

# BATMAN UNIVERSITY HANDBOOK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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## INTRODUCTION

Dear Students,

Welcome to Batman University! We are very happy to see you as a part of our university. This booklet is designed to provide you with important information about Batman University and the city of Batman. Here you will find detailed information about the academic opportunities, campus life and social events offered by our university. There are also short notes about life in Batman. This information will guide you as you study abroad and make the process easier and more enjoyable.

We hope that this booklet will help you during your time at Batman University and make your study life easier. We wish you a successful, happy and unforgettable education period.

With love and best regards,



**International Student Office**

## ABOUT TÜRKİYE

With 3% of its territory in Europe and 97% in Asia, the Republic of Türkiye is a Eurasian country connecting two continents. It is surrounded by seas on three sides and has land borders with eight countries. It borders Greece and Bulgaria in the Balkan Peninsula; Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan (Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic), Iran, Iraq and Syria in Asia Minor.

Information About Türkiye;

- **Official Name:** Republic of Türkiye
- **Capital:** Ankara
- **Official Language:** Turkish
- **Area:** 783.562 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Population:** 86.011.789 (2024)
- **Currency:** Turkish Lira (TRY)
- **Time Zone:** UTC+3
- **Date Format:** gg/aa/yyyy
- **Telephone Code:** +90
- **Internet Domain Name:** .tr
- **Mains Voltage:** 220 v-50 Hz European style
- **Traffic Flow:** Right-hand side
- **Working Hours:** Monday through Friday. Banks, government offices and most private company offices are open between 08.00 and 17.00.
- **Representative Offices of Your Country in Türkiye:** <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/diplomatic-missions-in-turkey.en.mfa>
- **Phone Registration:** If you brought your phone with you, you must register it within 120 days after you arrive in Türkiye. If the device is not registered within 120 days, it will be closed to communication.

