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TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**  
Graduate School of Social Sciences

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**2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR FALL SEMESTER  
GRADUATE PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDE**  
(FIRST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS)

**JUNE - 2026**

## 1. GRADUATE PROGRAM ADMISSION CALENDAR

Quota Announcements, Application, Interview and Evaluation Results		Date
Announcement of quotas		15 June 2026
Receiving online applications [Applications must be submitted no later than 17:00 (GMT+3) on 13 July 2026]		29 June - 13 July 2026
<b>Online interview exam</b> for PhD program applicants [All candidates who meet the application requirements must take the interview exam. The application of candidates who do not take the exam will not be evaluated.] [For interview locations and times, please refer to Section 15.]		16 July 2026
Announcement of evaluation results (placed and reserved)		20 July 2026
<b>Final Registration of Admitted Candidates</b> Registration is completed by uploading the required documents to the Graduate Admissions Registration System of the Student Affairs Office.		20-23 July 2026
<b>Announcement of the Candidates to Be Registered from the Reserve List</b>		24 July 2026
<b>Final Registration of Candidates Eligible for Enrollment from the Reserve List (WITH AND WITHOUT THESIS PROGRAMS)</b> Registration is completed by uploading the required documents to the Graduate Admissions Registration System of the Student Affairs Office.		27-29 July 2026
<b>Announcement of the List of Candidates Eligible for Enrollment from the Second Reserve List and Final Registration Procedures (MASTER'S PROGRAMS WITHOUT THESIS)</b> Registration is completed by uploading the required documents to the Graduate Admissions Registration System of the Student Affairs Office.		30-31 July 2026
<b>Announcement of the List of Candidates Eligible for Enrollment from the Third Reserve List and Final Registration Procedures (MASTER'S PROGRAMS WITHOUT THESIS)</b> Registration is completed by uploading the required documents to the Graduate Admissions Registration System of the Student Affairs Office.		03-04 August 2026
<b>Course Registration</b>		
Course Registrations		14-18 September 2026
Add-Drop Week		21-23 September 2026
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Western Languages and Literature	0 462 377 35 49	Faculty of Letters KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Labor Economics and Industrial Relations	0 462 377 28 09	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Econometrics	0 462 377 25 85	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Migration Studies	0 462 377 3797	Faculty of Letters KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Economics	0 462 377 25 85	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Business Administration	0 462 377 29 64	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Public Administration	0 462 377 29 15	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Public Finance	0 462 377 28 09	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Russian Language and Literature	0 462 377 2022	Faculty of Letters KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Sociology	0 462 377 34 25	Faculty of Letters KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
History	0 462 377 32 14	Faculty of Letters KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Turkish Language and Literature	0 462 377 25 24	Faculty of Letters KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
International Relations	0 462 377 29 15	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Women and Family Studies	0 462 377 29 15	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Social Gender Studies	0 462 377 3797	Faculty of Letters KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON
Management Information Systems	0 462 377 29 64	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences KTU Kanuni Campus 61080 Ortahisar - TRABZON

