

**USEFUL HINTS FOR
BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY
SUMMER TERM VISITORS**

BU Summer Term Office

FOREWORD

This brief guide is intended to facilitate the orientation of foreign scholars and students of Boğaziçi University. Visitors themselves will discover the pointers included in this booklet sooner or later, but we hope to provide them with a head start on certain practical matters.

Summer Term at Boğaziçi University is an intensive seven-week program that includes a wide variety of courses on social and natural sciences, history, language, engineering and education. **All lectures are in English unless otherwise specified.**

Summer term is offered to all Boğaziçi University students, to university graduates and to students from other universities who fulfill the **English proficiency requirements.**

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From Robert College...

Robert College, founded in Istanbul by Dr. Cyrus Hamlin and Mr. Christopher Rheinlander Robert in 1863, was the first American institution of higher learning outside the United States. It was established with the explicit understanding that its doors would be open to everyone without respect to race, religion, or creed and that it would never become politically involved.

The estate on which the College was built was bought from *Ahmed Vefik Pasha*. It harbored a quarry whose limestone was used by *Mehmet* the Conqueror to construct the *Rumeli* Fortress just before the conquest of Istanbul by the Ottomans in 1453. In the construction of all buildings on the campus built before 1914 this limestone, which became a symbol of Robert College, was used.

The newly established institution grew and developed fast and was to become an excellent center of learning in a very short period of time. Its Board of Trustees, situated in the United States, saw to it that only the best instructors taught to a selected group of top students admitted to Robert College. The campus, in its early years, hosted a library; the departments of business administration, engineering, sciences, and language and literature; an English language division; a museum of natural history; men and women's dormitories; and an infirmary.

In 1971, after over hundred years of superior service to the nation and to the academic community at large, its Board of Trustees turned over Robert College to the Turkish Government. Thus, Boğaziçi University, the official successor to Robert College, was inaugurated on the same campus in 1971.

...To Boğaziçi University

Prof. Aptullah Kuran, a graduate of Robert College, became the first Rector of Boğaziçi University upon its establishment in 1974. From that date on, the University entered a new phase of rapid structural and academic expansion and entered the 1990's with four Faculties (Arts and Sciences, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Education, Engineering), six graduate Institutes, School of Foreign Languages, School of Applied Disciplines and numerous research centers in a wide variety of fields.

The historic **South Campus**, where Robert College was originally established, still serves as the nucleus of the University. A historic site harboring the limestone quarry is now adorned by a lovely green "quad."

North Campus comprises the Main Library, the Science and Engineering Laboratories building, the Faculty of Education, men and women's dormitories and the Educational Technology building.

Kandilli Campus is the home of the historic *Kandilli* Observatory (founded in 1910) and the Institute of Earthquake Research. It was incorporated into Boğaziçi University in 1982.

Hisar Campus, which became a part of the University in 1989, is the home of the School of Applied Sciences and Institute of Environmental Sciences and an indoor Olympic swimming pool.

The newly constructed **Uçaksavar Campus** includes a housing complex for the staff, a student dormitory (Superdorm), a cultural center, and a large athletic complex including a stadium and a fully equipped gymnasium.

Kilyos (Saritepe) Campus is situated on the shores of the Black Sea 20 km to the northwest of the South and North campuses.

BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY IDENTIFICATION CARD

Students will be given a student ID card, free of charge, by the Summer Term Office when they first arrive. The Office will also help to provide the faculty ID cards for visiting scholars.

LANGUAGE

The language of instruction at Boğaziçi University is English. The predominant language of support staff, the bulletin boards, the services available on the campus, and most of the casual conversation is Turkish. **Any student is a potential translator for you.** Students are often gracious and well equipped to help.

MEDICAL

All faculty and students are provided with both preventive and medical treatment in the campus infirmary, which gives free 24-hour service. Free dental care is also available. Phone: 0 212 359 44 40

CATERING FACILITIES

One of the great bargains for **faculty members** is lunch at **Kennedy Lodge** which is open between 12:00- 14:00. Another choice will be the **cafeterias** on the **North and the South Campus**, which are open for main meals for students, faculty and staff. There are snack bars in the basement of the **1st Men's Dormitory (Hamlin Hall)** and the **Student Activities Building** at the South Campus. You can find other snack bars at the **North Campus next to the cafeteria** and at the **Hisar Campus**. All of these snack bars sell a variety of food and soft drinks.

