



**ALTINBAŞ CYPRUS UNIVERSITY
(WORLD PEACE UNIVERSITY)**

**REGULATION ON ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS AND STUDENT
ADMISSION**

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Short Name	1	This Regulation shall be referred to as the " Regulation on Entrance Examinations and Student Admission".
Scope	2	This Regulation covers the Entrance Examination, student admission principles, and registration conditions and principles to be applied to students to be admitted to Altınbaş Cyprus University (ALCU) units.
Legal Basis	3	This Regulation has been prepared based on Laws No. 65/2005, 21/2009 and 23/2017, Law No. 6287 published in the Official Gazette No. 407, and the Principles for the Admission of Students from Abroad of the Higher Education Institutions Supervision and Accreditation Board.
Conditions	4	Students must have graduated from a secondary school or equivalent institution and provide documentation of this to be admitted to ALCU.
Student Admission	5	<p>a) Students are admitted to the first year of the University's Preparatory and Undergraduate programmes through an 'Entrance Examination' organised by the Student Affairs Directorate. Foreign students may be admitted without examination in accordance with the principles approved by the University Management Board.</p> <p>b) The principles regarding the admission of students to postgraduate programmes are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Altınbaş Cyprus University Postgraduate Education and Training Regulations.</p>
Admission Principles for Students of Turkish Cypriot	6	<p>a) TRNC nationals are admitted to associate degree and undergraduate programmes through an entrance examination held on dates announced by the university.</p>

Nationality

- b) Applications for entrance examinations are submitted to the Student Affairs Directorate using the University's official application forms within the periods specified by the University.
- c) For programmes that admit students through special aptitude examinations, candidates must be successful in the interview or portfolio evaluation conducted by the teaching staff of the relevant programme.
- d) Examinations are held at the location, date and time announced by the Rectorate.
- e) The language of the entrance examinations is Turkish.
- f) Candidates who pass the examination must submit the required documents in person to the Student Affairs Office within the specified registration dates in order to complete their final registration.
- g) Additionally, candidates may be accepted based on certificates obtained from internationally recognised examinations (such as SAT, A Level, and similar). (See Table 1)
- h) Students of Turkish Cypriot nationality who have completed their secondary education outside the TRNC and Turkey are admitted to the university on the condition that they obtain high school equivalence from the TRNC Ministry of Education, in addition to the specified conditions.

Admission Criteria for Turkish Citizens

- 7 Turkish citizens who are eligible to enrol in ALCU programmes under the provisions of the "International Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Universities Established under Turkish and TRNC Law" must have completed their secondary education for 4 consecutive years (formal education) at TRNC secondary schools.

Application and Admission Criteria for International Students

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- a) Students who are not citizens of **the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)** or **the Republic of Turkey (TR)** are considered **international students**.
 - b) The conditions for registration, admission and lateral transfer of international students **to associate degree, undergraduate, master's and doctoral programmes** are governed by **the TRNC Higher Education Law** (Laws No. 65/2002, 21/2008, 40/2009 and 23/2017),

under Article 11.

c) International students may apply by submitting **diplomas, certificates or official documents** valid in their country's education system. Applications are evaluated according to **the admission criteria set by ALCU**. Where necessary, **the equivalence of** these documents is approved by the relevant Ministries or **authorised official institutions**.

d) All applications related to university admission are submitted to the **Student Affairs** or **International Office** Directorates.

e) **Foreign applicants** must complete the **Application** Form available on our University's website in full and submit it to the International Office along with the required documents;

- via email,
- through the agencies they work with, or
- in person (by hand).

f) The documents that must be submitted along with **the Application Form** are as follows:

- The original high school diploma or a notarised or consular-certified copy (applications from international students in their final year of high school may be accepted with documents indicating their probable graduation).
- **Transcript (Academic Record)**.
- Original or certified copy of documents proving that the applicant meets the international exam and minimum threshold score requirements specified in Table-1 for the relevant countries.
- **A photocopy of the page of the passport showing the identity information.**
- **One 4.5 cm x 6 cm photograph taken within the last six months, showing** the front view and clearly identifying the applicant.

g) **Additional documents may be requested or certification of the submitted documents may be required** if deemed necessary.

Admission Criteria 9
via Horizontal
Transfer

a) **Transfers from Outside the University:** A student who has completed at least one academic year (two semesters) at any university or equivalent higher education institution may apply for a lateral transfer to ALCU. For such an application to be accepted, the student must:

- i. Be enrolled at a university or higher education institution (taking a leave of absence does not constitute an obstacle to exercising the right to transfer)
- ii. Have a cumulative grade point average for the semesters completed in the programme in which they are enrolled,
- iii. For Turkish citizens, comply with the provisions of the "International Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Universities Established under Turkish and Northern Cyprus Law."
- iv. Applications from students who meet the above conditions are finalised by the Faculty Council after obtaining the opinion of the relevant Department Council.

b) **Internal Transfers within the University:** Students who have completed at least one academic year (two semesters) of study, excluding the ALCU English Preparatory School, may be given the opportunity to change programmes.

