

## Dentistry

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#### General Information

The Faculty of Dentistry at Istinye University aims to be a leading and preferred institution both nationally and internationally in dental education, patient care, scientific studies, and research. Its mission is to train ethical, competent, and highly qualified dentists who excel in their fields.

The faculty offers a five-year education program (excluding the preparatory class), structured into fall and spring semesters, each lasting at least 14 weeks. The academic calendar is determined by the Faculty Board and approved by the Senate. To graduate, students must complete a minimum of 300 ECTS credits and finish their program within a maximum of eight years, in accordance with Article 44 of Higher Education Law No. 2547.

Education is organized and managed by committees and individuals appointed by the Dean's Office, in line with the provisions of Higher Education Law No. 2547. Committee members serve until reassigned, with the Dean and Vice Deans serving as permanent members of all committees. The Dean's Office oversees meeting agendas, organization, and minute-taking for the Educational Committees to ensure smooth academic operations.

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#### Career Prospects After Graduation

Students who successfully complete the five-year dentistry program at our faculty graduate with a master's degree in "Dentistry" and earn the title of "Dentist" (DDS). Graduates have access to a wide range of career opportunities in both the public and private sectors.

They can work as dentists in the Ministry of Health, in health units of various public and private institutions, or establish their own private practices. Additionally, they may pursue specialization by passing the Dentistry Specialization Examination (DUS), allowing them to specialize in specific departments within Faculties of Dentistry. Success in this path can also open doors to academic careers.

Graduates may further enhance their expertise by pursuing doctoral programs in their desired fields of dentistry, provided they meet the necessary requirements. These options ensure a diverse and promising professional future for graduates.

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#### What Makes the Faculty of Dentistry Unique?

At our faculty, students benefit from state-of-the-art clinics and laboratories equipped with the latest technology for modern medicine and dentistry. During the preclinical period, foundational training is provided using models, simulations, and robotic patients in advanced medical and professional skills (Phantom) laboratories at the Topkapı campus. Clinical training involves hands-on experience with real patients under the supervision of experienced faculty in the advanced clinics of Istinye University Gaziosmanpaşa Medical Park Hospital, ensuring a comprehensive and practical learning experience.

To be a nationally and internationally preferred faculty, we aim to train competent dentists and specialists who meet society's oral and dental health needs and expectations. Our graduates are equipped to use contemporary dental technologies, access information effectively, and adhere to professional ethical values.