BUMED ALUMNI CLUB (accessible to visiting faculty only)

It is a nice location for lunch and dinner where you can find meticulous service and good food.

MARKET (GROCERY)

You may purchase basic needs such as toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo and soap, fast foods and drinks, emblematic clothing and gifts such as T-shirts, pencils, ceramic plates, cups, etc. from the Market in the basement of 1st Men's Dormitory.

POST OFFICE

There is a Post Office at the North Campus, next to the bookstore. From there you can buy phone cards, tokens and stamps. It is open from 09: 00 - 16:00. You can send all your mail from here but you **cannot send or receive packages** from the school branch. You need to go a central Post Office (closest located in *Levent and Bebek*). Incoming mail with Boğaziçi University address is delivered to academic departments.

NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES

In the **quad** you will notice a newsstand, which sells Turkish and foreign newspapers and magazines. (The Turkish Daily News, Herald Tribune, Financial Times, Time, Economist and the like).

STATIONERY

These items are for sale in a store in the basement of the 1st Men's Dormitory. You can also find a photocopy service there. Another possibility is the North Campus Bookstore.

NORTH CAMPUS BOOKSTORE

There is a major bookstore on the North Campus, catering to academic needs as well as carrying a wide range of popular publications and newspapers together with notebooks and accessories with the school logo.

BANKS

There are two banks in the school and several ATM's. The **Garanti Bank** is by the Engineering Building. It exchanges foreign traveler's checks or cash for Turkish Lira and vice versa. There are ATMs located just outside the bank as well as in the **quad**. There is also a **Yapı Kredi Bank** right across the Registrar Office. They cannot change traveler's checks but are able to convert dollars and Euros to Liras. They also have an ATM. *Halkbank* has an ATM behind the telephone booths across from the 1st Women's Dormitory.

In front of the entrance of the North Campus there is a *Garanti* Bank ATM and a *Yapı Kredi* ATM.

BARBER SHOP/COIFFEUR

In the basement of the 1st Men's Dormitory, there is a barbershop and a coiffeur located next to each other.

LAUNDRY

There are two laundries: one on the basement of the Cafeteria Building- North Campus and one on the basement of Superdorm.

LIBRARY

The library holds over 450,000 volumes in English, Turkish, French, German and other languages, which makes it one of the largest collections in the country. The Near East Collection is the richest collection of Near East materials in Western languages in Turkey. The Rare Book Division contains early printed books and manuscripts. The Library receives over 1600 current

periodicals. Microfilms of the Times, New York Times, *Cumhuriyet* and *Milliyet* are also maintained.

Library Hours: Weekdays 09:00 - 22:15

Saturdays closed.

Sundays 14:00 - 22:15

COMPUTER CENTER

The Computer Center is in South Campus. You can apply there for a temporary e-mail account with your student faculty ID. The account will be disabled upon your departure. Computer Center is open everyday between 09:00 - 17:00.

ACTIVITIES

The campus offers a myriad of extra-curricular activities and social events, almost all of which are prepared by student; concerts, plays, films, folk dancing, exhibition, sports competitions, as well as conferences make life at Boğaziçi University very colorful.

MITHAT ALAM FILM CENTER

Mithat Alam Film Center offers Boğaziçi University members access to an archive of approximately 2000 films on video that could be checked out or watched in the small TV room at the center. The center also includes an auditorium with a capacity of 61 seats. You can find the program on the web site of the center:

www.filmcenter.boun.edu.tr

SPORTS FACILITIES

The University provides a comprehensive sports program. Soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis and rowing are extremely popular. Tournaments and exhibition games are held throughout the summer term. An outdoor swimming pool open to all students is located at the South Campus (open everyday between 10:00 - 18:00). Table tennis, handball, wrestling, tracking and cross-country are also included in the sports program of the University. A sports complex including soccer and running track and a gymnasium with all the training equipment exists at the *Uçaksavar* Campus. At the *Hisar* Campus there is an olimpic swimming pool also.

