SAKARYA UNIVERSITY

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ADMISSION PRINCIPLES

(Associate - Undergraduate)

1. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

a) Meeting the conditions specified in the Council of Higher Education's "Regulations on Admission of International Students". (Council of Higher Education – Regulations on Admission of International Students)

b) Having at least the minimum required score from one of the exam results or diplomas listed below.

2. DETERMINATION OF QUOTAS

- Quotas are determined by the decision of the University Senate in accordance with articles 2/b-c of the "General Principles" section of the Council of Higher Education's Regulations on Admission of International Students, and are submitted for approval to the Council of Higher Education. (According to the relevant regulation, for Turkish citizens studying abroad, applicants who hold dual citizenship including Turkish, Turkish citizens, and holders of the Blue Card, the quota for Teacher Education, Law, Medicine, and Dentistry programs may not exceed 10%.)

- As stated in the letter from the Council of Higher Education dated 10.05.2023 and numbered E-75850160-301.02.02-32987, the quota allocated for Medicine and Dentistry programs may not exceed 10% based on applicants' nationalities.

- In cases where there are no applications to a program accepting international students or the quota is not filled, the unfilled quotas and/or quotas without applications:
  a) **Cannot be transferred** to programs in Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, Teacher Education, and Medicine;
  b) **Can be reallocated** to other programs within the relevant faculty/school/vocational school by the relevant boards of the university.

- The decision to fill vacant quotas due to lack of applications or non-registration of admitted candidates through additional placement is made by the University Senate.

- In the event that the projected quotas are not filled, international student admissions may be carried out outside the official application calendar, provided that applicants apply online, based on score and preference ranking, within the registration dates specified by the Council of Higher Education (July 1 – November 31). Students admitted in this way will be directed to preparatory education.

- Sakarya University reserves the right not to fill the quotas.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Applications will be received online through the Sakarya University International Student Center application page at https://yosyerlesme.sabis.sakarya.edu.tr, within the dates specified in the International Student Admission calendar. Candidates will be allowed to make **three (3) program choices**, and placement will be carried out starting from the first preference.
2. During the application, all information must be entered into the system accurately, and documents must be uploaded in a clear and complete manner. No changes can be made to submitted information or preferences. (Each candidate may apply only once. If multiple applications are detected, only the first valid application will be evaluated.)
3. Application documents must be in **Turkish or English**.
4. Applications with missing information and/or documents will be **cancelled** during the evaluation. The candidate's own declaration regarding eligibility will be taken into account. Candidates who do not meet the requirements or who submit false declarations will **not gain any right to admission**, even if they are placed.
5. The exam result document of candidates applying with **TR-YÖS** scores will be verified through the **ÖSYM verification page**. Documents without a verification code will not be considered.
6. Candidates applying with a **high school diploma** must upload a document showing their **high school graduation grade**.
7. Candidates applying to the **English Language Teaching** or **English Translation and Interpreting** departments must upload a valid **language proficiency certificate or exemption document**.
8. Originals and certified copies of the uploaded documents must be submitted to the registration staff during **final registration**.
9. If it is determined at any stage of the application, placement, or registration process that **forged, falsified, incomplete, or incorrect documents or information** were submitted—even if the candidate has completed registration—their application will be **cancelled**, and their registration **will be deleted**. Paid tuition or contribution fees **will not be refunded**. (Sakarya University reserves the right to pursue legal or penal action in such cases.)
10. All procedures will be conducted using the **Candidate ID** number generated during the application. Requests or inquiries from individuals who do not provide their Candidate ID will **not be considered**.
11. Specific conditions and explanations regarding preferred programs are listed in the **Quota Table**, which should be carefully reviewed.
12. Applications submitted **in person or via e-mail** will **not be accepted**.

4. ADMISSION SCORE

The accepted types of exams and the minimum required scores are specified in **Table 1 / Table 2 / Table 3 / Table 4**.

The exam or graduation score of each applicant is first converted to a **score out of 100**, and then the **Admission Score** is calculated by applying the respective weight percentages according to the type of application (Table 1 / Table 2 / Table 3 / Table 4).

