

UF IN ISTANBUL

URBAN STUDIES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH | SUMMER B: JUNE 23-AUGUST 2, 2025

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Bob Graham Center for Public Service
Courses are taught by UF faculty

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UFIC Website
internationalcenter.ufl.edu
Application Deadline
March 1, 2025



PROGRAM

This six-week study abroad program aims to guide students towards a deep understanding of global urban dynamics in a uniquely vibrant, exciting, complex and historical metropolis of the Global South: Istanbul. Students will experience the ways in which Istanbul succeeds in being a cosmopolitan bridge between the East and West (a metropolis of rare sociality, a sophisticated site of art and culture, and an urban identity of politesse and civility), as well as the ways it fails to achieve other global metropolitan standards (its urban poor and marginalized populations, scarred earth and polluted air, and inhabitants burdened by various problems). Through immersive experiences and critical exploration, students will create life-long memories in one of the most captivating cities at the crossroads of global urban life.

LOCATION

Istanbul is the only city in the world that straddles two continents, Asia and Europe! It is consistently ranked as one of the most visited cities in the world, topping even the likes of Rome, Paris, or London. With its vibrant culture, rich history, and stunning architecture, it's no wonder why people flock there.

EXCURSIONS

Program excursions will include visits to Sultanahmet, Istanbul's historical old town and a UNESCO World Heritage Site with immersive experiences in Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque; unique museums like the Museum of Innocence and the Pera Museum; neighborhoods with distinct urban characters; a cruise along the Bosphorus Strait; and a day-trip to the Prince's Islands.

HOUSING

Students will stay in double-occupancy rooms in a local college dormitory in the Besiktas neighborhood, in the center of Istanbul. Rooms will be shared with other students on the program.

COURSE INFORMATION

All students on this program will earn credit for the following:

- **IDS 4930: Cities of the Middle East** (3 credits)
- **IDS 4956: Urban Lab: Ethnographic Research in Istanbul** (3 credits)

Total Number of Credits Offered: 6 UF GPA



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must be in good standing

2025 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: \$6,535

A \$395 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferment decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tuition for 6 credits, housing accommodations, a group welcome dinner, a group farewell dinner, various excursions, a museum pass, a transportation pass, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, most meals, additional personal travel, and personal expenses

FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS


UFIC offers many study abroad scholarships, with various eligibility criteria. The Summer 2025 scholarship deadline is February 6, 2025. Special scholarships are also available for this program, with a separate application process and deadline of March 15. See details for both and/or apply online!



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