## 2. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICATIONS TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- ❖ **Turkish citizens and international applicants who have graduated from higher education institutions abroad and wish to apply for graduate programs are required to submit a “CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION” issued by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) during the application.**
- ❖ Since applicants’ graduation grades will be retrieved from the “Higher Education Information System” (YÖKSİS) and calculations will be based on these records, applicants are advised to verify their graduation status and cumulative grade point averages through the e-Government system prior to application.
- ❖ Applications to graduate programs must be submitted online via the **Institute’s website (<http://www.ktu.edu.tr/sbe/basvuru>)**. **No application fee will be charged.**
- ❖ Applicants may apply to only **one (1)** program.
- ❖ **The distance education non-thesis master’s program** must be completed within a minimum of two and a maximum of three semesters. Students are required to pay a tuition fee of **25,000 TRY** for the **first semester** (Fall) and **TRY 25,000 TRY** for the **second semester** (Spring), amounting to a total of **50,000 TRY**. Registration procedures will be finalized **upon payment of the first-semester tuition fee of TRY 25,000**. For any additional semester (third semester), tuition will be charged on a per-course basis. Tuition fees must be paid during the course registration period either through branches of Türkiye Vakıflar Bankası (VakıfBank) using the applicant’s Turkish National Identity Number or **online** via <https://harc.ktu.edu.tr/>. Payments may also be made through VakıfBank ATMs.
- ❖ The validity period of the ALES (Academic Personnel and Graduate Education Entrance Examination) score is **five (5) years** from the date on which the examination results are announced.
- ❖ The validity period of foreign language examinations administered by ÖSYM (YDS, e-YDS, and YÖKDİL) is **five (5) years** from the date on which the examination results are announced. For examinations recognized as equivalent, **the validity period stated on the certificate shall apply**. If no validity period is specified on the certificate, the score shall remain valid for **five (5) years** from the examination date indicated on the document.
- ❖ **Beginning with the 2025–2026 Academic Year, participation in the foreign language preparatory program has become optional for students enrolled in the Institute’s Turkish-medium thesis-based master’s and PhD programs.**
- ❖ Admission offers granted to applicants placed in graduate programs shall be valid only for the **Fall Semester of the 2026–2027 Academic Year**.
- ❖ Students admitted through quotas designated for applicants from disciplines other than the relevant field will be required to complete a **Scientific Preparation Program** to bridge academic gaps.
- ❖ Announcements published on the Institute’s website shall constitute **official notification**. Placement results will be announced on the Institute’s website, and no separate placement letters will be sent to applicants.
- ❖ **If any statement or document submitted by an applicant is found to be false or misleading, the applicant shall forfeit all rights obtained through the application process, regardless of the time elapsed.**
- ❖ In cases where **applicants to the same master’s program with thesis or PhD program** receive identical final evaluation scores, priority shall be given to the applicant with the higher ALES score. For the **distance education master’s program without thesis**, priority shall be given to the younger applicant.
- ❖ Applicants are required to upload a digital passport-sized photograph (4.5 × 6 cm), to be used for the student identification card, during the pre-registration process. Access to the “**Information Entry and Preference Screen**” will not be granted until the photograph has been uploaded.
- ❖ **Applicants holding citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) may apply to programs for which a specific quota has been allocated.**
- ❖ Pursuant to the decision of the Higher Education Executive Board dated **28 July 2025**, one (1) additional quota has been allocated to existing graduate program quotas for the following categories of applicants: **spouses and children of martyrs, spouses and children of veterans, and veteran applicants themselves**. This provision applies to individuals covered by Article 47 of Law No. 5510 on Social Insurance and General Health Insurance (dated 31 May 2006), Law No. 2330 on Cash Compensation and Pension Entitlements (dated 3 November 1980), Law No. 2453 on Cash Compensation and Pension Entitlements for Personnel Serving Abroad (dated 23 April 1981), Law No. 2629 on Compensation for Flight, Parachute, Submarine, Diving, and Frogman Services (dated 28 February 1982), and Law No. 3713 on the Fight Against Terrorism (dated 12 April 1991). The provision also covers disabled veterans and their spouses and children, recipients of honorary pensions under Law No. 1005, and duty-disabled personnel covered by Article 45 of Law No. 5434 and Article 47 of Law No. 5510, together with their spouses and children.

## 3. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

### 3.1. Application Requirements for Distance Education Master’s Program without Thesis

- ❖ **Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree from any undergraduate program recognized by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) (see Table 1).**

- ❖ No ALES (Academic Personnel and Graduate Education Entrance Examination) score or English language proficiency score is required.

### 3.2. Application Requirements for Master's Programs with Thesis

- ❖ Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in one of the undergraduate programs specified in **Table 2**.
- ❖ No minimum undergraduate grade point average (GPA) is required for applications to thesis-based master's programs.
- ❖ Applicants must obtain a minimum score of **60.00** in the relevant ALES (Academic Personnel and Graduate Education Entrance Examination) score type required for the program to which they are applying.
- ❖ A minimum **English language proficiency** score is required for the **English Master's Programs with Thesis** offered by the **Department of Western Languages and Literatures in Applied Linguistics and English Culture and Literature**, as well as by the **Department of International Relations**. The specific language proficiency requirements are provided in **Table 2**.

### 3.3. Application Requirements for PhD Programs

#### 3.3.1. Applications with Master's Degree with Thesis

- ❖ Applicants must hold a master's degree with thesis in one of the programs specified in **Table 3**.
- ❖ No minimum graduate grade point average (GPA) is required for admission.
- ❖ Applicants must obtain a minimum score of **70.00** in the relevant **ALES (Academic Personnel and Graduate Education Entrance Examination)** score type required for the program to which they are applying.
- ❖ Applicants must achieve a minimum score of **55** in one of the foreign language examinations administered by **ÖSYM (YDS, e-YDS, or YÖKDİL)** in a language other than their native language, or obtain an equivalent score in an internationally recognized foreign language examination accepted as equivalent by the **Interuniversity Council (ÜAK)**.
- ❖ Applicants to the **PhD Program in English Language and Literature** offered by the **Department of Western Languages and Literatures** must obtain a minimum score of **85** in one of the centralized English language examinations administered by **ÖSYM (YDS, e-YDS, or YÖKDİL)**, or an equivalent score in an internationally recognized English language examination accepted as equivalent.

