

INTERNATIONAL DIVINITY PROGRAM

UIP LEAFLET

What is the International Divinity Program (UIP)?

International Divinity Program is a scholarship program organized by the Presidency of Religious Affairs, aimed at training persons who are familiar with local cultures in order to strengthen their capacities in giving religious services, outside mosque social services and other teachings in their home countries. The Programme started in 2006. It provides access to higher religious education at the level of bachelor's degree in six different divinity faculties across Turkey.

Students who have successfully completed their high school studies in regions such as Europe, America and Australia where our citizens live, who have become citizens of the countries in which they live and have a desire to join the Programme shall be selected to the Programme and placed with various divinity faculties in Turkey subject to successful interviews and available number of places.

Students who join the International Divinity Program (UIP) will follow the current curriculum of

the divinity faculties where they shall be placed. Students who complete the program successfully will be awarded a bachelor's degree in Divinity studies.

The list of the faculties where the International Divinity Program is currently provided are as below:

- Ankara University Faculty of Divinity (2006)
- Marmara University Faculty of Theology (2007)
- Istanbul University Faculty of Theology (2011)
- Necmettin Erbakan University Faculty of Theology (2012)
- Uludag University Divinity Faculty (2012)
- 29 Mayıs University Faculty of International Islamic and Religious Studies (2012)

Study aids include:

- Grant (Monthly financial aid)
- Board (meals)
- Lodgings
- Basic Educational Expenses (University tuition fees)



Sociocultural Activities:

- Summer and winter camps
- Social projects
- Student club activities
- Seminars, cultural and vocational workshops, extra tuitions.

Who can apply?

The applicants to the programme must meet the following requirements:

1. High school graduates or final year students. (Must complete secondary education (high school) in a European country and hold a certificate equivalent to a high school diploma in Turkey).
2. Citizens of the relevant country*, dual citizens** or permanent residents.

* Other candidates who live abroad and who are not originally from Turkey can apply to the programme. Students who are enrolled to the programme under this category will need to attend a preparatory Turkish language course for a year.

** Candidates who are not Turkish citizens and those who ceased being a Turkish citizen in accordance with the law no 4112 (those who obtained Turkish citizenship by birth and later ceased their Turkish citizenship by obtaining appropriate permission from the Council of Ministers in order to take up citizenship of another country).

3. People who have not turned 25 on or before 01.01.2021. (Those who were born before 01.01.1996 may not apply.)
4. People who are single (unmarried).
5. Those who were accepted to the programme but were dismissed subsequently for other reasons or people who were granted the right but failed to enrol to the programme without a valid excuse may not apply to the programme again.
6. Applicants must not currently be enrolled on a divinity program in Turkey.

Important Note: Turkish citizens, people who hold a High School diploma issued by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Education and people who are Open Learning High School graduates may not apply to the International Divinity Programme.

How to apply?

1. Go to UIP application web page directly by clicking on the internet address below: (<https://dibbys.diyagnet.gov.tr/IKYS/Sinav/KurumDisi/Disliskiler/UIPBasvuru.aspx>) This page can also be reached via the official web page of the Presidency of Religious Affairs (www.diyagnet.gov.tr).
2. Fill the application form and obtain your application number.
3. Upload the following application documents to the online system:
 - a. For high school graduates, certified photocopy of the high school diploma
 - b. For high school graduates, certified photocopy of the certificate of equivalence of high school diploma. (Certificate of equivalence of high school diploma can be obtained from the offices of education counsellors or education attachés located at Turkish Embassies and Consulates).
 - c. Students who are studying at the final year of high school, must submit a document or transcript of records showing that they are final year high school students.
 - d. Citizens of the relevant countries must submit photocopies of their ID cards or passports obtained from the countries in question.
 - e. Those who are not citizens but permanent residents of the relevant countries must submit their certificates of permanent residence.
 - f. Contract Document.
 - g. One (1) biometric photograph taken in the last six (6) months.
7. Attach the application form printout obtained from the system, the undertaking document and one biometric photograph to the above-mentioned application-related documents and deliver them to the nearest office of the religious affairs counsellor or religious affairs attaché. Your application will be activated after you handed over the relevant documents.
8. Complete the relevant section of the reference letter you download from the UIP application web page and take it to the religious service official of the Religious Affairs in your area. Religious service official shall fill the section of the document relating to him and deliver it to the office of religious affairs counsellor or religious affairs attaché.
9. Do remember to give the application number issued to you during your online application to the office of religious affairs counsellor or religious affairs attaché.

Applications of candidates, who fail to deliver their documents to the relevant office of religious



affairs counsellor or religious affairs attaché on or before 28 May 2021 will not be accepted.

Application Dates:

Applications for 2021 UIP programme can be made from 01 March – 28 May 2021. Applicants who meet relevant requirements must deliver their application documents to the office of re-

ligious affairs counsellor or religious affairs attaché by the end of the business day on Friday, 28 May 2021.

Evaluation and Selection Process:

Subsequent to the preliminary evaluation and planning by the Presidency, candidates who are found to meet the requirements, will be invited for an interview.

Candidates will be able to obtain necessary information such as the date and venue of the test

either at the (Duyurular section) of the www.diyinet.gov.tr web page or from the offices of religious affairs counsellors or attachés. Face to face interviews will take place at test centres in the applicants' home countries.

Interview (test) Subjects:

- The Holy Quran (Reading, Recitation),
- Religious Knowledge (Faith-Worship-Islamic Law-Life of the Prophet (PBUH)-Ethic),
- General Knowledge,
- Skill of expression using the Turkish language,
- Academic interest.

Candidates will be able to obtain interview results at the (Duyurular section) of the www.diyinet.gov.tr web page by making an enquiry using their candidate numbers. The results can also be obtained from the offices of religious affairs counsellor and religious affairs

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