

KADIR HAS UNIVERSITY
DIRECTIVE ON ACCEPTANCE STUDENTS COMING FROM ABROAD

SECTION ONE
Purpose, Scope, Legal Basis, Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1- (1) (Amended: Senate 29/01/2020 – 2020/02) The purpose of this Directive is to determine the principles governing the admission of international students to undergraduate diploma programs of the academic units within Kadir Has University.

Scope

ARTICLE 2- (1) This Directive covers the determination of quotas, application, admission and evaluation conditions regarding the admission of international students.

Basis

ARTICLE 3- (1) This Directive has been prepared pursuant to Article 14 of the Higher Education Law No. 2547.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4- (1) For the purposes of this Directive:

- a) **(Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13)** Unit: Refers to the faculties affiliated with Kadir Has University,
- b) Board of Trustees: Refers to the Board of Trustees of Kadir Has University,
- c) **(Amended: Senate 24/04/2019 – 2019/04)** Directorate of Student Affairs: Refers to the Directorate of Student Affairs of Kadir Has University,
- d) Rector: Refers to the Rector of Kadir Has University,
- e) Senate: Refers to the Senate of Kadir Has University,
- f) **(Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13)** International Promotion Office: Refers to the International Promotion Office of Kadir Has University,
- g) University: Refers to Kadir Has University.

SECTION TWO

Principles Regarding the Admission of International Students

Quota

ARTICLE 5- (1) (Amended: Senate 29/01/2020 – 2020/02) The quota of students to be admitted from abroad for each undergraduate program shall be determined by the Senate and shall become final upon the approval of the Council of Higher Education.

(2) (Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13) In the event that no application is made to a program admitting international students or the quota is not filled, the remaining quotas may not be transferred to Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, Teaching or Medicine programs. For programs other than these, quotas may be transferred between programs within the relevant faculty by decision of the Senate.

Basic Requirements for Application

ARTICLE 6- (1) Applicants must be in their final year of high school or have

graduated at the time of application.

(2) Applications meeting the nationality and educational requirements specified in the “Principles Regarding the Admission of Students from Abroad” determined by the Council of Higher Education shall be accepted.

(3) Explanations regarding applications shall be announced on the University’s website.

Accepted Examination Types and Minimum Scores for Application

ARTICLE 7- (1) The nationally or internationally recognized examinations or diploma types and scores accepted for application are specified below. Applications of candidates who possess the specified examination or diploma and scores shall be accepted.

(2) Applications of candidates who do not possess the specified examination or diploma types but whose high school graduation grade is at least 60% shall be accepted.

(3) New examinations and admission principles may be added to those stipulated in this Article by decision of the Senate.

(4) **(Amended: Senate 29/01/2020 – 2020/02)** There is no validity period limitation for examinations considered as high school graduation examinations (Abitur, International Baccalaureate, GCE, Tawjihi, etc.). The validity period for examinations considered as university entrance examinations (SAT, GAOKAO, Kazakhstan National University Test, etc.) is two years.

(5) The nationally or internationally recognized examination or diploma types and scores to be accepted are as specified in the annex (ANNEX-1) to this Directive.

Application

ARTICLE 8- (1) (Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13) Applications shall be made by completing the online application form and uploading the required documents to the system within the dates specified in the academic calendar.

Documents Required for Application

ARTICLE 9- (Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13) (1) During application, candidates must submit the following documents. If the documents are in languages other than Turkish or English, certified Turkish translations must also be submitted together with the originals.

a) Application Form for International Candidate Students

b) Original High School Diploma or Original Temporary Graduation Certificate (Students who are in the process of graduation at the application date must submit a student status document obtained from their schools.)

c) Examination Result Document: Certified copy of the examination result to be used for application

d) Transcript: Official transcript approved by the High School Directorate showing the courses taken and grades received

e) Certified copy of Turkish and/or English proficiency certificate, if any

f) Copy of official identity card or passport

g) 2 photographs

h) Letter of Reference (if any)

i) Letter of Intent (if any)

j) Entry-Exit Document (For candidates who completed all of their high school education abroad (excluding TRNC high schools) and who are Turkish citizens or dual nationals, one of whose nationalities is the Republic of Türkiye, an Entry-Exit Document covering the high school education period shall be requested in order to document that they were not physically present in Türkiye during the relevant education period. The submitted document shall be checked by the International Promotion Office during application, and additional information or documents

may be requested if deemed necessary.)