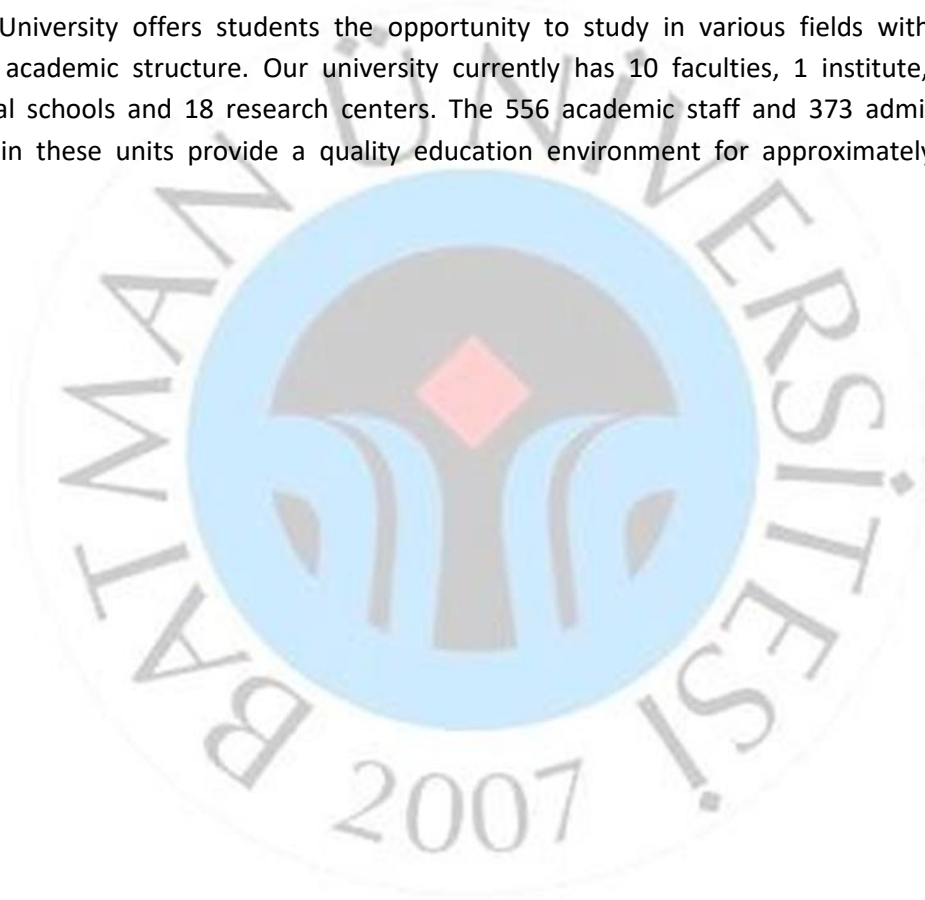


## BATMAN UNIVERSITY

Batman University was established on May 28, 2007 in accordance with the Additional Article 88 of the Law No. 5662 on the Amendment of the Law on the Organization of Higher Education Institutions and the Decree Law on the Staffing of Higher Education Institutions and the Additional Schedules to the Decree Law on the General Staff and Procedure.

The foundations of our university were laid in 1975-1976 academic year with Batman Vocational School, which was established under the Ministry of National Education Non-Formal Higher Education Institution, Department of Formal Higher Education. This college was affiliated to Dicle University with the Decree Law No. 41 in 1982 and was separated from Dicle University in 2007 by taking the name of Batman University.

Batman University offers students the opportunity to study in various fields with its wide and dynamic academic structure. Our university currently has 10 faculties, 1 institute, 2 colleges, 7 vocational schools and 18 research centers. The 556 academic staff and 373 administrative staff working in these units provide a quality education environment for approximately 16 thousand students.



## BEFORE ARRIVING

### VISA

If your country is not exempted from visa requirements by the Republic of Türkiye, ordinary passport holders need a visa to enter Türkiye. However, some countries can travel to Türkiye without a visa. You can visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to find out which countries are covered by the visa exemption and the visa regime that Türkiye applies to your country: <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/default.en.mfa>

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR VISA;

The documents you need to submit when applying for a student visa may vary depending on various factors such as citizenship, country of application and time of application. However, in general, the following documents will be required:

- **Visa Application Form:** This form can be downloaded from the website of the relevant consulate or obtained from the consulate at the time of application.
- **Passport:** Must be valid for at least one year.
- **Travel Insurance:** It is optional to have this insurance or not.
- **Photograph:** A 4.5x6 cm biometric photograph taken within the last six months.
- **Letter of Acceptance:** To obtain a student visa to Türkiye, you must have an acceptance letter from a Turkish university or other school or language school accredited by the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of National Education.
- **Student Certificate:** A student certificate may be required along with the acceptance letter for visa application.
- **Residence Permit:** If you are not a citizen of the country for which you are applying for a visa, you must have a residence permit in that country.
- **Economic Status Document:** Documents that show how much money you have in your bank accounts or the scholarships you have received/will receive.
- **Visa Application Fee:** To apply for a visa, an application fee is paid to the Consulate of the Republic of Türkiye in your country.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

1. Registrations will be conducted in person at the Student Affairs Office.
2. In addition to the original documents requested during the application, the following documents must also be submitted for final registration;
  - a. Original secondary education diploma and Equivalency Certificate obtained from the Provincial Directorates of the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye or Turkish Foreign Representative Offices,
  - b. Bank receipt showing that the tuition fee has been paid,
  - c. 6 passport size photographs,
  - d. Acceptance letter,
  - e. Applicants who are Turkish citizens and apply as per Article 4 of the application conditions; must bring a certified document showing that they have completed their entire high school education abroad (Passport and documents from the security records showing the entry-exit to the country where the diploma is obtained),
  - f. For dual nationals who are foreign nationals by birth and who later acquire Turkish citizenship through application, a copy of the full birth certificate (for self, mother and father),
  - g. Document one of the following;
    - Turkish language certificate (from Universities affiliated to Council of Higher Education, Yunus Emre Institute)
    - Batman University DİLMER Turkish course registration documents
  - h. - TRYÖS (Turkish Foreign Student Admission Examination) Certificate
3. Candidates who do not have a document showing their Turkish Language level are required to register to the DİLMER course for the preparatory class. For information: 0 (488) 217 41 27; [dilmer@batman.edu.tr](mailto:dilmer@batman.edu.tr)

