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# ANKARA UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (AYÖS 2023) EXAM GUIDELINES



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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Ankara University Examination for International Students (Ankara Üniversitesi Yabancı Uyruklu Öğrenci Sınavı - AYÖS) is a test designed for foreign nationals who wish to pursue associate or bachelor's degrees in formal, open, and distance learning programs at Ankara University. The results of this examination can be used when applying for the international student quotas at the university.

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## Application Dates

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**7 April-5 May 2023**

[Applications will begin on 7 April 2023, at 09:00 (UTC+3) Turkish local time and will conclude on 5 May 2023, at 17:00 (UTC+3).]

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## Application Address

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**ayos.ankara.edu.tr**

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## Exam Date and Time

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**11 June 2023, Sunday - 11:00 (UTC+3)**

[The exam will be conducted simultaneously at all examination centres.]

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## Exam Languages

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Turkish, English, German, Arabic, French, and Russian

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### Exam Duration

140 Minutes

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### Number of Items

5 Options - 80 Items

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### Exam Centres<sup>1</sup>

\*In the event that there are insufficient applications to the examination centres (below 30 test takers), the examination centre will be cancelled. Applications of the test takers who applied to the cancelled examination centre will be annulled and the examination fees will be refunded to the credit cards used during the application. The refund period may vary depending on the banks. Additional application rights will be granted for the test takers whose examination centre has been cancelled between 6-12 May 2023. Ankara University reserves the right to make changes and cancellations regarding examination centres.

Türkiye (Ankara, Istanbul [Asia and Europe], Izmir, Bursa, Antalya, Adana, Mersin, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Samsun, Trabzon, Erzurum, Van)

Germany (Munich, Frankfurt, Cologne, and Berlin), Albania (Tirana), Austria (Vienna), Azerbaijan (Baku), Bangladesh (Dhaka), Belgium (Brussels), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo), Bulgaria (Sofia), Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa), Indonesia (Jakarta), Ethiopia (Addis Ababa), Morocco (Rabat), France (Paris), Ghana (Accra), Georgia (Tbilisi), Netherlands (Amsterdam), Iran (Tehran and Tabriz), Kazakhstan (Almaty), Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek), Kosovo (Pristina), Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (Nicosia), North Macedonia (Skopje), Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), Egypt (Cairo), Moldova (Comrat), Nigeria (Abuja), Uzbekistan (Tashkent), Pakistan (Lahore), Romania (Constanta), Russia (Kazan and Moscow), Senegal (Dakar), Somalia (Mogadishu), Sudan (Khartoum), Saudi Arabia (Jeddah), Tanzania (Dar es Salaam), Tunisia (Tunis), Turkmenistan (Ashgabat)

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### Examination Fee

Türkiye, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Germany, Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Indonesia, Morocco, France, Georgia, the Netherlands, Iran, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Malaysia, Egypt, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia **2.000 TL (Turkish Lira)**

Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Turkmenistan **1.000 TL (Turkish Lira)**

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The examination fee will be paid online through the application system using a credit card. The responsibility for correct/incorrect payment lies with the test taker.

Fees paid by test takers who decide not to apply for the exam or do not complete their application, whose applications are deemed invalid or cancelled, who do not take or cannot take the exam, who are not admitted to the exam or are expelled from the exam, who fail the exam or have their exam declared invalid, or who make multiple payments by creating different accounts, will not be refunded or transferred to future years.

In the event that there are insufficient applications to the examination centres (below 30 test takers), the examination centre will be cancelled. Applications of the test takers who applied to the cancelled examination centre will be annulled and the examination fees will be refunded to the credit cards used during the application. The refund period may vary depending on the banks. Additional application right will be granted for the test takers whose examination centre has been cancelled between 6-12 May 2023.