#### 3.3.2. Applications with Bachelor's Degree

- ❖ Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in one of the undergraduate programs specified in **Table 4**.
- ❖ Applicants must have a minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of **3.00 on a 4.00 scale**.
- ❖ Applicants must obtain a minimum score of **80.00** in the relevant **ALES (Academic Personnel and Graduate Education Entrance Examination)** score type required for the program to which they are applying.
- ❖ Applicants must achieve a minimum score of **55** in one of the foreign language examinations administered by **ÖSYM (YDS, e-YDS, or YÖKDİL)** in a language other than their native language, or obtain an equivalent score in an internationally recognized foreign language examination accepted as equivalent by the **Interuniversity Council (ÜAK)**.
- ❖ Applicants to the **PhD Program in English Language and Literature** offered by the **Department of Western Languages and Literatures** must obtain a minimum score of **85** in one of the centralized English language examinations administered by **ÖSYM (YDS, e-YDS, or YÖKDİL)**, or an equivalent score in an internationally recognized English language examination accepted as equivalent.

## 4. GRADUATE PROGRAM QUOTAS

**Table 1. Undergraduate Degree Fields and Admission Quotas for Distance Education Master's Programs without Thesis**

Department	Program	Programa Kabul Edilen Mezuniyet Alanları ve Kontenjanlar				ALES Score Type
		Undergraduate Degree Fields	Quotas	T.C.	I.A.	
Business Administration	Distance Education Master's Program without Thesis in Business Administration	Graduation from any undergraduate program recognized by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK).	Union of Eastern Black Sea Municipalities*	12	-	No ALES Score Required
			Trabzon Chamber of Certified Public Accountants and Financial Advisors**	3		
			Karadeniz Technical University Staff***	5		
			Other	30		
Business Administration	Distance Education Master's Program without Thesis in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management		Union of Eastern Black Sea Municipalities*	3		
			Trabzon Chamber of Certified Public Accountants and Financial Advisors**	2		
			Karadeniz Technical University Staff***	5		
			Other	40		
Public Administration	Distance Education Master's Program without Thesis in Public Administration		Union of Eastern Black Sea Municipalities*	27		
			Karadeniz Technical University Staff***	5		
			Other	18		

**IMPORTANT NOTE: A minimum of 20 (twenty) students must complete their final registration during the first and second application periods for a distance education non-thesis master's program to be opened.**

\* Pursuant to the Graduate Education Program Cooperation Protocol concluded between Karadeniz Technical University and the Union of Eastern Black Sea Municipalities, as approved by the Resolution of the University Executive Board dated 07 August 2015 and numbered 1228/8.

\*\* Pursuant to the Graduate Education Program Cooperation Protocol concluded between Karadeniz Technical University and the Trabzon Chamber of Certified Public Accountants and Financial Advisors, as approved by the Resolution of the University Executive Board dated 30 May 2023 and numbered 1615/5.

\*\*\* Pursuant to the official letter of the Directorate of the Institute dated 22 March 2024 and numbered E-90783813-199-14458.

**Table 2. Undergraduate Majors and Enrollment Quotas for Applications to Master's Programs with a Thesis**

Department	Graduation Fields Accepted for the Program and Quotas									ALES Score Type
	In-field	Republic of Türkiye	Foreign Applicants	TRNC	Spouses and Children of Maritims	Out-of-field	Republic of Türkiye	Foreign Applicants	Spouses and Children	
	In-field (Other)									
Archaeology	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Archaeology	5	1	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Architecture, Geology, Anthropology, Art History, and History	1	1	1	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be accepted the second call for application.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight
Western Languages and Literature / Applied Linguistics (English)	Bachelor's Degree Holders in English Language Education, English Language Teaching, English Linguistics, English Language and Literature, English Language and Education, Translation Studies (English), and Translation and Interpretation (English) • Applicants to this program must achieve and provide documentation of a score of at least 80 on the English YDS, YÖKDİL, or e-YDS, or an equivalent score on an international English proficiency exam recognized by ÖSYM.	12	4	1	1	Bachelor's degree holders in Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Language Education programs (all languages), provided they meet the relevant language (English) requirement	2	2	1	Verbal
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be accepted during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Verbal
Western Languages and Literature / English Culture and Literature (English)	Bachelor's Degree Holders in English Language and Literature, American Culture and Literature, English Linguistics, English Language Teaching, Comparative Literature, or English Translation and Interpretation; or a minor in English Language and Literature • Applicants to this program must achieve and provide documentation of a score of at least 80 on the English YDS, YÖKDİL, or e-YDS, or an equivalent score on an international English proficiency exam recognized by ÖSYM.	8	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	Verbal
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be accepted during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Verbal

