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2025-2026 Academic Year English Preparatory Program Orientation Held



The 2025-2026 Academic Year English Preparatory Program Orientation was held on Monday, September 22, 2025, in the Large Conference Hall.

The orientation program was organized to help new preparatory students adapt to the program more easily. During the event, the Head of the Department of Foreign Languages, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İhsan İkizer, and our instructors gave presentations providing students with important information about the structure of the English Preparatory Program, courses, exams, books, and the overal academic process.

We would like to thank al the students who participated and wish them success in the new academic year.

Disaster and Evacuation Drill Conducted

On Friday, 24 October 2025, Istanbul Nişantaşı University conducted a Disaster and Evacuation Drill to enhance our preparedness for possible emergency situations.

As part of the drill, al areas of the campus — including corridors, the library, restrooms, and terrace areas — were safely evacuated under the guidance of our assigned academic and administrative staff.



Students attending classes were also escorted by their instructors to the nearest emergency exits. We sincerely hope that such a drill will never be needed in a real emergency situation.

Class Visits by Our Head of the Department



At the beginning of the 2025–2026 Academic Year, our Head of the Foreign Languages Department, Assoc. Prof. İhsan İkizer, visited the English preparatory program students in their classrooms.

During the visits, Assoc. Prof. İhsan İkizer met with the students and provided information about the department's structure and operations, emphasizing the importance of motivation and consistent study habits in the language learning process.

In these engaging meetings, discussions focused on the chalenges of learning a foreign language, effective study methods, and ways to achieve success.

As the Foreign Languages Department, we will continue to support our students' academic and personal development and provide a motivating and inclusive learning environment.

Head of Foreign Languages Department Attended the Global Zero Waste Forum



Organized under the theme *"Zero Waste Movement: People, Space, Transformation,"* this year's forum brought together environmentaly conscious participants from around the world — from academics to policymakers. With representatives from each university, the event focused on current studies, practical implementations, and sustainable transformation strategies in the field of zero waste.

During the forum, entrepreneurs from various countries introduced innovative zero waste projects and shared successful examples of best practices. Representatives from the public sector, private industry, academia, and civil society discussed ways to promote the zero-waste vision and explored opportunities for future collaboration.

As the School of Foreign Languages at Istanbul Nişantaşı University, we attach great importance to sustainability, environmental awareness, and social responsibility, and we consider taking part in such international platforms valuable both for raising awareness and for sharing best practices.

Foreign Languages Department Prepares for Accreditation



The main theme of the fourth day was preparation for accreditation. Our accreditation coordinator, Seyed Hashem Hosseini, delivered a presentation on the Eaquals accreditation process.

This was followed by a demo lesson conducted by Gözde Rana Sezer, showcasing effective classroom practices. In the final session, Amir Hamidi introduced the coursebooks and digital tools to be used in the upcoming academic year. Teachers were introduced to the Cambridge One and Sensations platforms, with a focus on how these resources can be integrated into teaching for maximum efficiency.

Professional Development Week Certificates Presented



As the Department of Foreign Languages at Istanbul Nişantaşı University, we place great importance on the continuous development of our academic staff. At the beginning of the 2025–2026 Academic Year, the Professional Development Week has been successfully completed.

Organized by the Continuing Education Unit, this week featured sessions conducted by both our university's instructors and guest trainers. The sessions focused on topics such as the role of artificial intelligence in education, effective lesson planning, occupational health and safety, first aid, administrative orientation, and the accreditation process.

At the end of the week, certificates were presented to the participants by the Head of the Foreign Languages Department, Assoc. Prof. İhsan İkizer. Our instructors concluded the week with a breakfast gathering, celebrating the start of the new academic year in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Occupational Health and Safety Training at the FLD



On Day 3 of Professional Growth Week, the focus was on health, safety, and well-being. Hakan Atasever from the University Work Health and Safety Office provided training on labour law, staff rights, and emergency preparedness, including fire, earthquake, and evacuation protocols.

Following this, the university's medical doctor Emre Demirkıran delivered a session on First Aid, guiding teachers through proper responses to medical emergencies involving students or colleagues. This practical training enhanced staff confidence in handling unexpected situations safely.

The Beginning-of-Year Professional Growth Week Concluded

On the final day of our Professional Growth Week, Administrative Coordinator Büşra Uğurlu briefed teachers on administrative procedures and responsibilities for the new academic year.



In the following session, Academic Coordinator Siavash Bakhtshirin provided an overview of academic expectations and processes, while Curriculum and Material Development Coordinator Eda Begüm Erer introduced the curriculum, lesson plans, and teaching materials to be used throughout the year.

The week concluded with a closing speech by Head of Department Assoc. Prof. İhsan İkizer.

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