ISTANBUL, YOUR HOST CITY, is one of the largest and most-visited cities in the world. Ephesus, an ancient Greek city, is one of Turkey’s 15 UNESCO World Heritage sites. Occasional class trips to the capital, Ankara, allow students to visit the Mausoleum of the Founding Father of modern Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. Cappadocia is famous for its ancient cave monasteries, hot-air balloons, and lunar-like landscapes.
For two millennia, this seaport city has been a center of culture and commerce. The art and architecture of ancient Greece, Eastern Roman Empire, and the Ottoman Empire still coexist and permeate the contemporary life of the city—a melting pot of cultures, traditions, and lifestyles.

Today, Istanbul sits at the geographic intersection of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East—an incomparable vantage point to some of the most important issues of our time. You will come to better understand the interconnectedness of the United States, Europe, and Asia, and the increasingly pivotal role Turkey plays in regional and world affairs. Based at Bahçeşehir University, the SU Istanbul program will introduce you to the city’s grand past and its exciting future. Come find your place in Istanbul.
“I explored not only Istanbul, but most of Turkey. Through those experiences I was able to forge friendships with Turks that I hold very near and dear to my heart. Interacting and speaking with locals opened my eyes to the world around me. These interactions were the most valuable experience during my time abroad.”

Ivan Zhivkov
history and international relations major
Syracuse University
YOU WILL BE LIVING in the neighborhood of Ortaköy, which offers exciting local markets and café culture, trendy art galleries, restaurants, shops, and nightlife. The location provides an easy commute to campus and other parts of the city.

SU Istanbul students are placed in newly built academic housing, and share dorm-style suites with two other students. Suites are furnished with a desk, comfortable bed, and safe box for each student, as well as a shared mini-refrigerator, sink, and bathroom with shower. All rooms have wireless Internet access and a regular cleaning service. The building’s amenities also include a kitchen, a lounge, two cafés, a small infirmary, a fitness center, and a large roof terrace with an outdoor pool.

These living arrangements are ideal for getting to know Turkish and other international students, and for becoming part of a smaller community within the city. Most students walk to class, although public transportation and a shuttle service are available.

GOOD TO KNOW

You will have opportunities to be integrated into student life and Turkish culture through social activities, concerts, and the Erasmus International Student Club, as well as a variety of art, museum, music, food, media, and cultural events throughout the city.

Bahçeşehir University is located on the Bosporus Strait in the Beşiktaş neighborhood, which is filled with trendy shops, coffeehouses, and fresh-food markets.

Try some Turkish coffee! This method of preparing coffee produces a strong, dark drink, which is usually served piping hot.

Make sure to explore both the European and Asian sides of the city. The Beşiktaş ferry station is a two-minute walk from campus.
Academic Program

THROUGH A SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP with Bahçeşehir University, the SU Istanbul program offers coursework pre-approved for SU credit in a wide range of disciplines, including arts and sciences, design, engineering, management, communications, and transmedia. Many of these courses are ideally suited for students with an interdisciplinary focus in European studies, Middle East studies, and international relations.

All students participate in the 3-credit Signature Seminar, Istanbul: Crossroad of Civilizations, Past and Present. (See Field Studies, page 13, for course description.) Turkish language study during the semester is highly recommended but not required, as Bahçeşehir courses are taught in English. Survival Turkish is taught during the Signature Seminar.

You will also enroll in the required 3-credit Contemporary Issues in Turkey seminar taught by the SU program director. This course provides an opportunity to examine 21st-century challenges at the interface between modernity and history, secularism and Islam, democracy and authoritarianism, human rights and strategic security, development and sustainability, and the politics of gender and urban development.

You will then choose three or four additional courses from among the pre-approved Bahçeşehir courses or special SU Istanbul elective courses. You may also apply for a part-time internship (1–3 credits) to complete your academic program. The minimum number of credits allowed during the semester is 12 and the maximum is 19, including the Signature Seminar.

The Hagia Sophia was first a Christian basilica, later a mosque, and was converted into a museum in 1935.
ALL SU PROGRAM STUDENTS enroll in the Signature Seminar HST/HUM/MES 300.1 Istanbul: Crossroad of Civilizations, Past and Present and one required course at the SU Center. You will complete your schedule by choosing three or four courses from offerings at the SU Center or at Bahçeşehir University. Not all courses are offered every semester. For the most up-to-date course listings and full descriptions, visit suabroad.syr.edu.

