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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

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ABOUT US

Our Mission

Istinye University's mission is to provide innovative and sustainable education in a student centred institution working closely with industry; to conduct research based on advanced technology; to produce new knowledge and technologies; and to contribute to society by developing solutions to local and global problems.

Our Vision

Istinye University's vision is to become one of the world's leading universities pursuing excellence in education, research, innovation and technology development, with artificial intelligence at its centre.

Our Values

- Respect for people and differences
- Commitment to professional ethics and human values
- Social and community responsibility
- Justice and merit
- Environmental awareness and sustainability
- Lifelong learning
- Collective wisdom
- Participation
- Innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership

Source: [1] Mission and Vision

OUR CAMPUSES

Istinye University's Topkapı and Vadi campuses combine education and research facilities with social and cultural spaces. Vadi Main Campus, Vadi H Campus and Topkapı Campus form different centres of university life in Istanbul.



Topkapı Campus Congress Centre.

Source: [2] 2025 Campus and Transport Information

Sustainable Transport

The intercampus shuttle service connects Vadi and Topkapı campuses with Seyrantepe Metro. Routes and departure times are shared through the university's shuttle information service. Shared transport and the metro connection integrate campus access with Istanbul's public transport network.

Source: [3] 2024–2025 Faculty of Medicine Grade III Guide, transport information

OUR LIBRARY

The library brings together print and electronic resources, catalogue and lending services, and study spaces.

Opening Hours at the Start of 2024–2025

Library	Weekdays	Weekends
Vadi Central Library	08.30–20.00	Closed
Topkapı Library	08.00–17.30	Closed
Liv Hospital Bahçeşehir Medical Library	08.30–17.30	Closed
Medical Park Gaziosmanpaşa Medical Library	08.30–17.30	Closed

Study areas on the first floor of Vadi Library, the sixth floor of H Block and the ground floor of the Topkapı Health Sciences building are available 24/7.

Source: [4] September 2024 Orientation Guide, pp. 6 and 11

Access to Digital Resources

Electronic resources and off-campus access enable authorised users to continue their research beyond campus. Open-access resources and the institutional academic archive support knowledge sharing.

Source: [5] Library Services · [6] Library Databases and Off-campus Access



Topkapı Campus library building.

ACCOMMODATION AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Accommodation Information

The Department of Health, Culture and Sports provides students with contact details for private dormitories near the campuses. Information about accommodation options around Vadi and Topkapı supports students' transition to city and campus life.

Source: [7] Health, Culture and Sports Department, dormitory information · [4] September 2024 Orientation Guide, pp. 6 and 11

Sport Is Every Child's Right

Istinye University and the Gülmek İyileştirir Association held "Sport Is Every Child's Right" at the Vadi Main Campus sports hall on 19 December 2024. Students from the Department of Child Development supported children's participation in games and sports. The programme opened university facilities to children's social participation through collaboration with civil society.

The collaboration also included a plan to reserve the sports hall for disadvantaged children one day each month.



Sport Is Every Child's Right, 19 December 2024.

Source: [8] Sport Is Every Child's Right

ART AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Exhibitions and cultural programmes bring students' work to audiences and strengthen the university's connection with city life.

Negatif Özüt Exhibition

Student work produced in Design Studio 1–2 courses in the Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design was opened to visitors on the second floor of Vadi H Campus on 6–13 May 2025. The exhibition shared students' spatial design work with the campus community.



Announcement image for the Negatif Özüt exhibition.

Source: [9] Negatif Özüt Design Studio 1–2 Exhibition

Housing in the Process of Modernisation

"Housing in the Process of Modernisation" was announced for 16–20 June 2025 in the second-floor social area of Vadi H Campus. The Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design's exhibition focused on the transformation of housing and its relationship with urban life.

Source: [10] Housing in the Process of Modernisation

ACTIVITIES

Republic Concert

The Istinye University Liv Bahçeşehir Choir's Republic Concert was announced for 4 November 2024, 19.30–21.30, at the Vadi Main Campus Congress Centre, with free admission.



Republic Concert announcement, 4 November 2024.

Source: [11] Republic Concert

International Exlibris Gathering

The 2nd International Exlibris Congress was announced for 20–24 August 2025 by Istinye University, Selçuk Ecza Deposu, Bozlu Art Project and the Istanbul Exlibris Society. The programme included workshops and a museum visit. The 6th International Exlibris Competition exhibition and award ceremony were scheduled for 22 August 2025, with the exhibition running until 22 September 2025.