Documents listed in the tables below that are considered **diplomas or high school graduation exams** are valid **indefinitely**, while exams considered as **university entrance exams** are valid for **2 years**.

For the exams listed in **Table 1**, **100% of the YÖS score** is taken into account.

Table 1

Exam	Kabul Edilen Sınav	Açıklama
TR YÖS	Türkiye International Student Exam (TR YÖS)	At least 400 points for the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, At least 350 points for the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences and Faculty of Law, Architecture, Visual Communication and Design, Management Information Systems programs, Faculty of Engineering minimum 300 points, At least 200 points for other undergraduate programs, At least 150 points for Associate Degree programs

90% of the scores from the exams listed in **Table 2** are taken into account.

Table 2

Exam	Accepted Exam	Details
ACT	ACT (American College Test)Exam	As a total score out of 36 points in the fields of Science andMathematics; For the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry minimum 29 points, For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 25 points,For the other undergraduate programs minimum 23 points, For Associate Degree programs minimum 20 points
SAT 1	SAT 1	From each of the "Evidence-Based Reading and Writing" and"Math" tests; Having at least 640 points for Medicine and Dentistry, At least 560 points for the Engineering-Architecture programs,At least 480 points for the other undergraduate programs, At least 320 points for Associate Degree programs
GCE (A LEVEL EXAM)	GCE (A-LEVEL EXAM) (Application with expected results cannot be accepted.)	A level in at least 3 subjects and at least one of which is related tothe applied program

70% of the scores from the exams listed in **Table 3** are taken into account.

(Applications **cannot** be made to the **Medicine** and **Dentistry** programs with these exam results.)

Table 3

Country	Accepted Exam	Details
Germany	German Baccalaureate (ABITUR)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs maximum 1.7 points, For the other undergraduate programs maximum 2.5 points, For the Associate Degree programs maximum of 3.0 points
Albania	Central High School Graduation Exam(Certificate of Maturity-Matura Shtetërore)	For the Engineering-Architecture program's minimum 8.5 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 7 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 6 points
Austria	Austria Matura Diploma(Matura Reifezeugnis)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs maximum 1.6 points, For the other undergraduate programs maximum 2.2 points, For the Associate Degree programs maximum 2.7 points
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan National University TestTQDK	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 595 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 490 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum of 420 points
Bosnia Herzegovina	Maturity Exam (Matura)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 4,25 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 3,5 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 3,0 points
Brazil	University Entrance Exam Ceticadoda Conclusao de SeguntoGrau / Concurso Vestibular Secondary Education Conclusion Certificate	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 8,5 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 7 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 6 points
	ENEM/Exame Nacional do Ensino Médio High School National Exam	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85% Achievement, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70% Achievement, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60% Achievement
Algeria	Algeria Baccalaureate (Baccalaureateof Secondary Education)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points

Country	Accepted Exam	Details
Chad	Chad Baccalaureate (Chad Baccalaureate)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points
Ethiopia	University Entrance Exam Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
Indonesia	Ujian Akhir Nasional (UAN)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 51/60 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 42/60 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 36/60 points
	Endonezya Surat Keterengan Hasil Ujian Nasional (SKHUN)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
Morocco	Morocco Baccalaureate (Morocco Baccalaureate) French Baccalaureate (French Baccalaureate)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points
Philippines	University Entrance Exam (National College Entrance Exam) Philippine Education Placement Test (PEPT)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
Palestine	Secondary Graduation Exam (Tawjihi)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
France	French Baccalaureate	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points
Guinea	Guinea Baccalaureate	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points
Georgia	Georgia National Exam	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 425 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 350 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum of 300 points

