

Dear Incoming Students,

Below you will find some critical information about eligible and noneligible classes, how to go about finding electives and the registration system in general. Knowing this in advance will help you a lot during online registration.

### About courses:

- Please find the list of courses here: <http://registration.boun.edu.tr/> → General Services → Schedule → 20../20.. – 1. or 2.term → select department → find syllabi on Descr. link next to the course code. If the new course list is not available yet, you can still get a fair enough idea of the upcoming course list by checking the courses offered that same semester a year ago.
- Since all of our Erasmus and exchange agreements are strictly undergraduate level, you are not allowed to take any 500- or 600-level courses.
- Unfortunately there is never a guarantee that you will be accepted into courses, whatever your situation. To get into courses you most of the times (especially, if the courses are 200- to 400-level courses) have to send consent requests to the professor via the registration system. Make sure you explain from which university you come, what your grade point average (GPA) is, if you have one, and why it is important for you to take that course. Also, personal contact at first day of class may help if you do not get an email return or online consent approval from the professor. But still, due to quota restrictions (which are established to keep a certain course quality, because the quality of a course strongly depends on the number of students taking it, so professors, understandably, do not want to have their courses exceed a certain number of students) you may not get consent. Especially, if you want to get consent for a course from a different department, be ready to be rejected. The rate of rejection increases with the level of the course (e.g., HIST 300 or 400-level courses are more difficult to get in than HIST 200-level courses). Please note that our students have exactly the same problem.
- Please note that any courses that have a heavy applied component to them require good command of Turkish. For instance, “**Reading & Research**” courses typically require the preparation of research materials, running experiments etc. all of which are done in Turkish. The same applies for “**PSY 304: Experimental Psychology**”, “**PSY 466: Industrial/Organization**

**Psychology**” and **“PSY 48 : Qualitative Analysis I and II”**, all of which employ heavy use of Turkish language materials and applications. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

- Please make sure you familiarize yourself with the online registration system (go to <http://registration.boun.edu.tr/default.htm> --> “online registration system guide”

### **About Bogazici University and our department:**

- Boğaziçi University is one of the most difficult universities in Turkey to get in, the Bogazici University Psychology department, as a fact, is the most difficult psychology department in the country to get in (we recruit from the top 1500 students of approximately 1,5 million test takers of the centralized university entrance examination). Students in this department are highly committed and we do expect a comparable level of commitment from our visiting students as well. We know that a lot of universities look at exchange agreements more as a cultural exchange event, but Bogazici University, and especially our department sees it rather as an academic exchange. Please note that we are currently holding 13 very carefully selected departmental Erasmus agreements together with quite a number of exchange agreements with again high-quality non-European universities. At the moment we have put a freeze on accepting any new partnerships because of our size limits. Our class sizes are already at their limits so the extra 17-18 students we accept as exchange/Erasmus or special students do add considerably to our regular 52-student per year student load.

### **General Suggestion**

- For students who have certain specific courses to take in order to fulfill their requirements at their home university, we would like to consider all the information provided above. Therefore, it is always better if you come in a later semester where you no longer have a strict list of courses to take for your graduation.

### **Useful Information about nonacademic, logistics and the like related things...**

- <http://www.boun101.blogspot.com.tr/#!http://boun101.blogspot.com/p/all-posts.html>