COMMUNITIES AROUND THE CAMPUS

Rumeli Hisarüstü:

Located across from the *Etiler* or North Gate of the campus, this neighborhood is particularly popular. It has bread and *simit* bakeries (local bagel shop) closest to campus. On Saturday afternoons there is organic produce market from which vegetables and fruit of good quality may be purchased inexpensively. The Saturday market is also a source for some cooking utensils, laundry supplies, hardware goods, and the like. *Rumeli Hisarüstü* has restaurants, some grocery stores and markets, a pastry shop, pharmacies and Xerox shops. There are also bus and taxi stops.

Etiler:

The road from the *Rumeli Hisarüstü* traffic circle runs west, past the university library and eventually into a residential and shopping area that comprises part of *Etiler*. In general *Etiler* offers an array of services, including branch offices of many of Turkish and foreign banks, some excellent pastry shops, a number of grocery stores, film developing shops, newsstands and restaurants, some of which are pricey. Akmerkez, one of the biggest shopping centers of Istanbul is also in *Etiler*, where you can find all of these shops in one place.

Levent:

Of the three communities, *Levent* offers the widest array of shopping and dining alternatives, which compensates for the disadvantage of its distance from the campus. *Levent* has an outdoor market, numerous shops for purchasing various kinds of food and clothing, many restaurants and some bars.

Rumeli Hisar:

The commercial part of this district is on a steep hill, which has some grocery stores and the main road itself by the sea. *Rumeli Hisar* has some inexpensive restaurants and some places that are significantly more expensive, particularly if you choose fish instead of meat. Some of these places also have delightful second storey views of the Bosphorus as well as good sea-food.

Bebek:

At a 10 minutes walking distance lies *Bebek*. *Bebek* has a bookstore that carries a large array of foreign magazines and newspapers, a number of grocery stores, upscale restaurants that range in price from normal to very expensive, clothing stores, bars and sweet shops.

TRANSPORTATION

From the North to the South Campus

The walk between the two campuses is pleasant, with a wonderful view. There is also a shuttle service between the South, North, Hisar and Uçaksavar campuses which runs frequently.

Downtown

You can use bus, boat and taxi to go to downtown. You can use two roads to go to town

Upper road: From *Rumeli Hisarüstü* virtually all buses go to *Taksim*, *Beşiktaş*, *Şişli*, *Kabataş*, *Kadıköy* (in Asian side of the Bosphorus) and *Sarıyer*. All of them go through *Etiler* and *Levent*.

Lower, Coastal Road: This is the line for either *Taksim* or *Kabataş* via *Bebek* and *Beşiktaş*. In order to go to the north of the city, (*Sarıyer*), lower road can be used.

Buses

Your most frequent bus ride routes would likely to be *Hisarüstü* to *Taksim* (559C), *Hisarüstü* to *Kabataş* (43R), *Hisarüstü* to *Şişli* (59R), *Hisarüstü* to *Sarıyer* (59RS), *Hisarüstü* to *Kadıköy* (125), *Bebek* to *Taksim* (40 and 40T) and *Bebek* to *Kabataş* (22, 22RE and 25E). There are two kinds of buses available for public transportation. Municipal buses (red or green) require tickets which must be purchased before boarding. Private buses, *Halk Otobüsleri*, (blue and green) also accept cash. You can use also *AKBİL*'s or "smart tickets" that can be purchased at ticket boots. These are used almost like a phone card having prepaid credits. *AKBİL*'s are available at *Hisarüstü*, *Taksim*, *Beşiktaş*, *Şişli* or *Mecidiyeköy*.

If you have any doubts about the destination of any bus, you can check the signs which are normally posted at the front and on the sides. They show all the major stops along the route that the bus is following.

You can visit to get more information about public transportation

www.iETT.gov.tr/en/index.php

Taxi:

Transportation using cabs are cheap in Istanbul. Always check the cab meter and pay in Turkish Liras. Trying to pay in foreign currency will be a problem

for you since it will not be easy to communicate nor do the calculation for conversion and you may end up paying too much.

Boats:

The boat dock is at *Bebek*. This is a very pleasant way to travel, less crowded during rush hours and also a rapid way to get downtown on a weekday morning.