Country	Accepted Exam	Details
India	Diploma Grade that is given after 12 years of high school education (Higher Secondary School Certificates - Indian School Certificate (ISC) / Intermediate Certificate / Higher School Certificate / Higher Secondary Certificate / All India Senior School Certificate / Pre-University course - awarded on completion of Standard XII)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
Iraq	Iraq High School Diploma Degree (Baccalaureate Iraq)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
Iran	KONKUR	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points
Montenegro	Montenegro High School Graduation Exam (Maturski ispit / Diploma ozavršenoj srednjoj školi)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 4.25 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 3,5 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 3,0 points
Qatar	Central High School Graduation Exam Al-Shahada-Al Thanawiyya Al-Amma	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85% Achievement, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70% Achievement, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60% Achievement
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan National Test (ENT)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 120/140 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 100/140 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 40/140 points
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Education (KCSE)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum B+ Level, For the other undergraduate programs minimum B-Level, For the Associate Degree programs minimum C+ Level
Kyrgyzstan	National University Entrance Examination (ORT)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 215/250 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 175/250 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 140/250 points
Kosovo	Kosovo Matura MATURA	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85% Achievement, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70% Achievement, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60% Achievement

Country	Accepted Exam	Details
Libya	Al-Shahada-Al Thanawiyya Exam	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85% Achievement, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70% Achievement, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60% Achievement
North Macedonia	Central High School Graduation Exam(Matura)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 4.25 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 3,5 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 3,0 points
Mauritania	Mauritania Baccalaureate	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points
Mongolia	General State Examination (KONKUR General State Examination)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 680/800 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 575/800 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 450/800 points
Moldova	Baccalaureate Exam	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 8,5/10 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 7/10 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 6/10 points
Niger	Niger Baccalaureate	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points
Nigeria	West African Examinations Council(WAEC) or West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)	At least B2 level from each of the six subjects for Engineering-Architecture programs, At least B3 level from each of the six subjects for other Undergraduate programs, At least C5 level from each of the six subjects for Associate Degree programs
Central Africa	Central Africa Baccalaureate	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17/20 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14/20 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12/20 points
Pakistan	(Higher Secondary Certificate -HSC-)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points

Country	Accepted Exam	Details
Somali	Somali High School Graduation Exam	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
Somali-Hargeisa	Somali-Hargeisa High School Graduation Exam	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum A Level, For the other undergraduate programs minimum B Level, For the Associate Degree programs minimum C Level
Sudan	International General Certificate of Secondary Education /IGCSE	For the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture to get a grade of A from at least five of them, at least three of which are elective courses appropriate to the field, and the average of all courses to be at least A, For other undergraduate programs, getting a grade of B from at least five of them, at least three of which are elective courses appropriate to the field, and the average of all courses to be at least B, For associate degree programs, getting a grade of B from at least five of them, at least three of which are elective courses suitable for the field, and a minimum average of all courses to be at least B.
	Sudan High School Graduation Exam	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
Saudi Arabia	Central High School Graduation Exam (Tawjihi)	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
	Kudrat Exam	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
Tanzania	ACSEE	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 9 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 7 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 5 points
Tunisia	Baccalaureate of Secondary Education	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points
Ukraine	ZNO- Ukrainian External Independent Testing	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 170/200 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 140/200 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum of 120/200 points

Country	Accepted Exam	Details
Jordan	Tawjihi	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points
Yemen	Central High School Graduation Exam	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 85 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 70 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 60 points,
Greece	Greece Baccalaureate	For the Engineering-Architecture programs minimum 17 points, For the other undergraduate programs minimum 14 points, For the Associate Degree programs minimum 12 points

For applications made with a **high school diploma** (Table 4), **60% of the graduation GPA** is taken into account in the evaluation.

Table 4

High School Graduation Grades	Explanation
When the success grade in applications with High School Graduation Grade is converted to the hundred-point system	*At least 80 success grades in the programs of the Faculty of Engineering (Departments that can be applied "Food Engineering, Environmental Engineering and Metallurgical and Materials Engineering") Undergraduate programs with at least 60 achievements*, Associate Degree programs with at least 50 success

- **Applications with a high school diploma are not accepted** for the following programs: *Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Law, Architecture, Visual Communication and Design, and Management Information Systems.*
- **Applications cannot be made** with **high school diplomas from Afghanistan, Syria, or Azerbaijan**. *(However, applicants who have completed their entire high school education at Baku Turkish Anatolian High School in Azerbaijan or Afghan Maarif Schools are eligible to apply.)*
- High school diplomas **not listed or defined in the application system** will **not be evaluated or categorized** by the International Student Center.
- If an application is submitted using an exam that is **not listed**, the **evaluation and categorization** of the submitted document will be carried out by the International Student Center Coordination Office.
- The International Student Center Coordination Office may issue an **acceptance letter** by evaluating the high school diplomas of applicants who are unable to submit other documents and apply with only their high school diploma.