<b>Labor Economics and Industrial Relations</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Labor Economics and Industrial Relations	15	1	1	1	Other Bachelor's Degree Holders from Disciplines Outside the Relevant Field	5	1	1	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be accepted during the second application period.								
	Bachelor's Degree Holders from Departments Other Than Labour Economics and Industrial Relations in the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Political Sciences	5	1	1	1					
<b>Econometrics</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Econometrics	5	1	1	1	Other Bachelor's Degree Holders from Disciplines Outside the Relevant Field	4	1	1	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be accepted during the second application period.								
	Bachelor's Degree Holders from Departments Other Than Econometrics in the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Political Sciences	4	1	1	1					
<b>Migration Studies</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders	12	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight
<b>Economics / Economic Policy</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Economics	20	2	1	1	Other Bachelor's Degree Holders from Disciplines Outside the Relevant Field	3	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.								
	Bachelor's Degree Holders from Departments Other Than Economics in the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Political Sciences	5	2	1	1					
<b>Economics / Economic Theory</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Economics	20	2	1	1		3	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.								
	Bachelor's Degree Holders from Departments Other Than Economics in the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Political Sciences	5	2	1	1					

Economics / Economic Development and International Economics	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Economics	20	2	1	1		3	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.								
	Bachelor's Degree Holders from Departments Other Than Economics in the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Political Sciences	5	2	1	1					
Business Administration / Finance	Bachelor's Degree Holders from the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Business Administration, Economics, Political Sciences, and Financial Sciences	10	-	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders Other Than Graduates of the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Business Administration, Economics, Political Science, and Financial Sciences	10	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.								Equal Weight
Business / Accounting	Bachelor's Degree Holders from the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Business Administration, Economics, Political Sciences, and Financial Sciences	10	-	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders Other Than Graduates of the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Business Administration, Economics, Political Science, and Financial Sciences	10	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight
Business / Marketing	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Business Administration	15	-	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Fields Other Than Their Field of Study	5	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight

<b>Business / Production Management</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Business Administration	6	2	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders Excluding Graduates From Non-Business Administration Programs Within The Faculties Of Economics And Administrative Sciences, Business Administration, Economics, And Political Science	2	2	1	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight
	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Operations Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Management Information Systems	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	
<b>Business / Management and Organization</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Business Administration	12	2	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders Other Than Those in Business Administration	8	2	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight
<b>Women's and Family Studies</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders	10	-	1	1		-	-	-	-
<b>Public Administration</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Public Administration, Political Science and Public Administration, International Relations, Political Science and International Relations, and Law	20	1	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders in History, Sociology, Philosophy, Architecture, and Urban and Regional Planning	2	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight

<b>Public Finance</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Public Finance	15	2	1	1	Other Bachelor's Degree Holders from Disciplines Outside the Relevant Field	2	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.								
	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Fields Other Than Public Finance from the Faculties of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Political Sciences, as well as Bachelor's Degree Holders in Law	5	1	1	1					
<b>Russian Language and Literature</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Russian Language and Literature	10	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	Verbal
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Verbal
<b>Sociology</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Sociology	15	2	1	1	Bachelor's degree holders from programs in Social, Humanities, and Administrative Sciences; Educational Sciences; Health Sciences; Law; Theology; Philology; and Architecture, as well as from the Statistics Program of the Faculty of Science	3	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight

<b>History</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in History, Bachelor's Degree Holders in History Education	25	1	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Archaeology, Archives and Library Science, Philology, Law, Theology, Public Administration, Philosophy, Art History, Political Science and Public Administration, Political Science and International Relations, Social Studies Education, Sociology, Psychology, International Relations, Business Administration, Economics, Ancient Languages and Cultures	3	-	-	Verbal
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Verbal
<b>Turkish Language and Literature</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Turkish Language and Literature	15	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	Verbal
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Verbal
<b>International Relations</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in International Relations, Political Science and International Relations, Public Administration, Political Science and Public Administration, and Law	10	1	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders From Four-Year Social Science Programs Outside The Relevant Discipline	2	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight

<b>International Relations (English)</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in International Relations, Political Science and International Relations, Public Administration, Political Science and Public Administration, and Law	5	5	1	1	Bachelor's Degree Holders from Four-Year Social Science Programs Outside the Relevant Discipline	2	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight
	<p>Provided that the documentation and validity period requirements are met, all applicants—whether applying within or outside their field of study—must meet at least one of the foreign language requirements listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve a score of at least 80 on the English YDS, YÖKDİL, or e-YDS, or a score equivalent to this on an international English exam recognized as equivalent by ÖSYM.</li> <li>• KTÜ-Proficiency Test: Have scored 80 or higher.</li> <li>• Have English as a native language.</li> </ul> <p>Graduation from a program at a higher education institution in the country of residence where the language of instruction is 100% English.</p>									
<b>Management Information Systems</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders in Management Information Systems	11	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	Equal Weight
	Integrated Master's Degree	Applications will be received during the second application period.				-	-	-	-	Equal Weight

