Boğaziçi University

Boğaziçi University, one of the most prominent universities in Turkey, is located on the east side of Istanbul overlooking the Bosphorus. Modeled on American style universities, Boğaziçi University has over 900 faculty and close to 11,000 students.

Columbia Global Centers | Turkey

With its headquarters in Istanbul, Columbia Global Centers | Turkey serves as a hub for Columbia programs and initiatives relevant to Turkey and the region. The Center hosts ongoing events, lectures and seminars in order to build a lively and engaged community of local and international alumni, students and faculty.

Contact Information

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Academic Program

Columbia University is launching a new summer program designed to give students a deeper understanding of Balkan societies through courses that explore the multiplicity of cultures, languages and religions in the Balkans. Coursework will focus on religious diversity in the region and will present a dynamic vision of the Ottoman Balkan culture and the Christian, Muslim and Jewish traditions that intertwined to create it.

Students are required to enroll in the following two courses which will be held at Boğaziçi Univeristy:

- *The Muslim and the Christian in Balkan Narratives, 3 points* (Professor Valentina Izmirlieva, Columbia University)
- *Balkan Cultural Controversies: History and Theory, 3 points* (Professor Alexander Kiossev, Sofia University)

*Optional Independent Study, 2 points* (open to rising seniors or graduate students)

Activities

To gain a deeper understanding of the intricate narratives embedded in Istanbul itself, students will visit cultural and historical sites and participate in guided tours of the city. Sites will include The Fatih Mosque Complex, Topkapi Palace, the historic Fener district, and Eyüp.

Housing

Students can apply to live in the Superdorm (a university dormitory), which is a 15-minute walk from main campus. Students will have single bedrooms with shared kitchen, living, and dining areas.

Eligibility

- Open to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students in good academic standing
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Students will be selected on a competitive basis

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