## TRAVEL

- There are direct flights from your country to Ankara and Istanbul via Turkish Airlines. You can reach Batman by plane, bus and train from these cities.
- There are direct flights to Izmir, Antalya and Dalaman from abroad. You can also reach Batman by plane, bus and train from these cities.
- If you want to come to Türkiye by train from Europe, you can reach Istanbul from Bucharest, Russe, Sofia, Plovdiv, Dimitrovgrad and Svilengrad, and from Istanbul you can transfer to Batman.
- There are flights from Europe to Diyarbakır Airport. You can reach Batman from Diyarbakır with a bus journey of approximately 1.5 hours.
- If you have not found anyone to welcome you when you arrive in Türkiye and you have not made any previous requests, please get in touch with the Turkish Prime Ministry Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities ([www.ytb.gov.tr](http://www.ytb.gov.tr) [info@ytb.gov.tr](mailto:info@ytb.gov.tr) 0090-312 218 40 00). This organization provides welcome and counseling services to international students arriving in Türkiye at booths set up in the arrival area of Istanbul Airport and Ankara Esenboğa Airport International Terminal. As a result of these services, those who have come to Türkiye for the first time are trying to be enlightened about the issues of curiosity.



## AFTER ARRIVING

### REGISTRATION

You must be present at the International Student Office on the specified dates with all the documents required for registration. After your registration, update your information in the Student Information System (OBS). Then, make your applications for your Residence Certificate and Diploma Equivalency documents without wasting time.

### STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (OBS)

After registering, you need to enter the Student Information System (OBS) with your student number and update your information.

**To log in to the system;**

*Username:* Student Number

*Password:* You can get the password from the “Reset password” section.

After logging into the system, you can change your password and contact information.

In order to receive the university's SMS and announcements, the 1st mobile number in the contact information section must be your own mobile phone number.

### RESIDENCE PERMIT

When you come to our country for higher education, you must first register at the university and then obtain a student residence permit in order to stay legally. “Student Residence Permit” is a document that you must obtain provided that you have entered our country legally and you do not have any other legal right to stay in our country (international protection applicant/status holder, temporary protection holder/work permit holder, etc.).

You can start the residence permit application process in our country by filling out the application form at <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/>

#### **WHAT SHOULD I DO TO APPLY FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT?**

**STEP 1:** After registering in the university, you must fill in the first application field “Student Residence Permit” from the e-residency tab on <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/>. Since the information in this field is your personal information and will be used in our records, you should make sure that there is no incorrect or missing information. After filling out the application form, you must print and sign it. In addition to the e-residency application form you will receive through our system, there are also a number of documents that you will need in the residence permit application. You will not be able to apply for a residence permit without these documents.

**STEP 2:** You can get information on how to apply for a residence permit at [www.goc.gov.tr](http://www.goc.gov.tr) and you can call YİMER 157 (Foreigners Communication Center) free of charge for all your questions and problems. You will also be informed by the university staff about how to obtain a residence permit when you enroll at the university.



### **DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT**

Within the framework of Article 38 of the Law No. 6458, a notification document has been issued and signed below that the following documents requested within the framework of Article 38 of the Law No. 6458 have been submitted, a copy of the notification document has been given to you, and a copy will be sent to the provincial directorate of migration management:

1. Residence permit registration application form (wet signed by the student)
2. Passport or passport substitute document (original as seen)
3. Document showing student status
4. 4 biometric photographs
5. Valid health insurance (GHI or private health insurance covering the period of residence permit request)
6. Document showing accommodation address information;
  - If staying in your own house, a copy of the deed (for extension applications, a "residence document and bill" is sufficient)
  - If staying with a rental agreement, a notarized copy of the rental agreement
  - If staying in hotels or similar accommodation places, a document showing the stay
  - If staying in student dormitories, a document proving dormitory stay
  - If staying with a supporter, a notarized undertaking of the person you are staying with (if the supporter is married, additionally a notarized undertaking of the spouse)
7. Receipt of payment of the residence permit document fee
8. For foreigners under 18 years of age; for those arriving with a visa exemption or with a visa for a different purpose; a document containing the information of the parent/guardian (birth certificate, family certificate, etc.) and the consent given by the parent/guardian/legal representative (for those arriving with a visa for the purpose (study visa)
9. National electronic notification system address (only for extension applications).