Weekdays there are two early morning boats which go to *Eminönü*. Along the way they stop at *Ortaköy* and *Beşiktaş*. The schedule is posted at the dock, inside the waiting room.

Tipping, etc.

It is customary to tip 10-15 % in restaurants. Tipping is not required for taxis. Credit cards (Visa / MasterCard) are accepted almost everywhere.

SOME USEFUL INFORMATION AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The inter-city code for Istanbul is 212 for the European side and 216 for the Asian side. To call a number on the other side, first dial (0), then appropriate code. **(Do not dial the area code if you are calling a number from the same area).** To call overseas, first dial (00), then the country code followed by the area code than the number.

EMERGENCIES

Ambulance	112
Police	115
Fire	110
Telephone inquiries	118
Wake-up calls	135

FERRYBOATS

Turkish Maritime Lines
Tel: 0212 249 92 22

Ferries to *Izmir* depart Fridays at 17:30 and arrive the next morning. The return voyage leaves Sundays at 14:00, arriving in *Istanbul* the next morning at 09:00. The Bosphorus cruise leaves every day from the *Eminönü* jetty at 10:35 and 13:35 and goes all the way to *Anadolu Kavağı*, where a lunch break is given before the return journey. Call 0212 522 00 45 for further information.

INTER - CITY BUSES

You have to make reservations for your seat from the bus travel companies.

Kamil Koç

Tel: 0212 658 20 00

www.kamilkoc.com.tr

Pamukkale Tourism

Tel: 0212 658 22 22

www.pamukkaleturizm.com.tr

Ulusoy Tourism

Tel: 0212 471 71 00

www.ulusoy.com.tr

Varan Tourism

Tel: 0212 251 74 78

www.varan.com.tr

MUSEUMS

Archaeological Museum

Address: *Osman Hamdi Bey Yokuşu, Gülhane-Sultanahmet*

Tel: 0212 520 77 40

Cost: Free for students

Open 09:30 - 17:30 Closed Mondays

Aşiyân Museum

Address: *Aşiyân Yokuşu, Bebek*

Tel: 0212 263 69 86

Cost: Free

Open 09:00 - 16:30 Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

Atatürk Museum

Address: *Halaskargazi Cad. No:250, Şişli*

Tel: 0212 233 47 23

Open 09:00 - 16:00 Closed Sundays and Mondays

Cost: Free

www.ataturk.net/ata/sisli.html

Calligraphy Museum

Address: *Beyazıt Square*

Tel: 0212 527 58 51

Open 09:00 - 16:00 Closed Sundays and Mondays

Cost: USD 1 (Approximately)

Carpet and Rug Museum

Address: *Sultanahmet*

Tel: 0212 518 13 30

Open 09:00 - 16:00 Closed Sundays and Mondays

Cost: USD 1 (Approximately)

Hagia Sophia (Saint Sophia)

Address: *Sultanahmet*

Tel: 0212 522 17 50

Open 09:30 - 18:00 Closed Mondays

Cost: USD 12 (Approximately)

Rahmi Koç Industry Museum

Address: *Hasköy Cad. No: 27 Hasköy, Eyüp*

Tel: 0212 250 89 38

Open 10:00 - 17:00 Closed Mondays

Cost: USD 5 (Approximately)

USD 2 for Students, (Approximately)

www.rmkmuseum.org.tr

Kariye Museum (The Church of St. Savior in Chora)

Address: *Kariye Camii Sok. Edirnekapi*

Tel: 0212 631 92 41

Open 09:00 - 18:00 Closed Wednesdays

Cost: USD 8 (Approximately)

Military Museum

Address: *Valikonađi Cad. Niřantaşı, Harbiye*

Tel: 0212 233 71 15

Open 09:00 - 17:00 Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

Cost: USD 1 (Approximately)

Mosaic Museum

Address: *Sultanahmet*

Tel: 0212 518 12 05

Open 09:30 - 17:00 Closed Mondays

Cost: USD 3 (Approximately)

Sadberk Hanım Museum

Address: *Piyasa Cad. No: 27-29 Sarıyer*

Tel: 0212 242 38 13

Open 10:30 - 18:00 Closed Wednesdays

Cost: USD 4 (Approximately)