**Table 3. Fields of Study and Quotas for Applications to Doctoral Programs with a Thesis-Based Master’s Degree**

Department / Doctoral Program	Graduation Fields Accepted for the Program and Quotas									ALES Score Type	
	In-field	Republic of Türkiye	Foreign Applicants	TRNC	Spouses and Children of Martyrs and Veterans	Out-of-field	Republic of Türkiye	Foreign Applicants	Spouses and Children of Martyrs and Veterans		UNIP
	In-field (Other)										
Western Languages and Literature / English Language and Literature (English)	Master’s Degree Holders in Applied Linguistics, English Language and Literature, English Language Education, English Language Teaching, British Culture and Literature, and American Language (Culture) and Literature •Applicants to this program must achieve and provide documentation of a score of at least 85 on the English YDS, YÖKDİL, or e-YDS, or an equivalent score on an international English proficiency exam recognized by ÖSYM.	5	2	1	1	Master’s degree holders in Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Language Education programs (all languages), provided they meet the relevant language (English) requirement	2	2	1	*	Verbal
Econometrics	Master’s Degree Holders in Econometrics	4	4	1	1	Out-of-field Master’s Degree Holders	1	1	1	*	Equal Weight
	Master’s Degree Holders in Labor Economics and Industrial Relations, Economics, Business Administration, Finance, Public Administration, and International Relations	4	4	1	1						
Economics	Master’s Degree Holders in Economics	10	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	*	Equal Weight
Business Administration	Master’s Degree Holders in Business Administration	11	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	*	Equal Weight
	Master’s Degree Holders in Business Engineering and Industrial Engineering	6	2	1	1						
Public Administration	Master’s Degree Holders in Public Administration, Political Science and Public Administration, International Relations, Political Science and International Relations, as well as Bachelor’s Degree Holders in Public Administration who completed their Master’s Degree in Another Field	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	*	Equal Weight

<b>Public Finance</b>	Bachelor's Degree Holders or Master's Degree Holders Master's Degrees in Public Finance	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	*	Equal Weight
<b>Sociology</b>	Master's Degree Holders in Sociology	5	1	1	1	Master's degree holders from programs in Social, Humanities and Administrative Sciences, Educational Sciences, Health Sciences, Law, Theology, Philology, and Architecture; from Statistics (Faculty of Science); and from interdisciplinary programs under Institutes of Social Sciences	2	-	1	*	Equal Weight
<b>History</b>	Master's Degree Holders in History	10	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	Verbal
<b>Gender Studies</b>	Master's Degree Holders	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	*	Equal Weight
<b>Turkish Language and Literature</b>	Master's Degree Holders in Turkish Language and Literature	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	Verbal
<b>International Relations</b>	Bachelor's and Master's Degree Holders in International Relations, Political Science and International Relations, Public Administration, Political Science and Public Administration, or Law and International Law	5	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	*	Equal Weight
	Bachelor's or Master's Degree Holders in International Relations, Political Science and International Relations, International Law, or Country/Region Studies	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	*	

**Table 4. Degree Fields and Quotas for Applications to Doctoral Programs with a Bachelor’s Degree**

Department / Doctoral Program	Accepted Degree Fields and Quotas					ALES Score Type
	Related fields	Republic of Türkiye	Foreign Applicants	TRNC	Spouses and Children of Martyrs and Veterans	
Western Languages and Literature / English Language and Literature (English)	Graduates of Bachelor’s Programs in English Language and Literature, American Culture and Literature, English Linguistics, English Language Education, Comparative Literature, Translation and Interpreting (English) Candidates who will apply to this program must obtain and document a score of at least 85 in English YDS, YÖKDİL or e-YDS or an equivalent score from international English exams accepted by ÖSYM.	2	2	1	1	Verbal
Econometrics	Bachelor’s Degree Holders in Econometrics	1	1	1	1	Equal Weight
Economics	Bachelor’s Degree Holders in Economics	1	1	1	1	Equal Weight
Business Administration	Bachelor’s Degree Holders in Business Administration	4	2	1	1	Equal Weight
International Relations	Bachelor’s Degree Holders in International Relations	1	1	1	1	Equal Weight

## 5. INTER-UNIVERSITY COOPERATION PROGRAM (UNIP)

- ❖ (\*) No quota is announced under the UNIP, and submitted applications are evaluated in accordance with the opinion of the relevant department. This process is carried out in parallel with the graduate admissions calendar for the relevant term.
- ❖ Candidates can apply to the doctoral programs announced in this Guide for Turkish citizens. However, in order to apply to the programs, the minimum requirement for Turkish citizen candidates must be met. Candidates who wish to benefit from graduate education within the scope of UNIP will submit their petitions and necessary documents to their universities. The applications sent to our University by the relevant rectorates will be responded to through the Rectorate of Karadeniz Technical University.
- ❖ Applications made before each semester will be evaluated by the relevant department chairmanship, taking into account academic grade point averages and ALES score. If the final evaluation scores of the candidates are equal, the one with the higher ALES score will be prioritized.
- ❖ Applications for the 2026-2027 Academic Year Fall Semester must be received by our University by **Monday, 13 July 2026 at 17.00**. Applications received by our University after this date will not be evaluated.