Announcement images for the 2025 exlibris congress and competition exhibition.

Source: [12] 2nd International Exlibris Congress Istanbul 2025 · [13] 6th International Exlibris Competition Exhibition and Award Ceremony

CULTURAL HERITAGE AND URBAN AWARENESS

Keeping Cultural Heritage Alive

“Modular Approaches to Keeping Cultural Heritage Alive” was announced for 4 December 2024 as part of a TÜBİTAK 2209-B student project and the Detail Design and Production Studio. The Istanbul Cultural Heritage Trip was scheduled to visit the Şerefiye Cistern on 5 March 2025.

Source: [14] Modular Approaches to Keeping Cultural Heritage Alive · [15] Istanbul Cultural Heritage Trip



Announcements for the cultural heritage seminar and Housing in the Process of Modernisation exhibition.

Meetings on Architecture and Space

Architecture Practice Talks, designer meetings and exhibitions introduce students to different experiences of housing, design and spatial production. The Videogame Urbanism seminar, landscape use, building information modelling and historic neighbourhood visits also contributed to urban and spatial studies.

Source: [19] 2024–2025 Consolidated Event List, SDG 11 records

Disaster Awareness

Activities with the Search and Rescue Student Club support disaster awareness and student participation. Disaster awareness training was announced by the club for 14 April 2025 and by the Department of English Language and Literature for 5 May 2025.

Source: [18] Search and Rescue Club and Disaster Awareness Activities · [16] Disaster Awareness Training, 14 April 2025 · [17] Disaster Awareness Training, 5 May 2025

Activity List

Announcements show scheduled programmes; news items describe completed activities. Where an SKS news item does not specify the day, its publication month is used. The link beside each record opens the institutional source.

Date	Activity	Source
21.10.2024	Architecture Practice Talks: Şafak Beşiroğlu	Announcement
22.10.2024	Exlibris Workshop	Announcement
November 2024	Edirne Gastronomy Festival Trip	News
November 2024	Historical Peninsula Field Trip	News
November 2024	Architects Discuss Their Buildings	News
November 2024	BIM: Building Information Modelling	News
November 2024	Kuzguncuk Trip	News
04.11.2024	Istinye University Liv Bahçeşehir Choir Republic Concert	Announcement
18.11.2024	Architecture Practice Talks: Ali Önalp	Announcement
21.11.2024	Videogame Urbanism Seminar Series No. 2: Archaic Game Studio and Urban Jam	News
25.11.2024	Architecture Practice Talks: Emre Gündoğdu	Announcement
02.12.2024	Landscape Use in Architecture	News
04.12.2024	Modular Approaches to Keeping Cultural Heritage Alive: TÜBİTAK 2209-B	Announcement
05.12.2024	SETEM Film Production Workshop	Announcement
11.12.2024	Exlibris Workshop 3	Announcement
13.12.2024	Literature Seminars 2: Tricked and Treated: Contemporary American Horror Cinema	Announcement
19.12.2024	Sport Is Every Child’s Right	News

Date	Activity	Source
20.12.2024	Graphic Design from Traditional Techniques to Artificial Intelligence	Announcement
28.12.2024	Introductory Visit to the Istanbul Exlibris Museum	Announcement
30.12.2024	Architecture Practice Talks: Bestegül Usta	Announcement
06.01.2025	Industry Meetings	Announcement
07.01.2025	Literature Seminars 3: Tales of Istanbul in Contemporary Fiction	Announcement
09.01.2025	Experimental Writing Techniques Workshop	Announcement
09.01.2025	Film Screening and Discussion: The Shade of Green	Announcement
10.01.2025	Caravaggio: His Life and Works	Announcement
February 2025	University Support for the Search and Rescue Student Club and Disaster Awareness	News
26.02.2025	Traditional Printmaking with Veliye Martı	Announcement
27.02.2025	The Strange Alchemist in the Forest	Announcement
05.03.2025	Istanbul Cultural Heritage Trip	Announcement
07.03.2025	Science and Curiosity Talks on Art 2: Michelangelo, His Life and Works	Announcement
17.03.2025	Interior Design Programme End-of-autumn-term Student Exhibition	Announcement
26.03.2025	The Social Production of Virtual Space on Social VR Platforms	Announcement
14.04.2025	Disaster Awareness Training: Search and Rescue Club	Announcement
15.04.2025	RTC Projections 3: From Al-bait al Muzlim to Waliczky's Imaginary Cameras: Rethinking the Apparatus	Announcement