USD 2 for Students (Approximately)

www.sadberkhanimmuzesi.org.tr

Topkapı Palace Museum

Address: *Sultanahmet Square*

Tel: 0212 512 04 80

Open 09:00 - 18:00 Closed Tuesdays

Cost: USD 9 Entrance (Approximately)

USD 8 Treasury (Approximately)

USD 8 Harem (Women's Apartments) (Approximately)

The Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art

Address: *Sultanahmet*

Tel: 0212 518 18 05

0212 518 18 06

Open 09:00 - 17:00 Closed Mondays

Cost: USD 3 (Approximately)

PALACES

Beylerbeyi Palace

Address: *Beylerbeyi*

Tel: 0216 321 93 20

Open 09:00 - 17:00 Closed Mondays and Thursdays

Cost: USD 5 (Approximately)

Dolmabahçe Palace

Address: *Beşiktaş*

Tel: 0212 236 90 00

Open 09:00 - 16:00 Closed Mondays and Thursdays

Cost: USD 13 Entrance (Approximately)

USD 8 *Selamlık* (Men's Apartments) (Approximately)

USD 9 *Harem* (Women's Apartments) (Approximately)

* *Current prices are quoted*

CULTURAL CENTERS and LIBRARIES

Aksanat Cultural Center

Address: *İstiklal Cad. No: 16, Akbank Building, Beyođlu*

Tel: 0212 252 35 00

This exhibition, arts and music center runs interesting classical music, ballet and jazz shows and films on large laser-disc screens and hosts conferences.

Casa d'Italia

Address: *Meşrutiyet Cad. 161 Tepebaşı, Beyođlu*

Tel: 0212 293 98 48

French Cultural Center

Address: *İstiklal Cd. No: 8 Taksim*

Tel: 0212 334-8740

www.infist.org/

German Cultural Center

Address: *Galatasaray*

Tel: 0212 249 20 09

USIS (US Information Center)

Address: *American Consulate, Tepebaşı*

Tel: 0212 251 36 02

Women's Library and Information Center

Address: *Fener Mahallesi, Haliç*

Tel: 0212 335 90 00

HOSPITALS

Private Hospitals

Acıbadem Hospital

Address: *Nispetiye Cad., No: 40/8 Levent*

Tel: 0212 283 03 33

Fax: 0212 283 54 84

www.acibademhastanesi.com.tr/English/

American Hospital

Address: *Güzelbahçe Sok. No:20., Nişantaşı*

Tel: 0212 311 20 00

Fax: 0212 311 21 90

www.amerikanhastanesi.com.tr

(It has Emergency Service)

European-Florence Nightingale Hospital

Address: *Mehmetcik Cad. Aydın Sok. No: 1, Mecidiyeköy*

Tel: 0212 212 88 11

www.florence.com.tr

Florence Nightingale Hospital

Address: *Abidei Hürriyet Cad., No:290, Şişli*

Tel: 0212 224 49 51

www.florence.com.tr

German Hospital

Address: *Sıraselviler Cad. No:119, Taksim*

Tel: 0212 293 21 51

(It has Emergency Service)

<http://almanhastanesi.com.tr>

Intermed Medical Center

Address: *Teşvikiye Cad. Bayar Apt.No:143, Nişantaşı*

Tel: 0212 225 60 06

International Hospital

Address: *Istanbul Cad. No: 82, Yeşilköy*

Tel: 0212 663 28 62

www.internationalhospital.com.tr

Italian Hospital

Address: *Defterdar Yokuşu No:37, Tophane*

Tel: 0212 399 94 50

State Hospitals

Çapa Hospital

Address: *Millet Cad., Çapa*

Tel: 0212 534 00 00

(It has Emergency Service)

Cerrahpaşa Hospital

Address: *Kocamustafapaşa Cad., Cerrahpaşa*

Tel: 0212 588 48 00

www.ctf.edu.tr

Şişli Etfal Hospital

Address: *Şişli*

Tel: 0212 231 22 09

Fax: 0212 234 11 21

<http://www.sislietfal.gov.tr>

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<http://english.istanbul.com/?Vst=2>

www.webguideIstanbul.com/

www.Istanbulcityguide.com/