(2) Additional documents may be requested where deemed necessary due to amendments in the legislation or the Council of Higher Education's Principles Regarding Admission of Students from Abroad.

Evaluation and Admission of Applications

ARTICLE 10- (1) (Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13) The evaluation and admission of applications shall be carried out upon the proposal of the International Promotion Office, the opinion of the relevant Unit, and the approval of the Vice Rector responsible for Education.

(2) **(Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13)** Meeting the minimum application requirements does not guarantee definitive admission. Applications shall be evaluated by taking into account examination scores, high school GPA, awards and other documents demonstrating academic achievement, as well as the date of application. The authority to decide on admission of candidates, placement process and the occupancy status of quotas belongs exclusively to the University.

(3) Applications to units admitting students through special talent examinations shall be evaluated in accordance with the principles governing admission through special talent examinations.

(4) For quotas allocated for the following year, an "conditional acceptance letter" or equivalent document may be issued for the next academic year for candidates who apply in the spring semester and meet the required conditions, provided that it does not exceed one-third of the quota announced in the previous year's guide.

Announcement of Results

ARTICLE 11- (1) Application results shall be announced to each candidate by sending a message to the e-mail address declared in the application documents. Candidates whose applications are accepted shall be sent a "Letter of Acceptance" for visa purposes.

Visa

ARTICLE 12- (1) The provisions of the Law on Foreigners and International Protection No. 6458 dated 04/04/2013 shall apply to foreign nationals residing abroad regarding visa and residence permits.

Registration and Required Documents for Registration

ARTICLE 13- (1) (Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13) Candidates who have gained the right to register must complete their registration in person at the Directorate of Student Affairs within the dates specified in the academic calendar, together with the following documents.

(2) **(Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13)** If the documents are in languages other than Turkish, certified Turkish translations must also be submitted together with the originals.

a) Original high school diploma or temporary graduation certificate

b) Original "Certificate of Equivalence" obtained from the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye showing that the high school diploma is equivalent to diplomas obtained from Turkish high schools

1) This document must be submitted to the Directorate of Student Affairs no later than the end of the second academic year following the date of registration.

2) The registration status of students who fail to submit the Certificate of Equivalence within this period shall be set to inactive.

c) Original Transcript

d) Original Examination Result Document

- e) Copy of official identity card or passport
- f) (Repealed: Senate 29/01/2020 – 2020/02)
- g) Original Turkish and/or English Proficiency Certificate
- h) Bank receipt showing payment of the tuition fee
- i) (Repealed: Senate 29/01/2020 – 2020/02)
- j) 2 photographs
- k) Entry-Exit Document (same conditions as stated in Article 9)

Tuition Fee

ARTICLE 14- (1) (Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13) Education at the University is subject to tuition fees. The annual tuition fee shall be determined based on the normal duration of education consisting of fall and spring semesters, not on the basis of the number of courses or semesters. The annual tuition fee applicable for each academic year shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

(2) (Repealed: 25/12/2025 – 2025/13)

English Proficiency

ARTICLE 15- (1) (Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13) Students enrolled in undergraduate programs with English or 30% English as the language of instruction are required to know English.

(2) Students must certify that they have achieved the level determined by the Senate in internationally recognized examinations accepted as equivalent by the Senate and obtained from examination centers specified by the Senate. Students must submit a valid examination result document at the time of application in order to commence undergraduate education. Students who cannot submit an internationally valid foreign language certificate must take the University's English proficiency examination and obtain the level determined by the Senate in order to begin undergraduate studies.

