

T.C. DOKUZ EYLÜL UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
2026-2027 FALL SEMESTER

GRADUATE PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL QUOTAS

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the graduate programs of our Institute.

Established in 1982 within Dokuz Eylül University—one of Turkey's leading universities—our Institute trains academic experts and doctors of science. Our mission is to raise qualified human resources equipped with contemporary knowledge and advanced analytical thinking skills required for the development of our country and global society.

Our Institute aims to provide its students with a qualified graduate education environment at national and international levels through its:

- Student-oriented service approach,
- Rich variety of graduate education programs and learning conditions that are constantly updated in accordance with the requirements of the era,
- Experienced and strong academic staff,
- National and international exchange opportunities,
- Research, analysis, seminar, symposium, conference, and similar activities aimed at personal and academic development, organized alongside education and training,
- Dedicated academic and administrative staff.

Believing that your presence will create a synergy in our scientific environment, we wish you success in the application and evaluation process.

GRADUATE PROGRAM APPLICATION CALENDAR FOR INTERNATIONAL QUOTAS

Process	Dates
Submission of Applications to the Institute	June 29, 2026 – July 24, 2026
Announcement of Results	August 19, 2026
Final Registrations	August 27–28, 2026

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION AND QUOTAS

Information regarding student resources, quotas, and the medium of instruction for master's (with thesis / without thesis) and Ph.D. programs for the 2026-2027 fall semester is available in the graduate program announcement.

TUITION FEES

The tuition fees to be paid by candidates who will register for master's (with/without thesis) and Ph.D. programs from the international quota will be announced later.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR TURKISH CITIZENS WHO COMPLETED THEIR ENTIRE UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION ABROAD AND FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS

Applications for international student quotas can only be made online via the following link:

 <https://debis.deu.edu.tr/OgrenciSleri/Ogrenci/yabanciogrensbasvuru/index.php>

- Applications submitted by post, e-mail, or hand delivery **will not be accepted**.
- If there are missing documents in the submitted files, the application **will not be accepted**.
- Candidates applying from the international quota can apply with a **School Recognition Certificate (Okul Tanınma Belgesi)** obtained from the Council of Higher Education (YÖK). However, Turkish citizens who will benefit from this quota may apply on the condition that they submit their **Diploma Equivalency Certificate (Diploma Denklik Belgesi)** to our Institute until graduation.
- Applicants **will not take a science/entrance exam**. They will be placed into the programs in line with the favorable opinion of the Head of the Department and the Decision of the Institute Administrative Board.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION

1) Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate

- For programs where the medium of instruction is Turkish or partially a foreign language, applicants must possess a **C1 level Turkish Proficiency Certificate**. Turkish Language Certificates accepted by the Dokuz Eylül University Senate are valid.
- Candidates who wish to apply to the programs can do so without a valid Turkish Language Certificate; however, they **cannot start classes**. Candidates admitted to programs without a Turkish Language Certificate will study in the Turkish preparatory program for 1 year. Since there is no preparatory education practice in **non-thesis master's programs**, applicants to these programs must directly possess a C1 level Turkish Proficiency Certificate.
- A Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate is **not required** for programs taught entirely in a foreign language.
- Foreign nationals who completed their education in Turkey or graduated from a program abroad that teaches in Turkish **do not need** to submit a Turkish Proficiency Certificate.

2) Diploma

A certified copy and a certified Turkish translation of the diploma obtained from the higher education institution of graduation, approved by the Turkish Republic Foreign Representatives (Embassies/Consulates) or Turkish Republic Notaries.

3) Transcript

A certified copy and a certified Turkish translation of the transcript of records showing all courses taken and grades received from the graduated higher education institution, approved by the Turkish Republic Foreign Representatives or Turkish Republic Notaries.

4) Exam Result Document

A copy of any of the sufficient and valid **ALES, GRE, or GMAT** exam result documents from the last five years. (The ALES requirement does not apply to non-thesis and distance education non-thesis master's programs).

5) Foreign Language Certificate

One of the central foreign language exam result documents accepted by YÖK.

- Click to access the International Foreign Language Exams Equivalency Document.
- In programs where the education is partially or fully conducted in a foreign language, it is mandatory to meet the foreign language requirement in the language of the program. If the language of the program is the student's native language, it must be met from a foreign language other than their native language.
- It is **not required** to submit a Central Foreign Language Exam result document for non-thesis and distance education non-thesis master's programs whose medium of instruction is Turkish.

6) Photographs

2 passport-sized photographs (4 × 6 cm), which must have been taken within the last 6 months.

7) Passport

A valid passport and, if available, a residence permit. A certified copy and certified Turkish translation approved by the Turkish Republic Foreign Representatives or Turkish Republic Notaries.

8) School Recognition Certificate (Okul Tanınma Belgesi)

To be obtained from the Council of Higher Education (YÖK). Turkish citizens utilizing this quota may also apply with a school recognition certificate. However, they must submit their Diploma Equivalency Certificate to our Institute until graduation.

9) Curriculum Vitae (CV)

In Turkish or English.

10) Letter of Intent

A letter of intent explaining the purpose of applying to the program.

11) Reference Letters

Two reference letters, at least one of which must be academic.