Fine Arts, Design and Architecture

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General Information About the Faculty

The faculty was established in the 2017-2018 academic year as the "Faculty of Architecture and Design," initially comprising the Departments of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design (Turkish), and Architecture (Turkish). In the 2018-2019 academic year, it was renamed the "Faculty of Fine Arts, Design, and Architecture." That same year, the Architecture (English) Department and the Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts were introduced, followed by the Department of Digital Game Design in 2019-2020. The faculty's first graduates were awarded their degrees between 2019 and 2023, spanning the departments of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design, Architecture, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, and Digital Game Design.

The faculty embraces an integrated approach to aesthetic and design disciplines, prioritizing the cultivation of an intellectual foundation for students over solely technical training. Programs are designed to foster interdisciplinary knowledge and mental flexibility, with a strong emphasis on theoretical discourse. This approach aims to equip students with advanced aesthetic and critical thinking skills.

Gastronomy and Culinary Arts

General Information

This interdisciplinary program trains gastronomy experts and chefs to develop and promote Turkish cuisine internationally while preserving its cultural prestige. Students gain proficiency in modern and classical cooking techniques, food safety, cost control, menu engineering, and food and beverage management. They are also equipped with environmental awareness, cultural sensitivity, foreign language skills, and critical thinking abilities.

The program emphasizes knowledge of world cuisines and the ability to integrate cooking with fields such as painting, sculpture, philosophy, etiquette, business management, tourism, and engineering fundamentals. By combining culinary art and management skills, students are prepared to lead teams and present their work as a visual feast. Graduates of the program are well-rounded professionals ready to excel as both chefs and managers in the global culinary industry.

Career Prospects After Graduation

Graduates of the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program, benefiting from the program's broad and diverse curriculum, can pursue titles such as Gastronomy Expert, Chef, Food and Beverage Manager, Catering Manager, Gourmet, Gastronomy Writer, and Food Photographer-Stylist.

What Makes the Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Unique?

The Gastronomy and Culinary Arts curriculum is designed to meet the needs of the industry, with courses conducted in a professionally equipped kitchen and taught by an expert academic staff.

Through demo classes offered in our department, students learn the techniques required for recipes by watching and taking notes before the practical sessions.

Practical lessons are conducted using an individual study method to ensure active participation and full comprehension. Each student performs their practice individually at their own station.

In addition to English as a foreign language, our curriculum includes French as a second foreign language, helping students understand the foundations of classical cuisine and expanding opportunities for international internships and employment.

Digital Game Design

General Information

The Digital Game Design program at Istinye University is an innovative program that combines creative thinking with technical skills, preparing students for the dynamic digital game industry. The curriculum covers fundamental topics such as game design, game engines (Unity and Unreal Engine), visual arts, programming, modeling, animation, and interactive storytelling.

Students gain both technical and artistic competencies through a blend of theoretical knowledge, practical courses, and project-based learning. They also gain hands-on experience with programming languages and game art while collaborating with game companies, ensuring they are well-prepared to meet industry demands.

Career Prospects After Graduation

Graduates of the program have diverse career opportunities in the rapidly growing digital game industry. They can work in areas such as game design, development, level design, mobile development, programming, and game writing. Specific roles include technical artist, concept artist, environmental artist, character artist, character animator, FX animator, user interface artist, marketing artist, art director, visual effects artist, story writer, and user experience designer.

Additionally, graduates can pursue entrepreneurial careers in independent game development projects. The interdisciplinary skills gained during the program also open pathways in other sectors such as media, advertising, and educational technologies.

What Makes the Department of Digital Game Design Unique?

- Supports students in gaining experience through internships and projects in collaboration with the industry.
- Organizes workshops and game jams focused on creative game development projects.
- Offers courses on the theoretical foundations and game culture specific to the field of digital game design.
- Provides students with the opportunity to learn digital game design through an interdisciplinary approach.
- Includes project-based courses throughout the four years, enabling students to develop their own games and work as a team.
- Features a laboratory that provides practical training in game engines and visual programming.
- The academic staff consists of expert academicians and professionals from the industry.
- Encourages entrepreneurship through courses and seminars that promote independent game development.

Architecture

General Information

The Department of Architecture at Istinye University provides a comprehensive education that blends professional training with intellectual development, empowering students to shape the built environment and society. The curriculum integrates artistic, technological, and societal aspects of architecture, inspiring creativity, critical thinking, and ethical awareness. Students explore both historical and contemporary designs while drawing inspiration from the rich cultural heritage of Istanbul and Anatolia.

The program emphasizes active participation and studio-based learning, encouraging students to transform ideas into projects and engage with society and nature. By addressing the challenges of the future, students develop innovative and sustainable solutions adaptable to changing conditions. This approach not only equips graduates with technical proficiency but also cultivates intellectual, ethical, and societal awareness, preparing them to leave a lasting impact on their field and beyond.