(3) Those who have completed at least the last three years of their secondary education in institutions where English is spoken as the native language and attended by citizens of that country are exempt from the University's English proficiency examination.

(4) Students who do not submit an internationally valid foreign language certificate, who do not take or fail the University's English proficiency examination, or who cannot meet the exemption condition in paragraph 3 are obliged to attend the University's English Preparatory Program.

(5) Other conditions that may serve as a basis for exemption from the English Preparatory Program shall be determined by the Senate.

(6) (Repealed: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13)

Turkish Proficiency

ARTICLE 16- (1) (Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13) The language of instruction at the University is 30% English in the Faculty of Law and the Department of Theatre, and 100% English in other departments.

(2) **(Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13)** Students enrolled in programs with 30% English as the language of instruction are required to know Turkish. Candidate students must possess a valid Turkish Proficiency Certificate.

(3) Those who have completed at least the last three years of their secondary education in institutions located in a country where the official language is Turkish and attended by citizens of that country are not required to submit a Turkish Proficiency Certificate.

(4) (Amended: Senate 11/07/2024 – 2024/09) A minimum C1 level is required in

Turkish Proficiency examinations conducted by TÖMER centers affiliated with state universities or by the Yunus Emre Institute.

SECTION THREE Final Provisions

Cases Not Covered

ARTICLE 17- (1) (Amended: Senate 25/12/2025 – 2025/13) In cases where no provision is set forth in this Directive, the provisions of the Kadir Has University Undergraduate Education and Examination Regulation and other relevant legislation shall apply.

Void regulations

Article 18 – (1) The regulations entitled “Kadir Has University Regulations Concerning the Application and Admission of Foreign Students” dated the 10th of April 2013 and numbered 2013/07 are hereby null and void.

Date of Implementation

Article 19 - (1) These regulations go into effect as of the date they were approved by the Kadir Has University Senate on June 20th, 2016.

Execution

Article 20 - (1) The legal provisions of these regulations are executed by the Rector of Kadir Has University.

ANNEX: 1

List of types of national or international exams or diplomas and their scores that will be accepted

COUNTRY BASED ADMISSION CRITERIA		
Country	Examination	Minimum Criteria
INTERNATIONAL	SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) Reasoning. KADIR HAS INSTITUTIONAL CODE: 7396	Min. 1000
INTERNATIONAL	Abitur and Fachabitur	Everyone who has Abitur and Fachabitur
INTERNATIONAL	Al-Shahada-Al Thanawiyya	For all B.Sc. Min. 180, for B.A. programs min. 170
INTERNATIONAL	Al-Shahada-Al Thanawiyya Al-Amma	For all B.Sc. Min. 180, for B.A. programs min. 170
INTERNATIONAL	American College Test (ACT)	Math, Science and total Min. 21
INTERNATIONAL	Attestat o Srednem (Polinom) Obshchem Obrazovanii	Min. 3
INTERNATIONAL	French Baccalaureate	Min. 10
INTERNATIONAL	GCE (General Certificate of Education)	Min. 2 A-levels with grades D and above
INTERNATIONAL	IB (International Baccalaureate)	Min. 24
INTERNATIONAL	Matura	Max.4
INTERNATIONAL	Tawjihi	Min. 60%