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

1. If you are applying for a residence permit for the first time, **you must apply for a residence permit within the visa or visa exemption period**. Otherwise, your application will not be accepted. In addition, you can make an "Extension Application" through our e-residency system starting from 2 months before the end of your previous residence permit and in any case before the end of your residence permit period.
2. If you change your educational status within the same city, you must notify the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management within 20 working days following this change. (In cases where you change faculties or departments within the same city or enroll in a different university within the same city)
3. If you will continue your higher education in a different city, you must notify the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management in the province where your new university is located within 10 working days. The Provincial Directorate of Migration Management in the province where your new university is located will carry out your procedures in this regard. In case of such a change, it is important for your legal stay in our country to make this notification as there will be a change in your residence permit document.
4. Your student residence permit will be canceled in cases such as registration freeze, dismissal from the university, non-renewal of registration. It is important to pay attention to these issues during your higher education in our country in terms of the continuity of your student residence permit.
5. You have the **"right to work"** during your stay in Türkiye with a student residence permit. This right starts after the first year if you are an associate degree or undergraduate student, and without any time limit if you are a master's or doctoral student. This service is provided by the Ministry of Labor and Social Security and you can get detailed information from **ALO 170** information line.
6. If your personal information changes (e.g. your marital status, address, passport, etc.), you must notify the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management within 20 days.
7. The residence permit (card) issued to you contains the expiry date of your residence permit. If you will continue to stay in our country after the expiration date, you will need to renew your residence permit before it expires.
8. If you are under 18 years of age and you are requesting a residence permit for higher education in our country, you must also submit the following documents:
  - 8.1. Letter of Consent:** Your parents must give their consent for you to study and stay in Türkiye with a residence permit, which must be issued by the competent authorities in your country.
  - 8.1. Birth Certificate**
9. The documents that you will bring from your country to use in your residence permit application in our country must be apostilled or approved by your consulate in our country. If you bring the document issued in your country with an apostille stamp, it will be sufficient to have it translated and notarized; if you bring it without an apostille stamp, you must have it approved by your embassy or consulate in Türkiye. In addition, if you are unable to get your documents apostilled or have them approved by your representative offices in Türkiye, or if the said representative offices schedule appointments for very late dates, you should apply to the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management.

**EQUIVALENCE CERTIFICATE**

International students are required to submit a Certificate of Equivalency from the Ministry of National Education or the Turkish Representative Office showing that their high school diploma is equivalent. In order to obtain the equivalency certificate from the Ministry of National Education, they will apply from the e-equivalency module:

<https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr/?culture=en-GB>

**Documents Required for Application:**

- Application form
- One of the following documents: identity document, residence permit, temporary protection document, international protection applicant identity document, international protection status holder identity document, stateless person identity document and passport.

- Apostille for those who have graduated, or in cases where there is no Apostille, a diploma/diploma certified by the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Embassy.
- Turkish translations of the documents certified by a notary public or by the Foreign Representative Offices of the Republic of Türkiye
- Graduation Certificates: Apostille, in the absence of Apostille, the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs or embassy approved diploma / diploma certificates must be uploaded to the system in a complete manner so that the approval / seal appears, otherwise the equivalence process will be canceled during the application.
- For those under 18 years of age who are enrolling in the university, the original and certified translation of their parents' identity passport or parental consent letter
- If there is a change in the surname on the education certificate and identity card/passport due to marriage, divorce, etc., the marriage certificate and / or civil registration sample must be uploaded.

