

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **I want to study English preparation before the master's program in Biomedical Engineering. How can I register for the DBS exam?**

Answer: Candidates who want to study in Preparatory School are required to apply for the Preparatory quota and take the Placement Examination (DBS). To register for the DBS Exam, please contact Boğaziçi University School of Foreign Languages (YADYOK) (for detailed information: <https://yadyok.bogazici.edu.tr/en>)

- **I was accepted for the preparatory quota. In the meantime, I took the BUEPT exam and was successful. Can I switch to the main class?**

Answer: Candidates who are accepted from the preparatory quota can apply to the Institute Directorate for registration to the main class, along with the document, if they document that they have passed any of the BUEPT, TOEFL, or IELTS exams before registration. The application is evaluated by the Institute's Board of Directors. If there is a vacant quota in the main class, the candidate can enroll in the main class after the "appropriate" decision of the Institute Board of Directors.

- **I am a Biomedical Engineering student at another university and I would like to apply to your master's program. How can I register for Boğaziçi University's language proficiency test (BUEPT)?**

Answer: To register for the BUEPT exam, you need to contact Boğaziçi University School of Foreign Languages (YADYOK). For detailed information, you can visit: <https://yadyok.bogazici.edu.tr/en>.

- **I am not a graduate of Boğaziçi University. I graduated from an undergraduate department in Turkey that taught 100% in English. Am I exempt from language proficiency?**

Answer: You must provide an English language document (BUEPT, TOEFL, or IELTS) during your application. You can access the **language proficiency** conditions for applications to graduate programs from the link below.

<https://adaylar.boun.edu.tr/tr-TR/Sayfa/BasvuruBelge/Lisansustu>

You can access the articles related to English **exemption** from the link below (See: article 10)

https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr_TR/Content/Ogrenciler/Ogrenci_Isleri/Yonetmelik_ve_Ic_Tuzukler/YADYOK_Yonetmeligi

- **What is the minimum score and validity period accepted for IELTS?**

Answer: Accepted for IELTS:

Academic overall score 6.5, Academic Writing Section 6.5,

The validity period is 2 years from the date of the exam.

- **I was accepted to the Biomedical Engineering PhD Program. However, I could not pass the BUEPT exam and could not register. I will take the exam again, how can I register?**

Answer: If you complete your missing documents before late registration, you can request the right to late registration by submitting your documents.

- **What are the duration and success criteria in the thesis master's program?**

Answer:

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ARTICLE 29 – (1) The duration of the thesis master's program is four semesters, starting from the semester in which the courses related to the registered program are given, excluding the time spent in scientific preparation, regardless of whether the student registers for each semester or not, and the program is completed in a maximum of six semesters.

(2) Those who cannot complete the credit courses and seminar course in the program curriculum with a GPA of at least 3.00 at the end of four semesters; The student who fails his thesis work or does not defend his thesis within the maximum period of time will be dismissed from the University.

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- **I am a graduate student. I am trying to choose a course in summer school, but I get the warning "You can not take 1XX,2XX,3XX courses without marking them as non-credit". I cannot add courses for credit. What should I do?**

Answer: Graduate students cannot take courses coded 100,200,300.

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A maximum of two of the courses to be taken for credit may be from the University's 400 coded undergraduate courses that the student has not taken during his/her undergraduate education.

- **I am a graduate student, and I have finished my courses, can I submit my thesis proposal at the beginning of the next semester, if I cannot do it this semester?**

Answer: The student is expected to propose the thesis topic he/she has determined with his thesis advisor to the institute by the end of the second semester at the latest and to present a short 5-minute thesis proposal by attending one of the master's thesis proposal presentation events held in the 3rd and 13th weeks of each semester. If your thesis proposal is not yet clear, you can submit it in the 3rd week of the following semester.

- **I am a graduate student, can I take BM 690 thesis course before finishing my courses?**

Answer: You can take your thesis and other courses together in your master's degree. Starting from the 3rd semester, you must enroll in the BM 690 thesis course.

- **I have completed my master's courses, and I am just continuing my thesis. Can I do my internship during the semester since I don't have any classes?**

Answer: Since you have completed your course load, you can do your internship during the semester.

- **I will conduct my thesis work with a Faculty Member from outside the Biomedical Engineering Institute as Thesis Advisor. Do I need to have a co-advisor from Biomedical Engineering?**

Answer: No. Without a co-advisor from the Institute staff, a faculty member from another department of our University may supervise your thesis with the "appropriate" opinion of the relevant department of the Institute.

The article regarding the appointment of a master's thesis advisor is as follows;

ARTICLE 30 – (1) Upon the recommendation of the relevant department, a full-time faculty member on the University's staff is appointed as the thesis advisor for each student by the relevant institute board of directors until the end of the first semester. In cases where the nature of the thesis requires more than one thesis advisor, a second thesis advisor with a doctoral degree can be assigned as a co-supervisor. The relevant department recommends the thesis topic determined by the student together with the thesis advisor to the institute by the end of the second semester at the latest. The thesis advisor and thesis topic are finalized with the approval of the institute's board of directors.

- **Can I freeze my doctorate twice during the semester due to military service?**

Answer: After registering for the term, you can apply for leave during the military service period through the ÖBİKAS e-petition system.

The relevant regulation article is as follows;

ARTICLE 20 – (1) Registered students may be given leave for a maximum of two semesters/semesters by the relevant institute board of directors if they have acceptable excuses. The period of leave given is counted towards the training period. However, leave is allowed for military service during the military service, without counting the training period. In case of serious health problems or similar situations, the relevant institute board of directors may grant leave without counting the time. In cases of necessity, the leave period may be extended or shortened by the relevant institute board of directors.

- **I want to take a semester leave, what do I need to do?**

Answer: To apply for term leave, you must be registered for the term. You can apply for term leave through the ÖBİKAS system, E-petition in the General Section under the subject of 'Leave of Absence'. You can apply for term leave between the dates specified in the academic calendar!

- **I want to have my master's thesis banned from publication at the National Thesis Publishing Center, what should I do?**

Answer: With your thesis advisor's application to the Institute Board of Directors and the approval of the Institute Board of Directors, if you have a patent application, a 2-year restriction can be imposed from the date of graduation, otherwise a 6-month restriction can be imposed. The restriction decision is taken together with the graduation decision. Applications made after graduation cannot be processed.

- **When is the last time I can defend my thesis?**

Answer: The student registered for the semester must have completed the thesis defense and submitted the thesis defense report and all other requirements to the Institute Directorate before the classes of the next semester begin. For students who receive corrections in their thesis defense, the jury may give a maximum of 3 months' extension to master's students and 6 months' extension to doctoral students.

The doctoral student, whose thesis has been decided for correction, defends his thesis again in front of the same jury by doing what is necessary within the period given by the jury and not exceeding 6 months.

- **If I take leave in the second semester of the academic year, can I defend my thesis in the summer?**

Answer: The student must be registered for the semester to make a defense. It is not appropriate for a student who takes leave for the second semester to defend their thesis in the summer; they can make a presentation after registering for the fall semester.

- **Faculty of Medicine graduates do not need an ALES certificate for their Master's and Doctorate applications.**