offer on-campus accommodation at Maslak campus. However, you may search for suitable accommodation options at these links: <https://www.sahibinden.com/kiralik-daire/istanbul> <https://www.hepsimlak.com/istanbul-kiralik/daire>

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