

ISTINYE UNIVERSITY**SENATE MEETING**

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ISTINYE UNIVERSITY**FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT****ENGLISH PREPARATORY PROGRAM EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS****Exemption Requirements for Newly Enrolled Students:**

Undergraduate students admitted to departments at Istinye University where the language of instruction is English can be exempt from the English Preparatory Program by submitting a valid English proficiency exam result during registration, allowing them to begin their departmental coursework directly.

Applicants who cannot provide a valid English proficiency exam result may take the Istinye English Proficiency Exam (ISTEP), administered by the Department of Foreign Languages. Students who do not achieve the required score on the ISTEP will be placed in the English Preparatory Program for English language training for up to one year. The duration of this program can range from one to three semesters, depending on the student's initial English proficiency level.

Equivalency Table of Accepted English Proficiency Exams:

TOEFL iBT	TOEFL iBT Home Edition	IELTS Academic	PTE Academic	Language Cert Academic	C2 Proficiency	C1 Advanced	Oxford Test - English/Advanced	Cambridge Linguaskill - General	e-TEP	ISTEP
4 (75*)	4 (75*)	6.0	55	60	C	B	110	150	75	60
Note: The only exam administered remotely online is the TOEFL iBT Home Edition. All other accepted exams are administered in person at authorized test centers.										

The accepted English proficiency exam results remain valid for the maximum period of study allowed for the program. The maximum study periods and the corresponding exam validity periods are detailed below:

Program Duration	Maximum Study Period	Language Exam Validity Period
2 years (4 semesters)	4 years (8 semesters)	4 years (8 semesters)
4 years (8 semesters)	7 years (14 semesters)	7 years (14 semesters)
5 years (10 semesters)	8 years (16 semesters)	8 years (16 semesters)
6 years (12 semesters)	9 years (18 semesters)	9 years (18 semesters)

Exemption Conditions for Transfer Students:

Students transferring from a program with 100% English as the language of instruction (domestic or international) to another program with English as the language of instruction (within the same institution or to a different institution) must submit **one** of the following documents:

- A document demonstrating a valid score on one of the exams listed in the table above.
- A document confirming successful completion of the English Preparatory Program at their previous university.

Submitting either of the above documents will exempt transfer students from the English Preparatory Program, and they will not be required to submit an exam result.

Students accepted via transfer from other higher education institutions, who enroll in an undergraduate program with 100% English as the language of instruction, and who can officially document that they have successfully met the mandatory foreign language proficiency/preparation requirements of their previous institution, are eligible to begin undergraduate courses and may transfer to English programs at our university with exemption from the English preparatory program.

Transfer students who do not submit the required documentation may take the ISTEP (İstinye English Proficiency Exam), administered by the Department of Foreign Languages. Students who do not achieve a satisfactory score on this exam will be required to take a one-year English language course (lasting between one and three semesters, depending on their level) in the English Preparatory Program.