- i. Applications from students wishing to change programmes are finalised by the Faculty Council or Higher Education Institution Council after obtaining the opinion of the relevant Department Council.
- ii. Compliance with the conditions specified by YÖDAK, if any, is fundamental in the evaluation of horizontal transfer applications.

c) The exemptions to be granted to students transferring horizontally and the course programme they will follow are determined by the relevant Department Board.

Principles for Admission via Vertical Transfer

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- a) Vertical transfers for TRNC nationals and international students: Students who have graduated from a higher education institution's (2-year) programmes may enrol in undergraduate programmes with the relevant Faculty's decision. For Turkish Republic nationals, the "International Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Universities Established in Accordance with Turkish Republic and TRNC Law" applies.
- b) The exemptions to be granted to students transferring vertically and the course programme they will follow are determined by the relevant Department Board.

Horizontal Transfer Applications, Evaluation, and Announcement of

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- a) Students wishing to apply for horizontal transfer must submit their applications to the Student Affairs Office in person or by email, attaching the required documents to their files.

Results

- b) Each academic unit evaluates the applications in accordance with the relevant regulations and criteria it establishes and reports the results to the Student Affairs Office.
- c) The results of horizontal transfer applications are announced no later than one week before the registration date.

Re-admission Conditions for Students Expelled from ALCU or Any Other Higher Education Institution

- 12** Students whose relationship with Altınbaş Cyprus University or any other higher education institution has been terminated may be readmitted to the University if they meet the readmission conditions set out in the relevant articles of this Regulation. Requests for exemption from courses taken before the termination of their relationship for students readmitted through this method are decided by the Department Board or the Higher Education Institution Board. However, those whose relationship was terminated due to a disciplinary penalty resulting in permanent expulsion are excluded from the scope of this article.

Other Forms of Admission

- 13** Student admissions outside the procedures specified in this Regulation are carried out upon the recommendation of the Rectorate and the decision of the University Senate.

Cancellation of Registrations

- 14** The enrolment of students admitted to the University shall be cancelled, even if it has been completed, if any deficiencies or falsifications are detected in their documents or if they have been expelled from Altınbaş Cyprus University or another Higher Education Institution due to disciplinary action, and they shall not be entitled to any claims.

Application to Unregulated Matters

- 15** In matters not covered by these Regulations, the decisions of the University Senate shall apply, provided that they do not conflict with the provisions of Altınbaş Cyprus University legislation.

Executive Authority

- 16** This Regulation shall be implemented by the Rectorate of Altınbaş Cyprus University.

Entry into Force

- 17** This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its approval by the Senate of Altınbaş Cyprus University.

Table 1. National and International Examinations and Minimum Assessment Criteria

Country	Examination Name or Diploma	Minimum Criteria
Turkey	University YÖS Examinations	A score of 40 or above out of 100. a) For Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy Faculties: at least 75 points, b) Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Engineering: at least 65 points, c) Other Faculties and Higher Education Institutions: at least 40 points
International	SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)	In the SAT test, a minimum total score of 1000 out of 1600 in the "math" and "critical reading" tests and a minimum score of 800 out of at least 500 points in "math".
International	GCE (General Certificate Examination) A Level	Passing two subjects.
International	ACT (American College Test)	20
International	International Baccalaureate	25
	ABITUR	Exam with a minimum score of 3 candidates.
	Baccalaureate	10
	Foreign Student Examinations (YÖS) administered by other universities in Turkey or the Caucasus Universities Union (KÜNİB) Foreign Student Examinations (YÖS)	50/100
	International science competitions recognised by TÜBİTAK science Olympiads	Gold, silver and bronze medal holders .
High School	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Afghanistan	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Germany	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Angola	Angola Qualification / Diploma Secondary Education	Obtaining a Diploma
Albania	High School Diploma	Holding a Diploma
Argentina	Argentine Baccalaureate	50
Australia	Australian High School Diploma	Holding a Diploma
Austria	Secondary School Certificate	Obtaining a Diploma
Azerbaijan	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Bahrain	Central Secondary School Leaving Examination (Tawjihi)	at least 75% in the field related to the programme applied for at least 75%
Bangladesh	Bangladesh High School Diploma	60
Belgium	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Benin	Baccalaureate	10

