

# UF IN ISTANBUL

## URBAN STUDIES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH | SUMMER B

### COLLEGE INFORMATION

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

### LEARN MORE OR APPLY

UFIC Website  
<https://go.ufl.edu/istanbul>  
Application Deadline  
**March 2, 2026**



### PROGRAM

On this six-week program, students will explore global urban dynamics through direct engagement with one of the most vibrant, complex, and historical metropolises of the Global South: Istanbul. Istanbul offers striking contrasts: a cosmopolitan bridge between East and West; a center of art, culture, and civic identity; and a city marked by inequality, environmental challenges, and the struggles of its marginalized communities. On this program, don't expect to sit inside a classroom. Here, the city itself is our laboratory. By walking its streets, tracing its neighborhoods, and engaging with its people, students will critically examine both the achievements and the challenges of global urban life. 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 Europe and Asia. Consistently ranked among the top travel destinations, it's a must-see city of vibrant culture, rich history, and stunning architecture, and perfectly positioned at the crossroads of the world as a gateway for discovery and exploration.

### EXCURSIONS

Program excursions will include out-of-town travel to the ancient city of Ephesus, visits to Istanbul's historical oldtown and a UNESCO World Heritage Site with immersive experiences in Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque; unique museums like the Museum of Innocence and the Archeological Museum; neighborhoods with distinct urban characters; hikes, picnics, café and restaurant outings; and a day-trip by private boat to the Princes' Islands.

### HOUSING

Students will stay in double-occupancy rooms in a local college dormitory in the vibrant 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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## SUMMER B: JUNE 22 - AUGUST 1, 2026

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must be in good standing
- Will be required to interview with the program director

### 2026 PRICING

**Undergraduate Program Fee: \$6,780**

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 in Istanbul and Izmir, private transportation to and from all airports, a transportation pass for the program duration, all museum tickets and private coach/bus transport on official excursions, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, a welcome dinner, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

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



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