INTERNATIONAL	International Student Science Olympics	Golden, Silver, or Bronze Medals from the international student Olympics recognized by TUBITAK
INTERNATIONAL	West African Examination Council- International Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC-SSCE)	Min. C grade from min. 6 subjects
INTERNATIONAL	YÖS	Min. 50
INTERNATIONAL	TR-YÖS	300 out of 500
INTERNATIONAL	European Baccalaureate	Min. 60%
INTERNATIONAL	BTEC – QSF Diploma	Min. D grades from min. 2 subjects
INTERNATIONAL	Western European Open School Examination	Min. 60%
INTERNATIONAL	International High School Diploma	Min. 60%
AUSTRIA	Maturazeugnis/Matura/Reifeprüfungszeugnis / Abschlusszeugnis from a Fachschule (with at least 4 years of full time study)	Minimum average grade of 3.5 or lower
AFGHANISTAN	KONKUR General State Examination or High School Diploma (Doreyeh Aali)	Min. 210/350 or 60%
ALBANIA	Dëftesë Pjekurie / Certificate of Maturity	Min. 6
ALGERIA	Algerian baccalaureate	Min. 10
ANGOLA	Diploma de Ensino Pre Universitario / Carta do Curso Complementar Liceus/Habilitacoes Literarias	Min. 10
ARGENTINA	Titulo de Bachiller	Min. 60%
AUSTRALIA	12th Grade Secondary School Graduation Certificate (Australian Capital Territory/ ACT Year 12 Certificate-New South Wales	Min. 60%
AZERBAIJAN	Attestat	Min. 3
BAHRAIN	Tawjahiya	Min. 60%
BANGLADESH	Higher Secondary School Certificate	Min. 60%
BELARUS	Belarus Central Testing Results	Min. 60% from each examination
BELGIUM	Diploma van hoger secundair onderwijs/ Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Superieur	Min. 60%
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Matura (Svjedožba o maturi)	Min. 3
BRAZIL	Concurso Vestibular	Min. 60%
BULGARIA	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie- Vocational and academic stream (Senior High School Graduation) /Matura	Min. 60%
BURKINA FASO	Baccalaureat/Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre/Baccalaureat Technique/Diplome de Bachiller de Technicien	GPA of 11 out of 20
BURUNDI	Burundi Diplôme des Humanites Complètes Relevé de notes/Diplôme d'Etat (State Diploma)	Min. 50%
CAMEROON	(British System) Cameroon GCE A levels	Min. 2 A-levels with grades D and above

CAMEROON	(French System) Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire	Min. 10
CANADA	Canada Provincial 12th Grade High School Graduation Diploma/Quebec 11th grade high school graduation and at least two years of pre-university education	Min. 60%
CHAD	Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Supérieur (Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire)	Min. 10
CHILE	Prueba de Selección Universitaria (PSU)	Min. 600
CHINA	Gaokao	Min. 450
CROATIA	Svjedodzba o Zrelosti (Certificate of Maturity)	Min. 3
CZECH REPUBLIC	Maturitni Zkouška / Maturita	Min. 3
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré	Min.%50
DENMARK	Studentereksamen (Student Examination), Hojere Forberedeiseseksamen (Higher Preparatory Examination), Hojere Handelseksamen (Higher Commercial Exam), Hojere Teknisk Eksamen (Higher Technical Exam)	Min. 7 out of 13
EL SALVADOR	El Salvador Técnico, the Perito or the Auxiliar	Min. 50%
EGYPT	Thanaweya A'ama	Min. 60%
ESTONIA	Gümnaasiumi lputunnistus / Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Min. 3
ETHIOPIA	Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination EHEEE	Min. 55%
FINLAND	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus / Studentexamensbetyg (national matriculation exam)	4 out of 7
GEORGIA	Sashualo Skolis Atestati (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	Min. 6
GREECE	Apolytirion of Lykeo / Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Min. 12 / 20
GUINEA	Baccalaureate	Min. 10
HONG KONG	Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE)	Min. 50%
HUNGARY	Matura-Eerettségi bizonyítvány	Min. 3
ICELAND	Iceland Stúdentapróf from gymnasium	Min. 6/10
INDIA	Class XII India HSSC / ISC	Min. 60%
INDONESIA	Ujian Akhir Nasional (UAN)	Min. 60
IRAN	Diplome Debirestan ve Pişdaneşgahi	Min. 10/20
IRAQ	Al-Edadiyah/Al-Idadiyah	Min. 60%
IRELAND	Irish Leaving Certificate	Min. Higher Level from min. 5 subjects (Min. C1 grade for Higher Level Subjects and min. C grade for other subjects)
ISRAEL	İsrail Te'udat Bagrut (Matriculation Certificate) / Mechina	Min. 60%