Taught at the SU Istanbul Center

Society and Politics in Globalizing Megacities: Istanbul in Comparative and Critical Perspective GEO/SOC 300.1 (3 credits) optional

Istanbul: Crossroad of Civilizations, Past and Present HST/HUM/MES 300.1 (3 credits) Signature Seminar; required

Democratization Theory in in Comparative Perspective (Turkey and the Middle East) PSC/MES 300.2 (3 credits) optional

Contemporary Issues in Turkey PSC/IRP/SOC 458/PAI 658 (3 credits) required

Taught at Bahçeşehir University

ADVERTISING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Global Advertising ADV 280.1 (3 credits)

Convergence Journalism BDJ 380.1 (3 credits)

Globalism and the News COM 380.1 (3 credits)

Art, Culture, and Society CRS 280.1 (3 credits)

Picture Theory CRS 380.1 (3 credits)

ART AND DESIGN

Sketching EDI 280.1 (3 credits)

Freehand Drawing EDI 280.2 (2 credits)

Model Making EDI 280.3 (2 credits)

Interior Design Approaches EDI 380.1 (3 credits) SU design majors: Counts for EDI 352

Light and Color Applications EDI 380.3 (2 credits)

Theory of Design EDI 380.7 (3 credits)

Architecture and Identity EDI 380.8 (2 credits)

Finishes and Fixtures Design EDI 380.9 (3 credits)

Preservation and Restoration EDI/DES 380.10 (3 credits)

Sustainable Design EDI 380.11 (2 credits)

History of Interior Architecture ISD 380.1 (3 credits)

Sketching Istanbul PTG 280.1 (3 credits)

BIOLOGY

Biotechnology BIO 380.2 (3 credits)

Microbiology BIO 380.3 (3 credits)

Clinical Genetics and Genetic Counseling BIO 380.4 (3 credits)

Intro to Bioinformatics BIO 380.5 (3 credits)

CHEMISTRY

General Chemistry I CHE 180.1 (4 credits)

SU students: May not be taken with CHE 106/107

ECONOMICS

WTO and the EU ECN 380.2 (3 credits)

International Political Economy ECN/IRP/PSC 380.4 (3 credits)

Natural Resources and Environmental Economics ECN 380.5 (3 credits)

International Trade Theory ECN 380.6 (3 credits)

Economics of Integration ECN 480.1 (3 credits)

International Economics ECN 480.2 (3 credits)

Econometrics I ECN 480.3 (3 credits)

Economic Analysis I ECN 480.4 (3 credits)

Game Theory and Strategy ECN 480.5 (3 credits)

EU Competition Policy ECN 480.6 (3 credits)

Applied Economics: Family and Education ECN 480.8 (3 credits)

Economic Development and Growth ECN 480.10 (3 credits)

NOTE All courses listed above are not offered every semester. Many courses are cross-listed under multiple disciplines. Students choose the discipline under which they register. These courses are preapproved for SU credit by SU’s home campus departments. If you find or need other courses, please contact SU Abroad with your request so these can be reviewed and approved BEFORE you register.
The number of districts the city is divided into: 13 on the Asian side and 26 on the European side.
HISTORY
Great Discoveries and Inventions: History of Science
HST 280.1 (3 credits)

Istanbul in Social and Historical Perspectives
HST 380.2 (3 credits)

European History I
HST 380.3 (3 credits)

Comparative Economic History
HST 380.4 (3 credits)

History of the European Union
HST/IRP/PSC 380.22 (3 credits)

HISTORY OF ART
AND ARCHITECTURE
Architecture in Istanbul
HST 280.1 (2 credits)

Architecture in Postmodern Globalizing World
HST 280.3 (2 credits)

INDEPENDENT STUDY/
GUIDED RESEARCH
Independent Study
[Subject rubric] 490 (1–3 credits)
A student may propose an independent study prior to departure only if needed to meet a degree requirement that cannot be met by any overseas course.