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Application Dates*	7 April-5 May 2023
Release of Examination Entry Documents	1 June 2023
Examination Date	11 June 2023 Sunday 11:00 (UTC+3)
Receiving Objections to Examination Items	11-13 June 2023
Announcement of Examination Results	21 June 2023
Receiving Objections to Examination Results	21-23 June 2023
Program Preferences	3-16 July 2023
Announcement of Placement Results	31 July 2023
Completion of Registration Procedures	7-11 August 2023

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A. Test takers must be in their final year of high school or have already graduated:

1. Foreign nationals,

2. Those who were born as Turkish citizens and later lost their Turkish citizenship by obtaining permission to leave from the Ministry of Interior, as well as those who can document that they hold a blue card given to those who have lost Turkish citizenship upon request (provided that they enrolled in secondary education [high school] institutions in Türkiye before the 2022-2023 academic year) (It is advisable for test takers applying for foreign student quotas to review the Turkish Citizenship Law, which states in Article 7 of Law No. 5901, "A child born to a Turkish citizen mother or father within the bonds of marriage, either in Türkiye or abroad, is a Turkish citizen."),

3. Those who were foreign nationals and later acquired Turkish citizenship, or those who hold dual citizenship (provided that they enrolled in secondary education [high school] institutions in Türkiye before the 2022-2023 academic year),

4. Turkish citizens who began their secondary education (high school) abroad before 01/02/2013 and completed their last three years of secondary education in a foreign country other than the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (including those who completed their entire secondary education at Turkish schools opened under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of National Education in a foreign country other than the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus),

5. Test takers who started their secondary education (high school) abroad after 01/02/2013 and completed their entire secondary education in a foreign country other than the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (including those who completed their entire secondary education at Turkish schools opened under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of National Education in a foreign country other than the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus),

6. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizens residing in Northern Cyprus who have completed their secondary education (high school) in Northern Cyprus and hold GCEAL (The General Certificate of Education-Advanced Level) examination results, as well as those who enrolled in colleges and high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010 and hold or will hold GCEAL examination results, can apply for the examination.

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**B. The following test takers cannot apply within the scope of foreign student quotas:**

- **Turkish citizens who completed their entire secondary education (high school) in Türkiye or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus,**

- **The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizens** (excluding those who completed their entire secondary education [high school] in Northern Cyprus high schools and hold GCE AL results, as well as those who enrolled in colleges and high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010 and hold or will hold GCEAL examination results),

- **Dual citizens with Turkish citizenship by birth as defined in clause 2 of Article A** (excluding those who meet the conditions in clause 4 of Article A),

- **Dual citizens with one of their citizenships being the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus** (excluding those who completed their entire secondary education [high school] in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus high schools and hold GCEAL results, as well as those who enrolled in colleges and high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010 and hold or will hold GCEAL examination results),

- **Turkish citizens who attended schools within the embassies in Türkiye or foreign high schools in Türkiye, or dual citizens with Turkish citizenship by birth as defined in clause 2 of Article A,**

- **Citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, those who have left Turkish citizenship/Blue Cardholders, and foreign nationals who enrolled in secondary education institutions in Türkiye starting from the 2022-2023 academic year** (excluding foreign nationals brought to our country within the framework of a project conducted by the Ministry of National Education, embassy schools, and international private educational institutions listed in the Private International Schools Information System [MOBİS]) cannot apply for the examination.

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- Applications will be made through <https://ayos.ankara.edu.tr>. Applications will begin on **7 April 2023** at 09:00 (UTC+3) Türkiye time and will end on **5 May 2023** at 17:00 (UTC+3).
  - Test takers must fill in the information in the AYÖS 2023 Application System completely and carefully.
  - Applications made by hand or by mail **will not be accepted**. The information provided by test takers during the application process must be in Latin letters only.
  - The email address and phone number requested during registration in the application system must belong to the test taker, and each test taker should use one email address. **No correspondence or transactions** should be made on behalf of other test takers with this email address and phone number.
  - Test takers must scan and upload their passport-sized photographs taken within the last three months in (.JPEG) format, with a file size not exceeding 1 MB, to the application system. The photographs must be of a quality that are suitable for use in passports or other official identification documents.
  - The photographs uploaded by the test takers will also appear on their “Exam Entry Document” and “Exam Result Document”. It is extremely important for test takers to pay attention to this matter so that exam officials do not have difficulty in determining the test taker’s identity and the exam can be considered valid.
  - The application system will generate a test taker number for each test taker and share it with them. In all electronic correspondence, it is mandatory to specify this test taker number.
  - The exam fee will be paid online via credit card through the application system. The responsibility for the correct/wrong payment of fees belongs to the test taker.