5. EVALUATION

- Among the applicants who meet the application requirements, **a number of primary (main) candidates equal to the quota** and **a number of reserve (waiting list) candidates equal to twice the quota** will be selected for each program.
- If the primary candidates do not complete their registration, candidates from the reserve list will be announced and registered in their place.
- A candidate who earns the right to register from either the primary or reserve list will be **placed in only one department/program**. There is **no second round** of preference or placement.
- Applications are evaluated and candidates are placed **based on their Admission Score**, provided that the minimum requirements stated in these regulations are met.
- In the event of a tie in placement scores:
  • The **younger candidate** will be given priority,
  • Then, the candidate who has **recently graduated from secondary education** will be preferred.
- Candidates can access their placement results (whether they have earned a primary or reserve spot) from the application page within the dates specified in the **International Student Calendar**.
- **Invitation letters**, indicating registration dates, will be issued to candidates who are entitled to register. Candidates can obtain these letters from the application page: https://yosyerlesme.sabis.sakarya.edu.tr.
- Candidates who are accepted to our university are required to obtain a **student visa** from consulates/embassies using the **acceptance letter** they receive through the application system. Embassies and consulates may verify the acceptance letters using the **Acceptance Letter Number**. Acceptance letters will **not** be sent separately to candidates, embassies, consulates, or intermediary institutions.
- **Protocols may be established between our university and official (government) institutions.** Students may be admitted to all faculties and schools within the scope of these protocols. For such admissions, **YÖS exam results are not required**; students may be accepted based on **diploma grades**.
- Candidates who have gained the right to register must complete **final registration** at the International Student Center by submitting the required documents on the dates specified in the calendar.

6. SPECIAL TALENT EXAM

- Applications made to academic units that admit students through a **Special Talent Exam** are evaluated according to the criteria outlined in the **Sakarya University Special Talent Exam Guidelines**, as follows:
- a) First, the candidate's **Admission Score** is calculated.
- b) Special Talent Exams are evaluated on a **scale of 100**, and candidates who receive **less than 50 points** are considered unsuccessful and **will not be evaluated** further.
- c) The **Placement Score** is calculated by taking **30% of the Admission Score** and **70% of the Special Talent Exam Score**.
- If a candidate applies to programs that admit students **both via Admission Score and Special Talent Exam**, they may be placed in **both programs**, but **can register in only one** of them.

7. TUITION FEES / CONTRIBUTION FEES

- For students placed in the university's departments/programs under the regulations for international student admission, the **annual tuition fee** is determined by the University Executive Board **within the range set by Presidential Decree**, upon the recommendation of the **Student Affairs Department – Tuition Fees Office**.
- The tuition fees for each unit are announced on the websites of the **International Student Center** and the **Student Affairs Department**.
- Students who have earned the right to register must pay the **semester tuition fee** announced at the time of registration. **Candidates who fail to pay the tuition fee lose their right to register.**
- International students who, **after registering** through the international student quota, later **acquire Turkish citizenship**, will continue to pay the tuition fees as **determined by the University Executive Board**.
- According to the Presidential Decision issued for each academic year on **"Determining the Tuition and Contribution Fees to be Collected from Students as the Cost of Current Services in Higher Education Institutions"**, students who complete registration but later **withdraw voluntarily** (due to reasons such as not receiving a visa or residence permit, registering at another university, or changing program/department) **will not be refunded or allowed to transfer** their contribution or tuition fees.

8. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION

- **Registrations must be completed in person** at the International Student Center.
- Applicants abroad who are unable to arrive in time for registration dates may be granted **temporary online registration rights**.
- Applicants registering via **power of attorney** must have the document **apostilled** or approved by a **Turkish Consulate**. Unapproved powers of attorney will not be accepted.
- Applicants **under the age of 18** must submit a **Parental Consent Form**.

Required documents:

1. **Original High School Diploma** and a **Turkish-translated copy** approved by the Turkish Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country (with **Apostille**).
2. Turkish or dual citizens must submit proof that they **completed all of their secondary education abroad (outside Turkey or TRNC)** and provide **entry/exit records** for that period.
3. **Equivalency Certificate** ("Denklik Belgesi") showing the diploma is equivalent to Turkish high school diplomas, issued by the Turkish Ministry of Education (https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr/) or the Turkish Embassy in the applicant's country.
4. **Original transcript** and its **Turkish-translated version** approved by the Turkish Embassy/Consulate.
5. Exam result verifications:
   - **SAT**: If original documents have not arrived by registration, login credentials will be used to verify results on the **College Board** website. Failure to verify will result in loss of registration rights.
   - **ACT**: Verification required using login credentials during registration.
   - **GCE A Level / IGCSE**: Certified documents must be submitted and scores must match those declared during application. Results must be verified online during registration. Mismatches lead to cancellation of registration rights.
   - **TR-YÖS**: Results will be verified via **ÖSYM's verification page**. Documents without verification codes will not be accepted.
   - **WAEC**: Applicants must bring their **WAEC exam card** at registration.
6. **Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate**

o Certificates issued by Sakarya University, TÖMER, or Yunus Emre Institute are accepted.

7. **Legal Residency in Turkey**
   o Registration will only be completed after verifying that the applicant has **legally entered and resides** in Turkey.
   o Acceptance letters do not guarantee registration if the student does not meet legal entry/residency requirements.
   o Visa exemption durations vary by country; students must consult their consulates, online sources, or Provincial Directorate of Migration Management.
8. **Copy of passport, ID card, or Blue Card**
9. **Family Registry Document** for dual citizens (issued by the Population Directorate in Turkey).
10. **4 photographs**, sized 4.5 × 6 cm.
11. **Tuition fee receipt**
    o Payments must be made using the **Turkish ID Number** or a **temporary student number** provided by the registration office. Payment options include:
      ▪ AKBANK Sakarya (Campus) branch office
      ▪ AKBANK Internet Banking
      ▪ **Online (Virtual POS)** using any bank card at: https://odeme.sakarya.edu.tr/
12. **General Health Insurance (GSS)**
    o Must be submitted during registration along with the required documents.

⚠️ If any of the information or documents provided during the application or registration process is found to be false or misleading, **the student's registration will be cancelled and all student rights will be revoked**.

9.TURKISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY LEVELS

The Turkish proficiency levels required to begin education are determined in accordance with the **Education and Examination Directive of Sakarya University's Turkish Language Teaching Application and Research Center (TÖMER)**.

Students who wish to start courses in the **midterm**, or those who register **after the academic term has started** but already have a **Turkish Proficiency Certificate** or exemption, may only begin classes **upon the decision of the relevant academic unit**.

In academic units with **year-round (annual) programs** (such as **Medicine** and **Dentistry**), students **cannot begin education midterm**.

10. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY LEVELS

(English – German – Arabic)

For programs where instruction is partially or fully delivered in a foreign language:

- The provisions of the **Council of Higher Education (YÖK) Regulation on Foreign Language Education and Instruction in Foreign Languages at Higher Education Institutions**,
- **Article 24** of the **Sakarya University Associate and Undergraduate Degree Education and Examination Regulations**, and
- The **Sakarya University Preparatory Language Class Education and Examination Guidelines** shall apply.

Students placed in programs where **foreign language preparation (other than Turkish)** is compulsory may take proficiency exams offered before the beginning of each academic term. Students who wish to take the

exam **after the term has started** may be granted permission at the discretion of the **School of Foreign Languages**.