Date	Activity	Source
15.04.2025	Designer Talks: A Design Journey with Amor Garaboviç	Announcement
15.04.2025	The Courage to Create	Announcement
16.04.2025	Exlibris Workshop	Announcement
28.04.2025	Communication Talks 1: The Art of Photography, Talk and Workshop	Announcement
29.04.2025	RTC Projections 4: A Performative Investigation of Identity and Representation	Announcement
02.05.2025	A Journey of More Than a Century: Ariş, the Art of Diamonds	Announcement
05.05.2025	Disaster Awareness Training: Department of English Language and Literature	Announcement
06–13.05.2025	Negatif Özüt Exhibition	Announcement
12.05.2025	The Journey of Local Radio Stations from 1992 to the Present	Announcement
28.05.2025	With the Wind of Timeless Poetry with Hayati İnanç	Announcement
29.05.2025	Imagism and Vorticism in Modernist Art and Poetry	Announcement
16–20.06.2025	Housing in the Process of Modernisation	Announcement
01.07.2025	Talk and Mini Concert: Sound Beyond Borders	Announcement
20–24.08.2025	2nd International Exlibris Congress Istanbul 2025	Announcement
20–24.08.2025	6th International Exlibris Competition Istanbul 2025	Announcement
22.08–22.09.2025	6th International Exlibris Competition Exhibition and Award Ceremony	Announcement

The exlibris competition, congress, exhibition and award ceremony are related programme components. The announced closing date of the exhibition beginning on 22 August is 22 September 2025.

Source: [19] 2024–2025 Consolidated Event List, SDG 11 records

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Research related to sustainable cities and communities covers cultural heritage protection, local government, climate policy, green transformation, safe living environments and energy efficiency in buildings.

Funder	Programme or Call	Project Title
—	Fundamental Research State Grants (FR)	Study of wall paintings and decorative elements present in Islamic architectural monuments in Georgia, and development of protection recommendations
Erasmus+	Jean Monnet Actions in the Field of Higher Education Teaching and Research	SISDDP-Sustainable, Inclusive and Smart Development within Decentralization Process: the EU experience
British Academy	CI.24012	Co-designing Learning for Evidence-based climate policy in Marmara's Municipalities, Türkiye (CLEMM)
TÜBİTAK	Green Innovation Technology Mentoring Call	ÜSİMP Green Transformation Platform
TÜBİTAK	TÜBİTAK International Industrial R&D Projects Support Programme	PHRESH - Patient Health Response in Emergent and Secure Habitats for Connected Healthcare
TÜBİTAK	TÜBİTAK Industrial R&D Projects Support Programme	Development of a Hybrid Energy Generation and Optimisation System for Energy-efficient Buildings

Source: [20] TTO Academic Projects List, TÜM sheet, SDG 11 records

STUDENT PROJECTS

Student projects include research and design on sustainable campuses, cultural heritage, local production, accessible transport, disaster preparedness and urban life.

TÜBİTAK 2209 — 2024/1 Call Period

Project Title	Funder
Sustainable Campus: From the Green Teaching Kitchen of the Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts to a Green Campus	TÜBİTAK
Use of Hazelnut Waste (Shells, Husks and Skins) as a Cocoa Substitute in Cookie Production	TÜBİTAK
Baklava Culture in the Ottoman Period from the 15th to the 19th Century and Practical Sustainable Recipes	TÜBİTAK
Comparison of Sustainable Dietary Preferences among Graduate Chefs of the Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts and Industry Chefs	TÜBİTAK
The Conscious Kitchen: Compost Production from Kitchen Waste by Istinye University Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Students	TÜBİTAK
A Mobile Application Supporting Sustainability and Providing Material and Emotional Support for Older Adults in Nursing Homes	TÜBİTAK
An AI-supported Campus Sustainability and Energy Optimisation System Developed in Python	TÜBİTAK
Application of Lean Manufacturing Techniques in Jewellery Workshops	TÜBİTAK
Simulation-based Scenario Analysis for Improving Efficiency in Public Services	TÜBİTAK
Development of an AI-based Model for Real-time Detection of Anomalous Network Traffic	TÜBİTAK
An Application for Detecting Pedestrians with Disabilities at Traffic Lights Using AI and Image Processing	TÜBİTAK
Investigation of the Effect of Social Media Use on Body Image and Eating Behaviour in Pregnant Women	TÜBİTAK
Investigation of Changes in Stress, Sleep Quality and Dietary Habits during Examination Week	TÜBİTAK
Investigation of Healthy Eating Awareness, Parental Attitudes and Barriers to Healthy Eating at Home	TÜBİTAK
The Effect of Adults' Social Media Addiction and Sustainable Dietary Behaviours on Anthropometric Measurements	TÜBİTAK
Evaluation of the Relationship between Social Media Use and Eating Disorders among Individuals Aged 18–25	TÜBİTAK

