

## SABANCI UNIVERSITY

Istanbul, TURKEY

Sabancı University (SU) is an institution of higher education that, despite its youth, has brought fresh perspective to the world of Turkish academia. It is known as one of Turkey's most innovative and research-oriented universities and acknowledged globally with its success in university rankings. SU was ranked among the top 600 universities in THE World University Rankings 2022. In THE Emerging Economies University Rankings 2022, SU was ranked 44th among 606 universities, taking the first place among the universities participating from Turkey. SU was also ranked among the top 540 universities in QS World University Rankings 2023.



Times Higher  
Education 2022  
World University  
Ranking

501-600 bracket



Times Higher Education  
2022  
Emerging Economies  
University Rankings

44<sup>th</sup>



Times Higher  
Education 2022  
Young University  
Ranking

108<sup>th</sup>



Times Higher  
Education 2022  
Asia University  
Ranking

78<sup>th</sup>



QS 2023  
World University  
Ranking

531-540 bracket

SU has established and is running; 11 BS, 50 MS and 17 PhD programs; with 5,377 students and 15,077 degrees awarded.

11BS 50MS 17PhD Programs



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## Foundation

Under the direction of one of Turkey's leading family-run foundations, the Hacı Ömer Sabancı Foundation, the Sabancı Group decided to establish SU in July 1994. The first step towards making this decision was a search conference, held in the summer of 1995 and attended by over 50 scientists, researchers, intellectuals, business people and students from 22 countries. This effort has culminated in the creation of a new and unique university, which is not imitating any of the existing models in Turkey. Sabancı Holding, one of Turkey's leading industrial and financial conglomerates, invested a sum of 500 million dollars in order to make this highly unique and innovative project a reality, and, in 1999 SU opened its doors to the students.

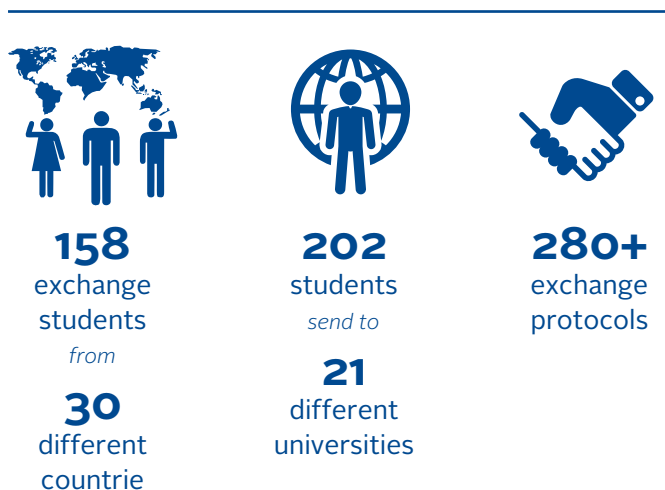
## Mission/Vision

The primary mission of SU is, to develop internationally competent and confident individuals advancing and fostering knowledge in natural sciences and engineering along with humanities, social and management sciences through innovative trans-disciplinary research. The university aims to enhance its leading and innovative position by engaging in research with transformative impact on society and educating the designers of the future. The university's interdisciplinary structure, "learning to learn" approach, close student-faculty relationships, generous fellowship and scholarship policies, opportunities for collaboration with industry and civil organizations, and a wealth of technological resources enable the realization of the mission.

## Interdisciplinary Approach

By its design and approach, education at SU differs from other conventional universities both within Turkey and worldwide. The principles that form the foundation of our Academic Programs and organizational structures are based on our interdisciplinary approach in which programs with open boundaries replace departments. This organizational model is intended for direct interaction and collaboration throughout the university. SU has 3 Faculties, all of which are unique in their scope and organization as they brought Natural Sciences and Engineering; Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences under one roof; and a Foundations Development Program (FDP) which includes a School of Languages (SL) to help develop the language skills of incoming freshman students since education at SU is in English.

Other unique features of undergraduate education at SU include “Civic Involvement Projects” that are conducted jointly with NGOs, and diverse extra-curricular activities supported by approximately 65 student clubs.



## Advancement of Knowledge Through Research

Graduate study at SU places major emphasis on the advancement of knowledge through research. Graduate students play an active role in developing the research capacity of the university. Research activities at SU are carried out both in fundamental academic, and more applied fields with the aim of enriching the educational programs while contributing to socio-economic development. All research projects are conducted within the 3 Faculties, 8 Centers, and 2 Forums through an interdisciplinary approach between Science, Technology and Arts.

In line with its philosophy of being a local, regional, and global reference point, SU initiated its internationalization efforts, which are mainly attracting exchange students and full time international students, maintaining a significant number of international faculty members, and making strategic partnerships. As of 2021, the university annually receives 158 exchange students from 30 different countries, sends 202 of its own students to 21 different universities under international exchange programs, and maintains 280+ exchange protocols with various leading universities worldwide.

## Facts and figures

Full time faculty members :	276
Part time faculty members :	142
Total faculty members :	418
Administrative staff :	375
Dormitories' capacity:	2,730

## Information Center Collection

Total number of Books: (80% electronic)	657,496
Multimedia :	19,514

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