## 6. EVALUATION OF GRADUATION GRADE

- ❖ The bachelor’s degree / master’s degree with thesis graduation grade used in the calculation of the success score is evaluated according to the 100-point grading system.
- ❖ For candidates whose graduation grades are organized according to the 100-point grading system, the grades will be used as they are. For candidates whose graduation grades are organized according to the 4-point grading system, the equivalent scores in the 100-point system will be calculated according to the table titled “**The Conversion of the 4-Point Grading System to 100-Point Grading System**” established by YÖK. Other equivalents will not be taken into account.
- ❖ For candidates whose graduation grades are provided both on the 4-point grading system and converted to the 100-point grading system by the respective universities, only the equivalent of their 4-point system grade, as specified in the table titled “**The Conversion of the 4-Point Grading System to 100-Point Grading System**” established by YÖK, will be used in calculating the application score.
- ❖ Candidates whose graduation grade is organized according to the 100-point grading system will enter their graduation grade as it is. Candidates whose graduation grade is organized according to the 4-point grading system will enter their graduation grade in the 4-point grading system. However, candidates whose graduation grade is organized according to both the 4-point grading system and the 100-point grading system will only enter their graduation grade in the 4-point grading system on the **online** application page. The 100-point equivalent of the grade in the 4-point grading system must not be written under any circumstances. Applications of candidates who incorrectly enter their graduation grade on the **online** application page will be considered **invalid**.

## 7. ADMISSION FROM THE RESERVE LIST

- ❖ Candidates on the reserve list, which will be announced on Friday, 24 July 2026, will be able to apply for the vacant quotas. If vacancies remain after the reserve list placements, no further students will be admitted from the reserve list for the programs WITH THESIS.

## 8. UPLOADING THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO THE ONLINE SYSTEM

- ❖ During document submission, candidates' information on the online application page must be consistent with their application documents.
- ❖ Document uploads will be made from the links on the Graduate School's web page on the dates announced in this Guide. Candidates who do not upload their documents by the deadline will forfeit all their rights.
- ❖ Those who are determined to have applied in accordance with the principles specified in this Guide as a result of document uploading will be granted the right to final registration, provided that they are successful. The applications of candidates whose graduation grade and ALES score used in the calculation of the success score are incorrect, whose required foreign (English) language exam information for 100% English programs and doctoral application is incorrect, who do not mark the quota appropriate for their graduation, or who upload misleading documents will be deemed **invalid**.
- ❖ Registrations will be made online at <http://basvuru.ktu.edu.tr/Lisansustu>. **Students will not be required to visit the Graduate School for a separate document verification/check.**

## 9. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR FINAL REGISTRATION

- ❖ The list of documents that students who are eligible for final registration must upload to the system can be accessed at "https://ktu.edu.tr/dosyalar/sbe\_b00ad.pdf". "**Online Application Result Page**", which is one of the required documents, can be obtained from [dy2.ktu.edu.tr/onkayit](http://dy2.ktu.edu.tr/onkayit).
- ❖ Male students who have made a final registration must upload their documents showing their military service status to the system during the application process in order to be used in **deferment procedures**.

## 10. FORMAT OF DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

- ❖ Diploma, transcript, and result documents for the ALES and central foreign (English) language (YDS, e-YDS, and YÖKDİL) exams conducted by ÖSYM must be **the originals or, if available, e-Government printouts**. Documents that are neither the original nor an e-Government printout **must be certified by a notary or the issuing institution**. Documents containing erasures, alterations, and illegible parts will not be accepted.
- ❖ The graduation certificate must have been obtained via e-Government within the last 1 (one) month.

## 11. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

### 11.1. Non-Thesis Master's Programs

- ❖ In determining the ranking of success, only the bachelor's degree graduation grade is considered.

### 11.2. Master's Programs with Thesis

- ❖ For master's programs with thesis, the success score, which will consist of the sum of **60%** of the relevant ALES score and **40%** of the bachelor's degree graduation grade, must be at least **65.00** out of **100**.

