Graduate School of Engineering and Science  
Frequently Asked Questions  
(FAQs)

• Are applications made once a year for fall semester or is it possible to apply also for spring semester?

Applications are made twice a year for spring and for fall semesters.

• The department I would like to apply requires a grade point average of 2.80 (2.50) or more out of 4.00. My average is 2.79 (2.49) may I still apply?

No. In order to apply for the programs averages should satisfy the stated thresholds.

• I would like to apply for a Ph.D program. Is undergraduate or graduate grade point average taken into consideration?

Both undergraduate and graduate grade point averages are considered while evaluating the applications. Ph.D applicants must have at least 2.80 or 2.50 undergraduate grade point averages depending on the department being applied.

• All required documents except the document which indicates my English proficiency are ready. May I apply for the graduate programs? My TOEFL result is announced on the web, but there is a delay in the postal service. May I hand in my TOEFL result after the application?

The applications will still be evaluated based on other academic credentials, even if the language requirements are not satisfied or are not documented. If an applicant is accepted to a graduate program without satisfying the language requirements he/she will be required to attend the English preparatory school of our university before starting the graduate program. In any case, the language requirements must be satisfied before a student can take courses within a degree program. The deadline to provide the related documents is the registration period. If the language document can not be provided by the deadline and if the student does not attend the English preparation school, the application will be deemed unsuccessful. No scholarships are granted while the students attend the English preparatory school.

• My GRE result is announced in the web, but there is a delay in the postal service. My I hand in my GRE result after the application?

No. If a GRE result is required for an application, the results must be delivered during the application period.
• **Do I have to take the COPE exam given by Bilkent University School of English Language to document my English proficiency?**

No. It is sufficient to take at least one of the exams listed in the graduate school web page and get the required score.

• **I completed my undergraduate (graduate) degree abroad. My university does not hand transcripts to me directly. Can it be sent directly to your university?**

Yes, transcripts can be sent directly to our university. But please keep in mind that there might be delays in the postal service.

• **Do transfer students get accepted to the graduate programs? If so, what are the requirements?**

Yes, it is possible to transfer from another graduate program to one of our programs, if at least one semester is completed at the previous program and at least a grade point average of 3.00/4.00 is achieved. In case of a transfer, the duration of education in the previous program will also be counted towards related duration within the new program. The transfer of courses completed in the previous requirements (together with any other completed graduate courses) is possible, if approved.

• **Is it possible to transfer courses taken from another graduate program?**

It is possible to transfer courses taken from another programs to meet Bilkent University graduate program course requirements, only if these courses are not included in another degree. An application and an approval is necessary after being accepted to a program.

• **Instead of applying online, may I apply in person?**

No. Only online applications will be accepted.
• In the graduate school web page, there is no specific information about the acceptable TOEFL-IBT centers where the test can be taken. Some institutions accept only the TEFL-IBT tests taken at Turkish American Association. Do you have any restrictions regarding TOEFL-IBT exam centers?

  No. We don’t have any such restriction.

• Is there an application fee for graduate programs?

  No.