Applicants to the **English Language Teaching** and **English Translation and Interpreting** programs must:

- Present one of the following test results, **or**
- Have completed their **last three years of secondary education** in a school attended by **citizens** in a country where the designated language of instruction (e.g., English) is spoken as a **native language**.

Accepted International Exam Scores:

- **TOEFL IBT**: Minimum 90 (out of 120) – Valid for 2 years
- **PTE Academic**: Minimum 75 (out of 90) – Valid for 2 years
- **IELTS**: Minimum 6.5 (out of 9) – Valid for 2 years

Exemption from Language Proficiency Exams:

- Students who have completed at least the last three years of secondary education in institutions where the medium of instruction is the designated foreign language (English, German, or Arabic) in a country where that language is spoken natively by the population.

According to **Law No. 6569**, the maximum duration of preparatory language education (for Turkish or English/German/Arabic) is **two years**. Students who fail to successfully complete the preparatory program within this period **will be dismissed from the university**.

11. OBLIGATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1. **Email communication:** Correspondence and notifications will be conducted via email. It is the student's responsibility to provide and maintain a valid, active, and current email address. Notifications sent via email will be deemed officially delivered. The official communication and announcement channels of Sakarya University for international students include the International Student Center website (https://studyatsau.sakarya.edu.tr/), email address (studyatsau@sakarya.edu.tr), and social media accounts (@studyatsau). Students are responsible for all announcements made via any of these channels.
2. **General Health Insurance (GSS):** Students are required to obtain general health insurance (GSS) through the Social Security Institution of Türkiye. The GSS document must be submitted to the registration officer during initial enrollment. Students who do not obtain GSS will not be granted residence permits. Students must apply for GSS within **3 months** of registration. Failure to apply within this period will result in permanent ineligibility for GSS registration throughout their studies.
3. **Legal obligations:** Students are responsible for completing all procedures and obtaining required documents under Turkish law (e.g., Foreign National Identification Number).
4. **Residence permit:** Students must obtain a residence permit within **one month** of entering Türkiye with a student visa.
5. **Active student status:** Students must either enroll in courses or be enrolled at Sakarya University TÖMER to maintain active student status. Students who are not active will have their residence permits canceled.
6. **Reporting academic changes:** Students must notify the **Provincial Directorate of Migration Management** of any changes in academic status (e.g., change of faculty or department) within the legally specified period.

7. **Reporting personal or academic changes:** Any changes in personal status (e.g., marital status) or academic status must be reported to both the **Provincial Directorate of Migration Management** and the **International Student Center** within **10 days**.
8. **Renewing residence permits:** Students wishing to extend their residence permits must apply for renewal **up to 60 days before** or **on the last day** of the current permit's validity. Proof of ongoing education is required.
9. **Lost documents:** In case of loss of a residence permit or passport, students must immediately notify the relevant authorities and obtain a replacement within **10 days**.
10. **Change of institution, address, or contact:** If a student changes their educational institution, residence address, or contact information, they must notify the **local Provincial Directorate of Migration Management** of both the previous and the new location **within 20 business days**.
11. **Accommodation:** Students who are granted admission are responsible for their own accommodation and housing arrangements. The university is **not obligated** to provide housing.
12. **Proof of financial means:** Students may be required to submit a **Financial Capability Declaration** confirming their ability to afford higher education in Türkiye.
13. **High school diploma submission:** Students who enroll with a **temporary graduation certificate** must submit their original high school diploma no later than **one month before the start of the following semester** (Fall or Spring) as per the academic calendar. Failure to do so will result in the student's dismissal from the university by decision of the relevant faculty board **without further notice**.
14. **Provisional graduation certificate:** Students registering with a "Certificate of Eligibility to Graduate" must submit their documents by the deadline determined by the **Council of Higher Education (YÖK)**. Failure to submit the required documents on time will result in the student's dismissal by faculty board decision **without further notification**.

12. REPEALED REGULATIONS

With the adoption of these provisions, the "Sakarya University International Student Admission Principles (Undergraduate–Associate Degree)" approved by the Senate Decision dated **January 11, 2024**, and numbered **664/5**, has been **repealed**.