### 11.3. Doctoral Programs

#### 11.3.1. Application with a Master's Degree with Thesis

- ❖ The success score, which will consist of the sum of **55%** of the ALES score, **20%** of the bachelor's degree graduation grade, **10%** of the master's degree with thesis graduation grade, and **15%** of the online interview exam grade, must be at least **70.00** out of **100**.

#### 11.3.2. Application with a Bachelor's Degree

- ❖ For doctoral programs, the success score, which will consist of the sum of **55%** of the relevant ALES score, **30%** of the bachelor's degree graduation grade, and **15%** of the interview exam grade, must be at least **75.00** out of **100**.

## 12. ADMISSION OF FOREIGN APPLICANTS TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS

### 12.1. Application Requirements

- 1) Foreign nationals who have graduated from higher education institutions abroad must submit a “[CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION](#)” obtained from the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) during the application process.
- 2) To have graduated from the fields specified in the “Fields of Graduation and Quotas for Application to Thesis Master’s Programs” table (Table 2). (No minimum GPA requirement applies.)
- 3) To have graduated from the fields specified in the “Fields of Graduation and Quotas for Application to Doctoral Programs with a Thesis Master’s Degree” table (Table 3). (No minimum GPA requirement applies.)
- 4) To have graduated from the fields specified in the “Fields of Graduation and Quotas for Application to Doctoral Programs with a Bachelor’s Degree” table (Table 4). A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 out of 4.00 is required for application.
- 5) Applicants who are not eligible to apply for international student quotas are those who:
  - a) are Turkish citizens by birth,
  - b) are dual nationals who acquired Turkish citizenship by birth and did not obtain permission to renounce Turkish citizenship from the Ministry of Interior, or their minor children registered under their certificate of renunciation of Turkish citizenship who do not hold the “Document on the Exercise of Rights Granted by Law,”
  - c) are dual nationals who later acquired Turkish citizenship, provided that they did not complete their secondary education (high school) in Türkiye or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC),
  - d) Turkish citizens who completed their entire undergraduate education abroad (including those who graduated from Turkish schools abroad outside Türkiye and TRNC).
- 6) The ALES score is not required for international students.
- 7) Applications must be submitted online at <https://basvuru.ktu.edu.tr/Lisansustu/LisansUstuYabanciBasvuru>.
- 8) Successful candidates will upload documents and complete final registration online between 20–23 July 2026.
- 9) Each applicant may make only one preference.
- 10) International students are subject to the legislation and Graduate Education Regulations applied to Turkish citizens in terms of academic procedures.
- 11) As of the 2025–2026 Academic Year, the foreign language preparatory class for Turkish thesis master’s and doctoral programs has been made optional.
- 12) Students admitted through **out-of-field quotas** in a program will be required to attend a Scientific Preparatory Program to bridge academic gaps. (See Article 14 for details of the Scientific Preparatory Program.)

### 12.2. Documents Required for Application

- 1) In the applications, candidates are required to have
  - a) Certificate of Recognition
  - b) Photograph (4.5x6, taken within the last six months and biometric),
  - c) Resume
  - d) Photocopy of passport with validity period,
  - e) Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate from Turkish Language Teaching Center (TÖMER) **is not required at the application stage**. However, at the time of registration, the candidate who has at least B2 level Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate (certified copy) from TÖMER uploads the document to the system. If the candidate does not have the aforementioned document, if he / she enrolls in the program he / she applies to, he / she must submit the relevant document to our Graduate School with a petition within 1 (one) year at the latest from the start date of the education. Students who fail to submit the relevant document within the specified period are dismissed from the relevant program. **Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate is not requested from the candidates who graduated from Turkish education programs or placed to a program that provides 100% English education.**
  - f) For master’s program applications, undergraduate graduation certificate/diploma and transcript; for doctoral program applications, undergraduate and master’s graduation certificate/diploma and transcripts approved by foreign representative offices. **A certified copy translated into Turkish or English**, (e-Government printout with QR code is also valid for those who graduated from a higher education institution in Türkiye). **Documents uploaded to the system in a language other than Turkish or English or those in English/ Turkish but whose content is not readable as well as documents whose approval seals are not clear will not be evaluated and the candidate’s application will be deemed invalid.**
- 2) **Minimum English language proficiency requirements for the Master’s programs in Applied Linguistics and English Culture and Literature under the Department of Western Languages and Literatures**, as well as for the **English-taught Master’s program in International Relations**, are specified in Table 2.
- 3) To apply for doctoral programs, candidates must obtain at least 55 points from language examinations accepted by the Interuniversity Board (YDS, e-YDS, or YÖKDİL) in a language other than their native language, or an equivalent score from internationally recognized foreign language examinations. However, for **the doctoral program in Western Languages and**

**Literatures**, a minimum score of 85 from centrally administered foreign language examinations (YDS, e-YDS, or YÖKDİL) or an equivalent score from internationally recognized English proficiency tests is required. These conditions are specified in Table 3.