ITALY	Diploma di Esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di istruzione secondaria superior / Diploma di Maturita	Min. 60%
JAPAN	Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho / Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Min. 3
JORDAN	Tawjihi	Min. 50%
KAZAKHSTAN	Kazakhstan National Test	Min. 80 from 125
KENYA	Certificate of Secondary Education	Min. D grade from min. 5 subjects
KKTC	Cambridge General Certificate of Education Advanced Levels (Cambridge GCE A Levels)	Min. 2 A-levels with grades D and above
KOSOVO	Diplome per kryerjen e shkolles se mesme te pergjithshme – gjimnazin/ Diplome per kryerjen e shkolles se mesme te larte – gjimnazin	Min. 50%
KUWAIT	Shahadat-al-thanawia-al-a'ama	Min. 60%
KYRGYZSTAN	National Scholarship Test	Min. 150 out of 250
LATVIA	Atestats par videjo izglitibu / Certificate of Secondary Education	Min. 6/10
LEBANON	Baccalaureat Libanais	Min. 60%
LIBERIA	Secondary School Leaving Certificate/ Senior High School Certificate/ Upper Secondary Certificate	Min. 60%
LYBIA	High School Diploma	Min. 60%
LITHUANIA	Brandos Atestatas / Certificate of Maturity	Min. 6/10
LUXEMBOURG	Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	Min. 60%
MACEDONIA	Svjedodzba o Zrelosti (Certificate of Maturity-Erettsegi bizonyitvony)	Min. 3
MADAGASCAR	Baccalaureat de 'Enseignement du Second Degre	Min. 10
MALAYSIA	Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) / Matriculation Certificate / Unified Examination Certificate (with an average score of 75% or higher)	Min. 60%
MALAWI	Malawi School Certificate of Education	Minimum grade of 4 in at least 6 subjects
MALI	Mali Baccalaureat Baccalauréat Relevé de notes	Min. 10
MALTA	Advanced Matriculation (AM)	Min. 60%
MEXICO	Bachillerato	Min. 6
MOLDOVA	Baccalaureat Diplom ob Okoncanji Srednego Special'nogo Ucebneho Zavedenija	Min. 6
MONGOLIA	Gerchilgee / School Leaving Certificate	Min. 60%
MONTENEGRO	Svedocanstvo o Zavrsenoj Srednjem Vasptanju/Diploma o Zavrsenoj Srednjoj Skoli	Min. 3
MORITANYA	Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire	GPA of 10 out of 20
MOROCCO	Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire	Min. 10
MOZAMBIQUE	Certificado de Habilitacao Literaria / Carta de Ensino Secundário	Min. 10
NETHERLANDS	VWO Certificate (Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs)	Min.6
NEW ZEALAND	New Zealand University Entrance Bursaries and Scholarship Exam)	Min. 275 / 500