Career Prospects After Graduation

Graduates of the Architecture program have diverse career opportunities both locally and internationally. They can work as architects, urban planners, interior designers, restoration specialists, or project managers in architectural firms, construction companies, or governmental institutions. Additionally, they can register with the Chamber of Architects of Turkey (TMMOB) to provide architectural and consulting services.

Graduates may also pursue academic careers as researchers or faculty members in educational and research institutions. They have the option to establish their own architectural firms to develop innovative projects or participate in national and international architectural competitions. With their comprehensive education, graduates are well-prepared to shape the future of the built environment and contribute meaningfully to society on a global scale.

What Makes the Department of Architecture Unique?

Student-Centered Education Approach: The department places students at the heart of the learning process, treating them as active participants and collaborators rather than passive recipients of knowledge.

Studio-Based Learning: Architectural education emphasizes hands-on, project-based learning in studio environments, where students develop, present, and refine their designs through practical application and critical feedback.

Integration of Cultural and Historical Contexts: Drawing on the rich cultural and architectural heritage of Anatolia and Istanbul, the program incorporates local values while fostering a global perspective in architectural design.

Focus on Intellectual Development: The department views architectural education as a platform for cultivating broad intellectual skills, encouraging creativity, critical thinking, and ethical awareness in students.

Innovative Curriculum Design: The program blends traditional architectural knowledge with contemporary methodologies, ensuring students are well-versed in both the theoretical and practical aspects of the field.

Supportive Learning Environment: The department fosters an inclusive and collaborative atmosphere, providing students with the resources and guidance needed to excel academically and personally.

Dynamic Faculty and Professional Connections: With a faculty of experienced academics and professionals, the department offers students mentorship and networking opportunities to connect with the architecture industry and beyond.

Textile and Fashion Design

General Information

The Textile and Fashion Design Department at Istinye University aims to train creative and professional designers with an innovative and interdisciplinary approach. Our program offers theoretical and practical courses in garment design, printing, weaving, and knitting, enabling students to enhance their creative thinking and design skills. Through projects, workshops, and internship opportunities conducted in collaboration with the industry, students gain real-world experience.

To meet the ever-changing demands of the textile and fashion industry, we focus on innovative materials and digital technologies. Our students have the opportunity to develop their designs not only from an aesthetic perspective but also with a strong sense of environmental and social responsibility.

Career Prospects After Graduation

Our graduates have a wide range of career opportunities and can professionally engage in various fields within the textile and fashion industry. Roles such as fashion designer, textile designer, trend analyst, collection management specialist, product development manager, and fashion consultant are among the ideal options for our graduates. Additionally, many of our alumni pursue entrepreneurship by establishing their own brands.

The interdisciplinary approach gained during the program enables graduates to make a difference in the fashion and textile industry both locally and internationally. Specializing in sustainability, innovation, and creative design, our graduates successfully build their careers by participating in projects that shape the future of the industry.

What Makes the Department of Textile and Fashion Design Unique?

Interdisciplinary Approach: A curriculum that connects fashion, textiles, art, and technology.

Strong Industry Collaborations: Projects and internship opportunities where students work closely with the industry.

Workshops and Laboratories: Well-equipped design studios and computer labs.

International Opportunities: Erasmus exchange programs and collaborations.

Expert Academic Staff: Education provided by experienced academicians and industry professionals.

Project-Based Learning: The chance for students to work on real-life projects before graduation.

Interior Architecture and Environmental Design

General Information

The Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design provides students with the expertise to design innovative and functional living spaces. The program integrates architectural aesthetics, engineering principles, modern technology, and environmental considerations to create sustainable and visually appealing spaces. Through coordinated training with the Department of Architecture, students are prepared to become creative, technology-oriented, and collaborative professionals.

Career Prospects After Graduation

- Work in creative roles in public and private sectors, including design offices and construction sites.
- Focus on project design, implementation, and presentation.
- Work as researchers, writers, and consultants in publishing.
- Serve as experts in professional fields.
- Handle procurement and sales of materials for interior applications.
- Pursue academic careers after completing pedagogical training.

What Makes the Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design Unique?

The Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design offers an education that aims to equip students with the ability to transform living spaces by combining aesthetics, functionality, and sustainability. The program integrates architectural aesthetics, engineering principles, and environmental factors, encouraging students to create innovative and human-centered designs. Supported by modern technology and sustainability principles, the curriculum is conducted in coordination with the Department of Architecture, fostering the ability to create impactful designs in diverse cultural contexts. Graduates are prepared as professionals with a broad perspective, academic knowledge, and practical experience, equipped with the necessary qualifications to excel in their fields.