### 12.3. Student Admission and Registration Principles

- 1) Evaluation and acceptance of foreign students is finalized with the opinion of the relevant department chairmanship and the approval of the Graduate School Administrative Board.
- 2) Final registration procedures are completed within the periods specified in the academic calendar.
- 3) Students who have completed their bachelor's or master's education in a foreign language education program but wish to continue their graduate education in a different foreign language education field must obtain, in the language of instruction of the program to which they are applying, the score specified by the relevant Graduate School Administrative Board from either the foreign (English) language exams recognized by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) or from international English language exams whose equivalence is accepted by YÖK.
- 4) The student status of a foreign student who has dual nationality and enrolls in graduate programs with foreign nationality is not changed during his/her education.
- 5) A student who enrolls in a graduate program with the status of a foreign student and becomes a citizen of the Republic of Türkiye during his/her education continues his/her education by paying the contribution fee determined by the legislation for foreign students.
- 6) Candidates who apply for graduate education based on bilateral agreements to which the University is a party are accepted as students out of the quota with the opinion of the Department Chair of the relevant program and the decision of the Graduate School Administrative Board.
- 7) Students who apply to graduate programs from a non-relevant field and are entitled to final registration are subjected to training in the Scientific Preparatory Program for a maximum of one year according to the adaptation status to be made by the relevant department adaptation commission. Students who fail to complete the Scientific Preparatory Program within one year are dismissed from the University.
- 8) If the information and documents declared during the application process are incomplete or incorrect, the candidate is dismissed from the University even if he / she is accepted to the program.
- 9) The right to enroll is valid for the Fall Semester of the 2026–2027 Academic Year.

### 12.4. Evaluation of Applications

#### 12.4.1. Master's Programs with Thesis

❖ In determining the order of success, only the undergraduate graduation grade will be taken into account; the undergraduate graduation grade must be at least **65.00** out of 100 points.

#### 12.4.2. Doctoral Programs

❖ When calculating the success score; **25%** of the undergraduate graduation grade, **20%** of the master's degree graduation grade with thesis and **55%** of the online interview exam grade must be at least **70.00** points out of 100 points.

❖ For doctoral applications with a bachelor's degree, the success score shall be calculated by taking 45% of the undergraduate GPA and 55% of the interview score. The total success score, calculated on a 100-point scale, must be at least 75.00.

## 13. FOREIGN (ENGLISH) LANGUAGE PREPARATORY CLASS

As of the **2025-2026 academic year**, foreign (English) language preparatory class has been made optional for candidates who are placed in our **Graduate School's** master's programs with thesis and doctoral programs.

## 14. SCIENTIFIC PREPARATORY PROGRAM

- ❖ Scientific preparation program is applied to students who are entitled to enroll from the non-related field quota of a program in order to bridge academic gaps. These students are required to take the courses of the relevant program determined by the relevant Board decisions and announced on the Graduate School web page.
- ❖ Scientific preparation program courses must be completed **in 2 (two) semesters**. Otherwise, the student is dismissed from the program. The time spent in the Scientific Preparatory Program is not added to the normal completion period of the program.
- ❖ The compulsory courses required to be taken in the scientific preparation program cannot replace the courses required to complete the relevant graduate program. However, a student in the scientific preparation program, in addition to [the scientific preparation courses](#), can take a maximum of three credit courses for the graduate program with the recommendation of the relevant graduate school department chairmanship and the approval of the administrative board of the graduate school. **These courses must consist of graduate-level courses offered in postgraduate programs and selected by at least one graduate student.**

## 15. ONLINE INTERVIEW EXAM

❖ **Only applicants applying for PhD programs** will have an online interview. It is compulsory to attend the interview exam and the application of candidates who do not attend will not be evaluated.

Department	Program	Online Interview Exam		
		Date	Time	Exam Time and Venue
Western Languages and Literature	PhD	<b>16 July 2026</b>	09.00-15.00	The interview exams will be held online between 09.00-15.00. The exam link as well as information regarding this will be sent to the <b>e-mail</b> addresses entered by the candidate in our pre-registration application system before the exam date.
Econometrics	PhD		09.00-15.00	
Economics	PhD		09.00-15.00	
Business Administration	PhD		09.00-15.00	
Public Administration	PhD		09.00-15.00	
Public Finance	PhD		09.00-15.00	
History	PhD		09.00-15.00	
Social Gender Studies	PhD		09.00-15.00	
Sociology	PhD		09.00-15.00	
Turkish Language and Literature	PhD		09.00-15.00	
International Relations	PhD		09.00-15.00	