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- The fees paid by test takers who decide not to apply or do not apply after paying the fee, whose applications are deemed invalid/cancelled, who do not enter or cannot enter the exam, who are not admitted to or are removed from the exam, who are unsuccessful or have invalid exams, or who make multiple payments by creating different accounts **will not be refunded** or **transferred** to future years.
  - Test takers must complete the procedures for entering and leaving the exam according to the rules in their countries. Ankara University **has no responsibility** for obtaining permission for test takers to enter the exam or for issuing passports to test takers.
  - Test takers can **only choose 1 (one) exam centre** during the application process. No changes will be made to the exam centre preferences after the application process is completed.
  - Test takers with disabilities or those who use permanent devices must send their Turkish or English petitions, stating their situations and exam-related requests, along with their medical reports, to **ayos@ankara.edu.tr** by **5h May 2023**, in order not to encounter problems in the exam buildings/halls. Requests from test takers who do not report on time **will not be considered**. Necessary support will be provided during the exam for test takers whose requests related to their disability status are deemed appropriate.
  - In the applications for the exam, the test takers' own statements will be taken into account regarding whether they meet the application conditions. Scores obtained by those who take the exam with false statements **will not grant them any rights**.
  - Test takers are responsible for the accuracy of all the information they declare. Since the information provided by the test taker will be the basis for the implementation of the exam and the evaluation of the results, the test taker will be responsible for any consequences arising from the deficiencies and inaccuracies in the information declared in the application system. The exams of test takers who provide false/misleading information will be considered invalid.

## Examination Rules

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- It is **strictly forbidden** to enter the examination with a mobile phone. Communication devices such as pagers, radios, handheld computers, watches with functions other than displaying time, and any devices with computer features, as well as equipment such as weapons, draft papers, notebooks, books, dictionaries, electronic devices with dictionary functions, calculators, slide rules, compasses, protractors, rulers, and similar items are also prohibited. Test takers found to have entered the examination with these items will have their examinations deemed invalid.
  - The examination consists of **80 multiple-choice items** with **five options** each. Incorrect answers will have no impact on the correct answers.
  - The allotted time for **answering** is **140 minutes**. Test takers are prohibited from leaving the examination rooms during **the first 30 minutes** and **the last 15 minutes** of the examination. Once a test taker leaves the room after submitting their examination documents, they **will not be readmitted** for any reason.
  - Test takers must have their “**Ankara University Examination for International Students (AYÖS) Examination Entry Document**”, which they will obtain from the application system, and a **valid passport or identification document (current photo ID card, Blue Card)** with them when entering the examination.
  - Deformed or invalid identification documents lacking official identification features that make it difficult to verify the test taker’s identity **will not be accepted**.
  - Test takers can obtain their examination entry documents from <http://ayos.ankara.edu.tr> starting from 1 June 2023. The venue and room information for the examination will be specified on the examination entry document.
  - Test takers with missing documents will not be admitted to the examination.
  - Test takers must enter the examination room and seat specified on their examination entry document.
  - It is forbidden to speak to or ask questions of invigilators during the examination. Similarly, invigilators are not allowed to speak closely and quietly with test takers, and test takers are strictly forbidden from asking each other for items such as pencils and erasers.

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- Test takers must comply with all instructions given by invigilators. If necessary, invigilators may change the seating arrangements for test takers.
  - Test takers must fill in the relevant areas on the answer sheet. All writing and marking on the answer sheet must be done with a graphite (black) pencil. Ballpoint pens and fountain pens **must not be used**.
  - Answers must be marked on the answer sheet. Answers marked on the exam booklet **are not valid**.
  - Test takers should check their exam booklet immediately upon receiving it for any missing pages or printing errors. If the exam booklet has missing pages or printing errors, contact the invigilators to have it replaced.
  - Test takers must fill in the required information in the designated area on the exam booklet before proceeding to answer the items. Exam booklets will be collected at the end of the examination and examined individually. If even a single page of the exam booklet is missing, the test taker's examination will be deemed invalid.
  - Test takers may use the blank spaces on the pages of the exam booklet as draft paper.
  - It is strictly forbidden for test takers to write down the items and their answers on a separate piece of paper and take it out of the examination room.
  - Test takers must submit their exam booklets and answer sheets to the invigilators before leaving the examination room.
  - The validity of the examination depends primarily on adherence to the examination rules. Examinations of test takers who exhibit behaviour that violates the rules and who do not comply with the warnings given will be deemed invalid.
  - During the examination, the examinations of test takers who are caught cheating, attempting to cheat, aiding cheat, or facilitating cheating will be deemed invalid. Invigilators are not obliged to warn those attempting to cheat or aid in cheating. The responsibility lies with the test taker.
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### Examination Rules