INFORMATION STUDIES
Issues in Information Society
IST 380.1 (3 credits)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Diplomatic History
IRP 380.1 (3 credits)

Agricultural Policy and Rural Development
IRP 380.7/ECN 480.7 (3 credits)

Theories of International Relations
IRP/PSC 380.28 (3 credits)

External Relations of the EU
IRP/PSC 380.29 (3 credits)

Turkey-EU Relations
IRP/PSC 380.30 (3 credits)

Turkish Foreign Policy Since End of Cold War
IRP/PSC 380.40 (3 credits)

International Organizations
IRP/PSC 380.43 (3 credits)
SU students: May not be taken with PSC 353

Issues in International Security
IRP/PSC 380.46 (3 credits)

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

INTERNSHIP/
EXPERIENCE CREDIT
International Internship Abroad
IPA 470 (1–3 credits)
Registration under other subject rubrics is possible.

MANAGEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Managerial Accounting
ACC 280.1 (3 credits)
SU students may substitute this course for ACC 252

Production Management
BUA 280.1 (3 credits)

Intellectual Property Rights
BUA 380.1 (3 credits)

Global Finance
FIN 380.2 (3 credits)

International Finance
FIN 380.3 (3 credits)
Not open to SU Whitman students

Fundamental Analysis and Investment Strategies
FIN 380.4 (3 credits)

Risk Management in Banking
FIN 480.1 (3 credits)

Financial Econometrics and Quantitative Analysis
FIN 480.2 (3 credits)

Real Estate Finance
FIN 480.3 (3 credits)
SU students: May not be taken with RES 462 and not open to Whitman real estate majors

Financial Markets and Institutions
FIN 480.4 (3 credits)
SU students: May not be taken with FIN 471

Cases in Emerging Financial Markets
FIN 480.5 (3 credits)

Derivative Markets
FIN 480.6 (3 credits)
SU students: May not be taken with FIN 459

Mergers and Acquisitions
FIN 480.7 (3 credits)

Computer Based Financial Modelling
FIN 480.8 (3 credits)
International Business
INB 380.1 (3 credits) Not open to SU Whitman students

Consumer Behavior
MAR 380.1 (3 credits)
SU students: May not be taken with MAR 357

Global Marketing
MAR 380.2 (3 credits)
SU students: May not be taken with MAR 456

Cross-Cultural Studies in Consumer Behavior
MAR 380.3 (3 credits) Not open to SU Whitman students

Marketing Management
MAR 380.4 (3 credits) Not open to SU Whitman students

E-Business and Internet Marketing
MAR 480.1 (3 credits) Not open to SU Whitman students

Human Resources Management
MGT 380.1 (3 credits)

Organizational Behavior
MGT 380.2 (3 credits)

Strategic Management
MGT 380.3 (3 credits)

Management Information Systems
MIS 380.1 (3 credits)

Supply Chain and Logistics Management
SCM 480.1 (3 credits)
SU students: May take this course in place of SCM 401

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MAT 180.1 (3 credits)
SU students may petition to substitute this course for MAT 221

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SU Istanbul students visit Sagalassos, an archeological site in southwestern Turkey.
Field Studies

THE ISTANBUL PROGRAM BEGINS with a Signature Seminar designed to give you a historical and experiential overview of your host city—along with the tools to make the most of the richness, diversity, and depth still to explore. Program travel will take you beyond Istanbul and prove valuable in opening up your mind to the convergence of cultures, civilizations, and geographies that is Turkey.

SIGNATURE SEMINAR

Istanbul: Crossroad of Civilizations, Past and Present
HST/HUM/MES 300.1 (3 credits)

Co-led by Professor Alex Medina and Professor Erika Wilkens-Sözen, your program begins with an introduction to one of the world’s most beautiful cities, Istanbul. You’ll see its historical grandeur as the capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires, its place as the cultural heart of the new Republic, and as a modern, dynamic megacity.

You will then move outside Istanbul to trace the early Greek and Roman roots of Turkey in Ephesus or Cappadocia, exploring the contemporary challenges and opportunities for local economies and cultures in the face of tourism.

Throughout the seminar, emphasis will be given to the complex interplay between history and modern life, including a look at the changing circumstances and status of Turkey’s religious majority (Sunni Muslim) and its religious and ethnic minorities, including Jewish, Christian, Alevi, and Kurdish people.

