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## BAU AT A GLANCE

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Since its foundation in 1998, the vision of BAU has been to be a global university known for its contribution to scientific, technological, and cultural knowledge through innovative education models and research approaches that reflect international standards as well as service to society. Currently, BAU Global Network comprises of 6 universities (Istanbul, Washington D.C., Berlin, Cyprus, Batumi, Plymouth), 5 liaison offices (BAU Global Azerbaijan, Jordan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Pakistan) and 5 language schools.

As one of the leading universities in Türkiye, BAU aims primarily to improve the living standards of the local and global society by integrating the sustainable development goals into its corporate processes and culture, educational programs, academic research practices and stakeholder collaborations. BAU with its staff members, students and alumni is a big academic community who are raised as good global citizens committed to each other and the world around them and always act with the utmost sense of ethics and social responsibility.

## BAU WITH NUMBERS

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- 7 campuses in Istanbul
- 10 faculties, 1 conservatory, 2 vocational schools
- 40 BA programs, 153 MA programs, 24 PhD. programs
- 22 research and application centers
- 150 labs, workshops/studios, incubation centers
- 223 Erasmus partner universities, 92 world exchange partners
- 805 full-time faculty members, 526 administrative staff members
- 19.595 undergraduate students, 5.503 graduate students, 1.306 associate degree students
- 79 student clubs
- 224 externally funded projects between 2020-2022
- 340 industry partnerships & projects between 2020-2022

## BAU IN THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION



BAU participates in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings since 2019. According to the current rankings, BAU belongs to the **601-800 band in the World University Rankings**, the **401-600 band in the Impact Rankings** and the **251-300 band in the Young University Rankings**. Also, BAU is ranked among the **top 5 universities in Türkiye**.

The university continuously increases its standing in categories related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. As of 2022, BAU holds the following standings in the THE Impact Rankings;

- Ranks between 101-200 in Industry Innovation, Infrastructure
- Ranks between 201-300 in Gender Equality
- Ranks between 301-400 in Reducing Inequalities
- Ranks between 301-400 in Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- Ranks between 301-400 in Sustainable Cities and Communities

The University takes the above-mentioned rankings as evaluation criteria for progress regarding its adherence and contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and will continue to report its advancement in the rankings on a yearly basis.

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### Scholarships

BAU provides various scholarships for students based on different features. There are Centre for Assessment, Selection and Placement scholarships, international diploma scholarships, ApplyBAU scholarships, sibling discounts, sports scholarship, vertical transfer scholarships, lateral transfer scholarships, graduation success scholarships, and alumni association scholarships.

BAU provides financial support for more than 15,000 students to reach quality education through discounts in tuition fees and full scholarships. This financial support amount corresponds to 304,470,655 TL.

### Low-income student support

BAU provides facilities and programs to support low-income students completing their study at the university in the form of food support.

There is also transportation support for students. There is a sea shuttle serving between two different campuses of the university. Also, there is a bus shuttle serving for a different campus of the university.

### Opportunities for international students

BAU is dedicated to supporting students from all over the world in accessing quality education. Bahçeşehir University currently offers two types of tuition fee scholarships:

**Success Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded to a student at the end of their second year, if they rank the first or second in their department, on a list published by the university. If they are placed the first in their department, they receive a 100% scholarship. If they are ranked second, they are awarded a 50% scholarship.

**Faculty Scholarship:** These scholarships are offered to those registered to the following faculties: Health Sciences, and Educational Sciences. Students who apply to these faculties can get a scholarship of 30%. Additionally, if the students have any projects or personal abilities that can contribute to the university, they can apply to the scholarship committee with an intention letter.

### Local community support

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## Policy and support addressing life-long learning

Bahçeşehir University Continuing Education Center (BAUSEM) values the competitive job market and is aware that lifelong learning is a fundamental requirement for sustainable development, along with formal education in recognizing and developing talents. Accordingly, BAUSEM ensures that lifelong learning services and activities are carried out and supported appropriately. BAUSEM provides students, graduates, public and/or private sector employees, and all other community members with short and/or short-term learning opportunities, or organizes long-term training programs, conferences and seminars. BAUSEM provides every individual with access to learning in parallel with its societal service function and gives everyone equal opportunity to receive training based on his / her preference of duration. BAU does not discriminate in favor of race, ethnicity, national affiliation, class, religion, language, political opinion, gender, sexual orientation, age, health status and other conditions.

BAU provides certificate programs offered at BAUSEM that are designed to support basic education for everyone. The number of certificates given:

2020-2021 academic year: 679 deed of adherence, 1261 certificates

2021-2022 academic year: 414 deed of adherence, 1257 certificates

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BAU Hub (Incubation Center) entrepreneurship programs have been designed to serve technology and innovative-based entrepreneurs with a full focus on local, national, and international community impact. Especially, two vertical program in which both incubation and acceleration services included, digital game design and education technologies come forward. Bug Lab TEKMER gives priority to combating the climate crisis and quality education in the serious games category. Hub's Edulab program seeks quality education solutions not only for k12 or higher education segment but also for lifelong learning and vocational education. This thematic prioritization will bear fruit in the coming years. Along with free-of-charge training, the local and regional community also benefits from BAU's entrepreneurship-focused funded projects through dissemination activities.

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BAU organizes many activities to raise awareness about the issue and to find possible solutions in order to serve end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture, which are among the goals of sustainable development. Bringing together different national and international stakeholder groups and ensuring that opinions are shared in order to solve the hunger problem in the world is an important priority for Bau.

- **“Period Poverty” Seminar (26 November 2021)**

The conference was held in a hybrid fashion. The subject of menstruation continues to be a taboo in societies which creates challenges such as menstruating people’s poor access to information and products such as hygiene pads and tampons. Poverty can limit women’s and girls’ access to culturally appropriate, high quality menstrual supplies. Seasonal agricultural workers, refugees and socioeconomically poor individuals experience such barriers more than the others and face negative health consequences. The conference emphasized already mentioned topics and examined menstruation within the context of human rights and law.