United Arab Emirates	United Arab Emirates Tawjihiyya / General Secondary Education Certificate	50
Bolivia	Bolivia Baccalaureate / Technical Certificate de estudios	50
Bosnia and Herzegovina	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Kuwait	Central Secondary School Leaving Examination Al-Shahada-Al Thanawiyya Al-Amma	160 points out of 240
Brazil	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE) Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	Minimum Grade D in Mathematics and Liberal Studies.
Liberia	West African countries Certificate Examination (WAEC) (WASSCE)	At least a C grade in each of the six subjects level.
Bulgaria	High School Diploma	Possession of the Certificate
Burkina Faso	Baccalaureate	10
Algeria	High School Diploma	Holding a Diploma
Chad	Baccalaureate	10
Cameroon	High School Diploma	Holding a Diploma
People's Republic of China	Gaokao	480
Czech Republic	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Denmark	High School Diploma	Obtaining a Diploma
Democratic Republic of the Congo	State Examination	50
Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic Baccalaureate	50
Indonesia	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination	60
Morocco	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Philippines	Kativayan (High School Diploma)	Possession of a Diploma
Morocco	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Palestine	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Finland	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
France	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Ghana	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Guinea	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
South Korea	CSAT	400
South Africa	South African Senior Certificate, Matrix Test	Passing at least 6 out of 7 subjects .
Georgia	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Haiti	Baccalaureate	50

India	Indian High School Diploma	60
Netherlands	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
United Kingdom	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Iraq	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Iran	Diploma from Debiestan and Pişdaneşgahi	12
Israel	Bagrut Certificate	50
Spain	Spanish Baccalaureate	50
Switzerland	High School Diploma	Holding a Diploma
Italy	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Japan	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Cambodia	Cambodia-Baccalaureate	50%/
Cameroon	High School Diploma	Obtaining a degree
Canada	High School Diploma	60
Montenegro	Montenegro Diploma Record of Study	Possession of a Diploma
Qatar	Al-Thanawiya Aama Qatari	60
Kazakhstan	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Kenya	Kenya Education Certificate	C
Kyrgyzstan	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Colombia	Colombia - Baccalaureate	50
Kosovo	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Cuba	Secondary Technical Diploma	50
Latvia	High School Diploma	6
Libya	Libyan Secondary School Certificate Examination	180 for Engineering Fields, 170 for Other Fields 170/
Lithuania	Certified Engineer	70
Lebanon	Libanese Baccalaureate	12
Madagascar	Madagascar Baccalaureate	11
Hungary	High School Diploma	Holding a Diploma
Macedonia	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Mali	Malian Baccalaureate	11
Malawi	School Certificate of Education Examination. (MSCE)	C
Malaysia	Malaysian Certificate of Education / Malaysian Education Certificate / Certificate Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia / Malaysian High School Certificate	Passing two subjects with an 'A' grade and achieving 50% in the High School diploma.
Mexico	Mexico Baccalaureate	50
Egypt	Thanaweya Amma General Public Examination	50
Mongolia	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Moldova	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Mauritania	High School Diploma	50
Mozambique	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Myanmar	Basic Education Standard Exam (Matriculation)	60

Nepal	High School Diploma	60
Niger	Niger Baccalaureate	11
Nigeria	High School Diploma	Holding a Diploma
Central Africa	Baccalaureate	10
Uzbekistan	High School Diploma	Holding a Diploma
Pakistan	High School Diploma	50
Panama	Panamanian Baccalaureate	50
Papua New Guinea	High School Diploma	50
Peru	Baccalaureate / Technical	50
Poland	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Portugal	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Romania	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Rwanda	High School Diploma	60
Russia	Russian National Final School Examination – Aegean	42
Russia	High School Diploma (GOS)	Possession of a Diploma
Belarus	Belarusian Centralised Examination	Minimum 350 points out of 600
Senegal	Baccalaureate	10
Serbia	Serbia Diploma / Record of study	Possession of a Diploma
Slovakia	High School Diploma	50
Somalia	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Sri Lanka	General Certificate of Education Advanced Level	Holding a Diploma
Sudan	School Certificate	60
Syria	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Sierra Leone	Certificate Examination (WAECE) (WASSCE) Certificate Examination (WAECE) (WASSCE)	At least a C in each of the six subjects level
Saudi Arabia	Tawjihiya	60
Tajikistan	High School Diploma	3
Tanzania	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Taiwan	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Thailand	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Togo	Baccalaureate	10
Tunisia	Tunisia Baccalauréat	10
Turkmenistan	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Oman	Tawjihi	80
Ukraine	ZNO (External Independent Testing)	150
Jordan	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Venezuela	Venezuela Baccalaureate	14
Vietnam	Bang Tu Tai Hai (Baccalaureate)	6
Yemen	High School Diploma	Possession of a Diploma
Greece	Greek University Entrance Examination	Achieving a score of 8 out of 20
Zimbabwe	High School Diploma	50
Zambia	Zambia High School Certificate	Certificate Holder