This course provides Survival Turkish language instruction in addition to a pragmatic overview of the city and the various ways to navigate (subway, bus, taxi, and boat) and discover its diverse neighborhoods. You’ll also have time to question and better understand its culture and its citizens.

ALL-PROGRAM FIELD STUDY

Destinations vary semester to semester: Past field study has included trips to the coastal region of Ayvalık to investigate the significance of olive oil in Ottoman and Turkish cuisine; to the ancient Roman sites Sagalassos and Termessos in the Taurus Mountains; and to Cappadocia (famous for its early Christian cave monasteries and magical lunar-like landscapes) to examine the impact of the growing tourist industry on local businesses and cultural practices. Each exemplifies the way in which historical legacies complicate, enhance, or otherwise influence a contemporary political, social, or economic issue.

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

Turkey offers an incredibly diverse range of affordable destinations for student travel, including stunning beaches and secluded fishing villages along the Mediterranean, Aegean, and Black Sea coasts, and ancient cave monasteries in the mountainous regions.
“I worked two full days per week in a culinary institute/restaurant office where only one other person spoke English. The experience forced me to speak Turkish outside of my Turkish classes because it became so important for me to connect with my coworkers. I cannot express how much I learned from the people at my internship. Not only did I learn about Turkish cuisine, but I was connecting with Turkish people in a natural environment, which gave me a better perspective on the country in general.”

Brittany Peterson
nutrition and dietetics major
Syracuse University
Experience Credit, Internships, and Community Engagement

PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERNSHIP abroad is a great way to increase your understanding of international issues. At the same time, you’ll develop valuable intercultural communication skills and gain practical experience about the ways business, government, and community organizations function in a different culture.

Part-time internships for 1 to 3 credits may be arranged for qualified students whose schedules allow them to commit at least 12 hours per week to their internship placements. Students can readily organize their course schedules in order to dedicate a day and a half per week to internship or community engagement placements.

Placements in Istanbul for internships (for credit) and community engagement opportunities (non-credit) include NGOs dedicated to Turkish culture and heritage, refugees and human rights, women’s issues, environmental issues, and English as a second language, as well as local businesses.

Students should have either relevant coursework and/or prior work experience in the requested internship field and must submit an Internship Request Form and resume in advance as part of the application. Some placements may require Turkish language proficiency.

REPRESENTATIVE INTERNSHIPS
- NGOs dedicated to women’s issues, human rights, and environmental issues
- Turkish Cultural Foundation
- Local refugee centers
- International Student Exchange programs

There are two bridges that span the Bosporus Strait in Istanbul, connecting Europe and Asia.
Faculty and Staff Support

IN ISTANBUL

The SU Istanbul program is small and personal, and Program Director Dr. Erika Wilkens-Sözen and Program Coordinator Burak Tamaç will guide and assist you in all of your academic and living needs. The process of applying for a Turkish student visa and the mandatory Turkish Residency Permit can be unwieldy, but staff in Syracuse and in Istanbul will provide detailed instructions and guidance every step of the way.

Program faculty include Dr. Wilkens-Sözen, who received her Ph.D. from Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs; and Bahçeşehir University professors. Dr. Wilkens-Sözen has been the center director in Istanbul since the program’s introduction in 2010.

IN SYRACUSE

SU Abroad’s focus on student support is underscored by the role of the case manager in our office. Bridget Hughes works to provide students and parents with resources for health, safety, and academic matters both prior to and during students’ time abroad.

When challenges arise, it’s good to know that assistance is available. In her role, Bridget can assist with health and wellness preparations, adjustment concerns, stress management, or academic accommodations, as well as other issues. We want to ensure that everyone is set for a safe, caring, and enriching experience abroad.

Rahimon Nasa
international relations and journalism major
Syracuse University

“...Erika has given me an immeasurable amount of advice this semester, and I admire her so much. Erika and Burak really work hard and go to great lengths to make the Istanbul program worthwhile and enriching.”

(upper left) Program Director Dr. Erika Wilkens-Sözen and Program Coordinator Burak Tamaç
**MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENTS**

SU Istanbul Center: 2.5

**DEADLINES**

Fall semester: **March 15**
Spring semester: **October 1**
Summer: **February 20**

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