NICARAGUA	Bachillerato / Técnico / Certificado de estudios	Min. 50%
NIGERIA	Nigeria NECO (National Examination Council)	Min. C grade from min. 6 subjects
NIGERIA	Nijerya JAMP* joint Admissions and Matriculation Board)	Min. 185
NORTH KOREA	College Scholastic Aptitude Test (University Entrance Exam) / Senior High School Diploma	Min. 60%
NORWAY	Norwegian Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate- Vitnemal fra den Videregaende Skole	Min. 4
OMAN	Al Shahada-Al Thanawiyya Al-Amma	Min. 60%
PAKISTAN	Pakistan Higher Secondary School Certificate HSSC	Min. 50%
PALESTINE	Tawjihi	Min. 50%
PERU	Peru Bachillerato / Técnico / Certificado de estudios	Min. 10
PHILIPPINES	High School Diploma (kurso sa sekundarya)	Min. 60%
POLAND	Swiareckwo Dojrzalosci	Min. 4
PORTUGAL	Concurso Nacional de Candidatura Do Ensino Superior (National Entrance Exam), Pass Diploma de Ensino Secundario	Min. 14
QATAR	Tawjihiyya	Min. 60%
ROMANIA	Baccalureate	Min. 6
RUANDA	Secondary Education Advance level Examination Certificate	Min. 55%
RUSSIA	Russian National Final School Exam EGE	Min. 60% from each examination
SAUDI ARABIA	National Performance Test of the Overall Capacity	Min. 60%
SCOTLAND	Scottish Certificate of Education / Scottish Qualifications Certificate or Scottish Qualifications Certificate / Scottish Certificate of Secondary Education	Min. Higher Level from min. 5 subjects (Min. C1 grade for Higher Level Subjects and min. C grade for other subjects)
SENEGAL	Senegal Baccalureate	Min. 10
SERBIA	General Secondary Education Certificate (Diploma o Zavrsenoj Srednjoj Skoli)	Min. 3
SOMALI	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Min. 60%
SINGAPORE	Cambridge General Certificate of Education Advanced Levels (Cambridge GCE A Levels)	Min. 2 A-levels with grades D and above
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Vsyvedceni Maturitni Skuske (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	Min. 3
SLOVENIA	Maturietno Skuska (matura)	Min. 3
SOUTH AFRICA	South Africa Senior Certificate	Min. 50%
SOUTH KOREA	Graduation Certificate from Secondary School	Min. 60%
SPAIN	Spain Titulo de Bachiller (LOGSE)	Min. 6

SRI LANKA	Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education examination results issued by the Department of Examinations	Min. 2 A-levels or min. 4 AS-levels with grades D and above
SUDAN	Tawjihiyya	Min. 50%
SWEDEN	Sweden Fullständigt Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan (FSFG- Swedish school leaving exam)	Min. VG
SWISS	Kantonale Maturitätszeugnisse \Eidgenössisches Berufsmaturitätszeugnis \Maturitätszeugnis \Attestato di Maturità	Min. 3
SYRIA	Al-Shahada-Al Thanawiyya/ Baccalauréat	Min. 60%
TANZANIA	Tanzania National Form IV Examination	1 General Studies+3 Principal Studies, Min. D grade
THAILAND	Matayom VI (Upper Secondary Education Certificate)	Min. 60%
TUNISIA	Baccalaureat d l'enseignement secondaire	Min. 10
UGANDA	Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education(UACE), Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate and East African Advanced Certificate of Education / East African Certificate of Education or School Certificate (EAC)	Min. C grade from min. 5 subjects \ Min. 2 A-levels grades D and above
UKRAINE	Ukrainian External Independent Testing	Min. 150 combined from 3 examinations
	Atestat pro povnu zagal'nu srednju osvitu/ Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii	7 out of 12
UZBEKISTAN	(Akademik Litsey Diplomi (Diploma of Academic Lyceum) or O'rta Ma'lumot To'g'risida Shahodatnoma (Certificate of Completed Secondary Education)	Min. 3
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Shahadat al-Thanawiyah (Secondary School Certificate)	Min. 60%
USA	General High School Certificate (12th Grade)	60%
TAJIKISTAN	(Шаҳодатнома дар бораи маълумоти миёна умуми) Certificate of Completed Secondary Education) , Attestat	Min. 3
VENEZUELA	Bachiller en Ciencias Or en Humanidades (Secondary School Diploma in the Sciences or Humanities)	Min. 13
VIETNAM	The School Leaving Examination (Ky Thi TotNghiep Pho Thong Trung Hoc)	Min. 7
YEMEN	İhtibar Vizari Sanevi Exam	Min. 60%
ZAMBIA	Zambia School Certificate (ZSC)	min. 4 in minimum 6 subjects with compulsory Math, Chemistry and Physics.