

SABANCI UNIVERSITY

2026-2027 STUDENT AMNESTY IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

Purpose:

The purpose of these Implementation Principles is to determine the University's practices regarding the application, registration, course equivalency and placement, and education processes of students who are entitled to re-register at our University **under Provisional Article 85** added to Higher Education Law No. 2547 by **Law No. 7592** on the Amendment of the Higher Education Law and Certain Laws, published in the Official Gazette **dated August 9, 2026 and numbered 33335**.

Scope:

These principles apply to students of the Foundations Development Year (English Preparatory Program), undergraduate programs, and graduate programs who will resume their studies at our University within the framework of the established implementation principles. Students who previously benefited from registration rights under earlier student amnesty laws and subsequently withdrew their registration or were dismissed from the University are also subject to these principles.

Application, Admission and Registration Procedures:

1. Candidates who meet the required conditions may benefit from the right to register within the specified periods and procedures, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Higher Education Law No. 2547, the procedures and principles determined by the Council of Higher Education, the implementation principles determined by our University, and the applicable education regulations.
2. Foundations Development Year (English Preparatory Program), undergraduate, and graduate students wishing to benefit from the right to register must submit their applications together with the required registration documents within the periods and under the conditions specified below.
 - a. Candidates who apply by the last day of the Fall Semester course add-drop period will be registered for the 2026-2027 Fall Semester; candidates who apply after this date and no later than **December 9, 2026** will be registered for the 2026-2027 Spring Semester. No applications or registrations will be accepted after the specified dates.
 - b. The procedures of candidates applying to our University through inter-institutional transfer from another higher education institution must also be completed within the same dates.
 - c. Students who will transfer from our University to another higher education institution must complete their procedures no later than the final day for Fall Semester late registration applications.
 - d. Those who were performing military service on August 9, 2026 may benefit from this right if they apply within two months following their discharge. Applications submitted by the final day of course registration will be processed for the relevant semester; applications submitted after this date will be processed for the following semester.
 - e. Registration is finalized upon payment of the tuition fee. For the 2026-2027 Academic Year, the entry-year-based tuition fees determined for undergraduate and graduate students will be applied to students re-registering under the student based on the entry year corresponding to the class level to which they are placed as a result of course equivalency and placement.
 - f. For undergraduate students who were admitted to our University with a scholarship but did not register, or whose affiliation with such programs was terminated within the normal period of study, their scholarships will continue for the remaining normal period of study based on the semester in which they are placed. No additional scholarship will be granted to students who had already exceeded the normal period of study in their previous enrollment. Scholarships for graduate students will be evaluated by the relevant Graduate School Boards.

3. Applications from students who were placed in diploma programs that have been closed or are no longer admitting students but did not register, as well as students whose registration with such programs was terminated, will be evaluated by the relevant Faculty Administrative Board, taking into account the student's academic history and the admission criteria of existing programs. For graduate programs, with the student's consent and taking into account whether the student is at the coursework or thesis stage, the Graduate School will determine the program for re-registration or placement, and the decision will be made by the Graduate School Boards.

4. At the undergraduate level, a student may not acquire the right to register simultaneously in two different programs at the same level. At the graduate level, this provision will be applied in accordance with the regulations stipulating that a student may not be enrolled simultaneously in more than one graduate program, **except for non-thesis master's programs.**

Language Proficiency:

1. Except for students whose registration with the University was terminated within the last two years, students must meet the English language proficiency requirements set by our University. Accordingly, students must either submit a language proficiency certificate accepted by the University or achieve the proficiency level determined by the University in the ELAE. The language proficiency of PhD students will be evaluated by the relevant Graduate School Board.

Course Equivalency, Placement, Course and Program Requirements:

1. Students' rights and obligations regarding education will be governed by the relevant provisions of the Council of Higher Education legislation and the University's regulations in force.
2. The program requirements applicable to students will be those of the entry year corresponding to the class level determined as a result of course equivalency and placement.
3. Students' normal and maximum periods of study will be calculated based on the program start semester determined as a result of the placement process carried out by the relevant Faculty Board/Graduate School Board, with the total number of semesters deducted from the maximum period of study prescribed for the program. For undergraduate students, the semester of placement will be determined in a manner consistent with class placement based on earned credits.

Transfer Procedures:

1. Transfer requests of students who register under these Implementation Principles will be evaluated within the framework of the Council of Higher Education implementation principles, the relevant legislation, and available quotas. Such transfer requests may be made **only during the 2026-2027 academic year.** Transfer procedures after this academic year will be carried out in accordance with the Regulation on the Principles of Transfer Between Associate and Undergraduate Programs in Higher Education Institutions, Double Major, Minor and Inter-Institutional Credit Transfer, and the relevant regulations of our University.

Double Major and Minor:

1. The following students may re-register in a double major program under these Implementation Principles.
 - a. Students whose affiliation with the double major undergraduate program was terminated because their affiliation with the primary undergraduate program was terminated,
 - b. Students whose affiliation with the double major undergraduate program was terminated while they were enrolled in the primary undergraduate program,
 - c. Students whose affiliation with the double major program was terminated after graduating from the primary undergraduate program.
2. Conditions for continuing in a minor program will be evaluated by the relevant Faculty Boards.
3. Double major and minor program requirements will be those of the entry year corresponding to the class level determined as a result of course equivalency and placement.

Graduate Advising and Thesis Processes:

1. If the student's previous advisor is no longer employed by the University or if restructuring of the advising arrangement is necessary, a new advisor will be appointed by the relevant Graduate School Boards.
2. The status of PhD students who previously successfully completed the PhD qualifying examination, thesis proposal, thesis monitoring, or similar stages, as well as students in closed programs who successfully completed these stages and will be placed in another program, will be evaluated by the relevant Graduate School Board. Students whose affiliation was terminated due to failure in these processes will be granted the right to retake qualifying examinations or participate again in thesis proposal/monitoring processes.

Other Provisions:

1. In matters not covered by these Implementation Principles, Higher Education Law No. 2547, Law No. 7592, the Provisional Article 85 Implementation Principles determined by the Council of Higher Education, and other relevant regulations of Sabancı University will apply.
2. Any uncertainties arising during implementation will be resolved by the authorized bodies of the University after obtaining the opinions of the relevant academic and administrative units.