Project Title	Funder
Investigation of the Effects of Multiple Screen Exposure on Digital Stress and Dietary Habits in Adolescents	TÜBİTAK
Relationship between Emotional Eating Habits and Sustainable Nutrition in Adolescents	TÜBİTAK
Health Perceptions among Women in Prison: The Relationship between Social Support and Loneliness	TÜBİTAK
Identification of Musculoskeletal Problems, Ergonomic Support and Exercise Training among Factory Workers in Different Working Positions	TÜBİTAK
Evaluation of Pain, Posture and Upper Limb Function in Individuals with Smartphone and Digital Game Addiction	TÜBİTAK
Ergonomics and Posture: Effects on the Musculoskeletal System across Health Disciplines	TÜBİTAK
Investigation of the Application of a Digital Twin Model in the Warehouses of the BSH Home Appliances Industry and Trade Inc. Çerkezköy Campus	TÜBİTAK

Source: [21] TÜBİTAK 2209 Student Projects List, 2024/1 and 2025/1, SDG 11 records

TÜBİTAK 2209 — 2025/1 Call Period

Project Title	Funder
Design of Modular and Multifunctional Furniture for Children's Spaces after Disasters	TÜBİTAK
Evaluation of Geographically Indicated Honeys as Sugar Substitutes in Different Product Recipes Using Sous Vide and Traditional Techniques for Gastronomic Applications	TÜBİTAK
Development of Optimal Recipes for Sirkencubin Varieties Prepared with Local Vinegars and Honeys and Their Reintroduction into Gastronomy	TÜBİTAK
A Study on Documenting Traditional Dishes at Risk of Disappearing in Giresun	TÜBİTAK
Effectiveness of Infographics and Motion Graphics in Building Disaster Awareness: An Experimental Study of Knowledge Recall and Behavioural Intention	TÜBİTAK
The Effect of a 360° VR Experience on Knowledge Retention in Cultural Heritage Education: An Experimental Study	TÜBİTAK
Effects of the Urban Sound Environment on Attention and Digital Behaviours: The Case of Istanbul	TÜBİTAK
An Analysis of Hoca Mes'ûd's Süheyl ü Nevbahâr Using Propp's Method	TÜBİTAK
A Modernist Interpretation of Stream of Consciousness and Existentialism in Pink Floyd Lyrics	TÜBİTAK
A Comparative Study of Cultural Transfer in Turkish Translations and Theatre Adaptations of Shakespeare's Othello	TÜBİTAK
Translator Invisibility in Turkish Translations of Jane Eyre: A Comparative Analysis of Jane's Inner Voice	TÜBİTAK
Preserving Traditional Crafts and Transferring Knowledge	TÜBİTAK
A Bluetooth-based Audible Bus Information and Bus Occupancy Monitoring System for People with Visual Impairments	TÜBİTAK
Digital Participation and Youth Representation in Local Government: The Cases of Başakşehir, Üsküdar and Kadıköy	TÜBİTAK
Developing Disaster Awareness and a Culture of Preparedness among University Students: The Case of Istinye University	TÜBİTAK
A Ring Providing Pre-earthquake Notifications and Relaying Location and Frequency Information to Organisations Such as AFAD for Potential Entrapment under Rubble	TÜBİTAK
An Automatic Flame Detection and Extinguishing System	TÜBİTAK
Reinterpreting Traditional Turkish Oya Motifs in Local Product Packaging: A Proposed Packaging Design Model with Sustainable and Cultural Identity	TÜBİTAK

Source: [21] TÜBİTAK 2209 Student Projects List, 2024/1 and 2025/1, SDG 11 records

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[2] 2025 Campus and Transport Information

[3] 2024–2025 Faculty of Medicine Grade III Guide, transport information

[4] September 2024 Orientation Guide, pp. 6 and 11

[5] Library Services

[6] Library Databases and Off-campus Access

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[11] Republic Concert

[12] 2nd International Exlibris Congress Istanbul 2025

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[15] Istanbul Cultural Heritage Trip

[16] Disaster Awareness Training, 14 April 2025

[17] Disaster Awareness Training, 5 May 2025

[18] Search and Rescue Club and Disaster Awareness Activities

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