## FOREIGNER IDENTITY NUMBER

Foreign nationals in Türkiye, like Turkish citizens, are assigned an identification number by the Republic of Türkiye. This number is also used in Batman University's information system. The Batman University Student Information System (OBS) uses this number in the following situations:

- when you want to know your grades at the end of the semester
- when you ask for a student certificate
- when you graduate

In other words, students who do not have this number will not be able to get their grades, register, obtain a student certificate and graduate. Therefore, students who have not previously entered their foreign ID number into OBS must report their number to the International Student Office (within 40 days of enrollment).

Your foreigner ID number is located on your residence permit card. Alternatively, you can also find out by making an inquiry at <https://tckimlik.nvi.gov.tr/>.

**WARNING:** To benefit from General Health Insurance, you must apply as soon as you receive your residence permit.

## ACCOMMODATION

There is a practice hotel belonging to our university, as well as 3 dormitories belonging to the Credit Dormitories Institution (KYK).

### 1. Batman University Hasankeyf Uygulama Hotel

Address: Kültür Mah. 316 Sok. No: 9 Hasankeyf/Batman  
Phone: (0488)2174183

### 2. Batman Girls Dormitory

Address: Batman University Batı Raman Campus, KYK Girls Dormitory No:11C, Merkez-Kuyubaşı/Batman  
Phone: 0 (488) 231-00-52

### 3. Seyyid Bilal Male Student Dormitory

Address: Bayındır Mah. Özgürlük Bul. No:129/1 Merkez/Batman  
Phone: 0 (488) 213-71-01

### 4. Süveybe Ana Girls Dormitory

Address: Yeni Diyarbakır Çevreyolu Caddesi, İrmi Mahallesi, No:116, Merkez/Batman  
Phone: 0 (488) 502-44-00

## GENERAL HEALTH INSURANCE

International students must be insured during their stay in Türkiye. Please follow your health insurance processes very carefully to avoid any problems in the future and to avoid incurring debts due to health expenses. When your health insurance expires, you must renew your health insurance as soon as possible and notify the Immigration Administration.

The General Health Insurance provided by the Social Security Institution is recommended by our university and students can also have private health insurance if they wish. If you wish to have private health insurance, you must regularly renew your insurance policy.

In order to have General Health Insurance, you must apply to Batman Provincial Directorate of Social Security after obtaining their foreigner ID numbers within 3 months after the registration date (first university registration). For the year 2024, the annual General Health Insurance premium is approximately 7200 TL.

As per the law, students who have not applied to have GHI within 3 months of enrollment cannot benefit from this right later. For this reason, our students are kindly requested not to neglect this process.

#### Required Documents:

- Student Certificate
- Residence permit card
- Application form (this form will be given to you at the relevant center)
- After the application, you need to make the payment to PTT (annual payment)

## MOBILE PHONE REGISTRATION

If you bring your phone with you, you need to register it within 120 days of your arrival in Türkiye. In this case, you have to pay 20.000 TL (May 2024 fee, subject to change) to any tax office. With your receipt, phone and passport, visit the Subscriber Registration Center of any mobile phone company (Turkcell, Vodafone, Türk Telekom) and tell the staff that you want to register your personal mobile phone. You can get a prepaid line at the Subscriber Registration Center or at any mobile phone company dealer.

## ELECTRICITY

Type F plugs and sockets are used in Türkiye. Supporting up to 16 Ampere current strength, the system is suitable for operation between 220 - 240 Volts.



## LIFE IN BATMAN

The cost of living in Türkiye and Batman, like in many other places, depends on your lifestyle and shopping preferences. The table below shows the approximate prices of some basic items and services as of May 2024. For Central Bank Rates, see also: [https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/kurlar/kurlar\\_tr.html](https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/kurlar/kurlar_tr.html)

