



How universities support early years, lifelong learning, and their nations through ensuring equality of access to their facilities

4.3.1 - Does your university as a body provide free access to educational resources for those not studying at the university, e.g. computers, library, online courses, access to lectures, etc?

Uskudar University provides many sources of free access to educational resources for those not studying at the university. Firstly, all events including conferences, symposiums, and festivals are broadcast live on Youtube channel. Please see

<https://www.youtube.com/@UskudarUniversitesi> and for the full recordings of the events https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEhF3RUNhLN_MuuF3imEL3eLOar1M5p9w

Uskudar University also stores all the media appearances by its academic members and this archive should be seen an important source of educational materials that are free access.

<https://psikoyorum.tv/> includes all the media appearances either online, television, or newspaper by all the scholars affiliated with Uskudar University. This archive is up-to-date and categorized and it includes the appearances in 2022 as well. This website also includes ÜÜTV (Üsküdar University Television) and Youtube channel of NP Beyin Hastanesi (Uskudar University's Hospital) and acts a complete guide to educational materials. For instance, Youtube channel of NP Beyin Hastanesi has many videos such as "Children Who are Addicted to Gaming" or "How to Understand Whether You Have Flu". Another source of free-access educational materials is the Instagram page of NP Istanbul (Uskudar University's Hospital). *npistanbul* is the name of the Instagram account and this page has 2.376 posts (as of November 2023) most of which are educational posts regarding health.

Besides working groups (a full list can be found at <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/research-groups>) Uskudar University also has centers that contribute actively to providing opportunities to free access to educational resources for those not studying at the University. A full list of these centers can be found at <https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/uygulama-ve-arastirma-merkezleri>

Websites of different departments of the University include open-access content. As you can see on <https://uskudar.edu.tr/shmyo/etkinlikler> , the Vocational School of Health Services has a lot of activities and most of them are online and open-to-public with links shared in the announcements. Likewise, many other departments have activities, mostly online, which are open to all the public including the ones who are not studying at the University. Another example of free access educational resources is Institute for Sufi Studies. During the international summer school held by the institution, some of the activities were open to public. Please see the link for the closing concert: <https://tasavvuf.uskudar.edu.tr/tr/etkinlik-arsivi/456/iv-uluslararası-tasavvuf-arastirmaları-yaz-okulu-konseri>

Uskudar University also provides its halls and physical spaces as event halls for different institutions. For instance, on 25-26 November, Uskudar University was the host to “International Symposium for Women and Global Problems, Solutions and Suggestions”. Please see <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8811/international-symposium-for-women-and-global-problems-solutions-and-suggestions-takes-place-at-uskudar-university>

Uskudar University opens the course Positive Psychology and Communication Skills, a core course of foundation year, to public. As seen in Evidence 2, Positive Psychology and Communication Skills is an important foundation-year course at Uskudar University, every first year student takes the class. The materials used in the course (videos, articles, tests etc) are all on the website and open access: <https://uskudar.edu.tr/pozitif-psikoloji/pozitif-psikoloji>

4.3.2. Does your university as a body host educational events at university that are open to the general public?

Events such as faculty seminars, department seminars, university seminars, symposiums, conferences, open courses and various certified training days held at Üsküdar University are regularly announced on the university's website: <https://uskudar.edu.tr/>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/itbf/tr/duyuru/4569/fakulte-seminer-psihsosyal-destek-programi-sanctuary-grub-icin>

These events are open to university students and staff, as well as people from outside the university who wish to participate. At the same time, these events and various speeches made by academic staff who are experts in their fields are broadcast live or asynchronously on @UskudarUniversitesi and @UskudarUniversitesiTelevizyonu Youtube channels. People who wish can access these educational videos whenever they want. The University also has a radio channel.

4.3.3. Does your university as a body educational host events at university that are open to the general public: executive education programmes (this refers to short courses for people who are not attending the university; this specifically excludes courses like MBA) and/or vocational training?

Üsküdar University Continuing Education Application and Research Centre Education Directorate's primary objective is to create new designs, make existing knowledge more usable and facilitate new opportunities in people's lives by presenting accurate information in a comprehensible and applicable manner. In this vein, the key objective is to facilitate individuals in harnessing their existing abilities and skills more actively and to offer the chance to acquire new knowledge and experiences. The Education Directorate provides diverse opportunities for counsellors, educators, and professionals in the scientific community to disseminate scientific knowledge. As stated in Article 5 of the Üsküdar University Continuous Education Application and Research Centre Regulation, the Centre aims to offer services through collaboration between the University, the private sector, industry, and other public institutions:

(Evidence 1.1 <https://usem.uskudar.edu.tr/surekli-egitim-merkezi-yonetmelik>)

In 2022, Education Programmes such as E-Commerce Training, Career Management Training, Career Management Education, Addiction In Theory And Clinic, Interpersonal Relationships Psychotherapy Supervision Training were held open to both public and university students.

<https://usem.uskudar.edu.tr/egitim/e-ticaret-teknolojileri-egitim-paketi>

<https://usem.uskudar.edu.tr/egitim/kariyer-yonetimi-egitimi>

<https://usem.uskudar.edu.tr/egitim/kisilerarasi-iliskiler-psikoterapisi-supervizyon-egitimi-kipt-sv>

4.3.4 – Does your university as a body undertake educational outreach activities (e.g. tailored lectures or demonstrations) beyond campus, e.g. in local schools, in the community, including voluntary student-run schemes?

In 2022, Üsküdar University undertook several educational outreach activities (e.g. tailored lectures or demonstrations) beyond campus, e.g. in local schools, and in the community, including voluntary student-run schemes.

One of them is called the “NGOs at University” Project.

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8847/first-step-was-taken-for-the-ngos-at-university-project>

Another educational outreach activity is called “Values Bridge for a Sustainable Future with the Volunteer Youth in the Digital Age” Project: <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8339/they-acted-with-the-motto-of-be-ready-to-volunteer-and-do-it-readily>. Among many other projects, there is also We Are Future: <https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/8024/biz-gelecegiz-projesi-ile-435-ogrenciye-cinsel-istismar-farkindalik-ve-onleme-egitimi-verildi>

Üsküdar University, in partnership with the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education, was the host institution for Turkey's inaugural Science and Idea Festival for high schools, which was another notable event <https://www.bilimvefikirfestivali.com/2022>

4.3.5 – Does your university as a body have a policy that ensures that access to these activities is accessible to all, regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status or gender?

Üsküdar University has implemented various policies to guarantee equal access to university activities for all individuals, irrespective of their ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status, or gender. These policies have been safeguarded under Üsküdar University's Regulations - Directives. In this context, the following directives are among the most prominent:

- Organization of the Disabled Students Unit and Working Principles Directive
- Harassment and Discrimination Prevention Directive
- Gender Equality Action Plan 2022-2026
- Directive on Education-Teaching and Examination Practices for Students with Special Needs

Moreover, Üsküdar University consistently takes a strong and institutional stance against discriminatory behaviours prevalent in society through various means. It undertakes diverse projects and activities to put an end to such discrimination. For example, in the last academic year, a book titled "Gender and the Perception of Media" was published by academics from Üsküdar University.

Last but not least, Üsküdar University has also embraced the 7 principles outlined by the United Nations (UN) Global Compact and the "Women's Empowerment Principles" (WEPs), which were established under the purview of "UN Women."