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- It is of utmost importance that test takers hold their answer sheets in such a way that other test takers cannot see them during the examination.
  - The distribution of test takers' answers to the items will be analysed using information processing methods. If the findings obtained from these analyses indicate individual or collective cheating, the examinations of the test takers involved in the cheating will be cancelled.
  - If invigilators report in their records that an examination was not conducted in accordance with the rules in a particular room, or that there was a collective attempt to cheat, Ankara University will exercise its discretion and declare the examinations of all test takers in that room invalid.

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### Cut Score and Assessment

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- The examination will be assessed out of **100 points**. Both raw scores and their converted standard T-scores will be considered in the assessment.
  - **Wrong answers will have no impact on the correct answers.**
  - Each item in the examination will carry equal weight in terms of points.
  - In the event of an error in the answer key and its determination by a commission to be established, the item(s) will not be cancelled; instead, the correct options for the item(s) with erroneous answer keys will be taken into account, and the item(s) will be included in the assessment.
  - In case any item(s) is/are cancelled in the examination, such item(s) **will not be considered** in the assessment. Test takers' scores will be calculated based on the remaining items.

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### Objections to Examination Items

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- Test takers must submit their objections to examination items between **11-13 June 2023** to **ayos@ankara.edu.tr**.
  - Objections will be evaluated and decided upon by the "Item Objection Committee".
  - If any item(s) is/are cancelled as a result of the evaluation, it/they will be announced at **ayos.ankara.edu.tr**.
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### Announcement of Examination Results

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- The examination results will be announced on **21 June 2023** at [ayos.ankara.edu.tr](http://ayos.ankara.edu.tr). Test takers can object to their examination results between **21-23 June 2023**.
  - Test takers will obtain their examination result documents from [ayos.ankara.edu.tr](http://ayos.ankara.edu.tr).
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### Validity Period of the Examination

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- Ankara University Examination for International Students (AYÖS) is equivalent to the “Exam for Foreign Students for Higher Education in Türkiye (TR-YÖS)” conducted by the Centre for Assessment, Selection and Placement Centre (ÖSYM) on 29 January 2023, and will be used for admitting international students.
  - Test takers can apply for admission to Ankara University and other universities in Türkiye that accept the validity of this examination, using the scores they have obtained from this examination.
  - The examination is valid for 2 years, beginning from the exam date.
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### Correspondence

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- Communication with test takers will be carried out electronically (via email and SMS) in Turkish and/or English languages.
  - All announcements and information related to the examination will be made through the website, email, and SMS. It is essential for test takers to regularly follow these announcements and information updates.
  - Test takers are required to include their **full name** and **test taker number** in all emails they send to [ayos@ankara.edu.tr](mailto:ayos@ankara.edu.tr).
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### Implementer of Examination

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- The implementer of the examination is Ankara University Open and Distance Education Faculty (ANKUZEF).
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### Program Preferences, Placement, and Registration Procedures

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- Following the examination, test takers will be able to make their program preferences between **3-16 July 2023**.
  - After the announcement of placement results on **31 July 2023**, test takers will be able to complete their registration procedures between **7-11 August 2023**.
  - Test takers can access detailed information regarding Ankara University programs, application requirements, program preference system, placement results, and the registration process at <http://isoidb.ankara.edu.tr/en/mainpage>.
  - Program preferences, placement, and registration procedures will be conducted by Ankara University Student Affairs Office.