	TRY
<b>Stationery - Book</b>	
Textbooks for one level in the Turkish Preparatory Program	250-300
100-page black and white photocopy	60-70
Notebook	35-40
<b>Supermarket</b>	
Bread (200 g)	5
Feta cheese (1 kg)	140-150
Drinking water (1.5 L)	10
Milk (1 L)	25-30
White sugar (1 kg)	35-40
One pack of pasta (0.5 kg)	20-25
One whole chicken (1 kg)	55-65
A dozen eggs	35-45
Beef (1 kg)	500-550
Olive oil (1 L)	250-300
<b>Cafes - Restaurants</b>	
A cup of coffee	60-70
A hamburger menu in a fast-food restaurant	100-200
Dining in an average restaurant	200-250
Lunch at the university cafeteria (fix menu)	Free
One bagel in faculty canteens	10
A cup of tea in faculty canteens	5
One sandwich in faculty canteens	30
Lunch in faculty canteens	30-50
<b>Accommodation</b>	
KYK Dormitories	480
KYK Breakfast	40
KYK Dinner	80
Rental apartment near the university (3 people)	5000-7000
Rental apartment in the city center (3 people)	6000-10000
<b>Transportation</b>	
Bus student ticket	4
Minibus	9
Taxi (5 km)	100-150
Batman-Ankara bus ticket (one-way)	1000
Batman-Istanbul flight ticket (min.)	1500-1800
Batman-Ankara flight ticket (min.)	1300-1500
<b>Social Life</b>	
Student cinema ticket	70-80
Student theater ticket	50-70
Local music group concert	100
Popular music group concert	200-300
Football match ticket in Batman	50-70
<b>Diğer</b>	
Fuel (1 L)	40
Mobile phone bill	100-150
General Health Insurance (annual)	7200
Private Health Insurance (annual)	5000-50.000

## BATMAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT CLUBS AND SPORTS TEAMS

### STUDENT CLUBS

- 1- Batman Informatics and Information Society
- 2- Batükamp and Travel Society
- 3- Beşiktaş Unity Society
- 4- Plant Academy Society
- 5- Chat Club Society
- 6- Environmental Volunteers Society
- 7- Mountaineering Society
- 8- Dance Society
- 9- Gastronomy Society



- 10- Young Ideas Society
- 11- Young TEMA Society
- 12- Young Green Crescent Society
- 13- Public Relations and Promotion Society
- 14- Ideal Youth Society
- 15- Islamic Studies Society
- 16- Quality Society
- 17- Culture and Civilization Travel Society
- 18- Civilization Engineers Society
- 19- Media and Communication Society
- 20- Music and Performing Arts Society
- 21- Ombudsman Society
- 22- Petroleum Engineers Society
- 23- Cinema and Art Society
- 24- Social Research and Activities Society
- 25- Theater Society
- 26- Community Volunteers Society
- 27- Tourism Society
- 28- International Youth Society
- 29- Uni GFB Society
- 30- Bats Fans Society
- 31- Creative Thinking Society
- 32- Newcomers Society

#### **SPORT TEAMS**

- Athletics (female - male)  
Basketball (female - male)  
Boxing (female - male)  
Curling (female - male)  
Football (male)  
Wrestling (female - male)  
Folk dances (female - male)  
Handball (male)  
Judo (female - male)  
Kick boxing (female - male)  
Muay thai (female - male)  
Indoor soccer (female - male)  
Volleyball (female - male)



#### **USEFUL WEBSITES**

- Batman University International Student Office (ISO) <https://batman.edu.tr/Birimler/uluslararaogrenci>
- Batman University DILMER <https://batman.edu.tr/Birimler/dilmer>
- Batman University Student Affairs Department <https://batman.edu.tr/Birimler/ogrenci>
- About Batman <https://batman.ktb.gov.tr/> <https://www.batman.bel.tr/>
- Student Residence Permit <https://www.goc.gov.tr/ikamet>
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/default.en.mfa>
- Council of Higher Education <https://www.yok.gov.tr/en>
- TÜBİTAK <https://tubitak.gov.tr/en>
- Türkiye Scholarships <https://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/>
- Social Security Institution (General Health Insurance) <https://www.sgk.gov.tr/>
- Presidency of Turks Abroad and Related Communities <https://www.ytb.gov.tr/>
- Study in Türkiye <https://www.studyinturkiye.gov.tr/>



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